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Subject: [Update on Britannia Community Centre Work Underway](#)

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Dear Mayor and Council,

The attached brief memo outlines for you work underway among the City, the Board of Parks and Recreation and Britannia Community Centre, focused on operational/governance refinements in the areas of health and safety, financial oversight, HR compliance, and risk management.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

All the best,

Karen

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MEMORANDUM

May 19, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
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FROM: Karen Levitt
Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: Britannia Community Centre Work Update

RTS #: N/A

Dear Mayor and Council,

The purpose of this memo is to update Council on work underway to evolve the working relationship between Britannia Community Centre (BCC), the City, and the Board of Parks and Recreation, and to pursue some refinements to BCC operations and governance practices.

BCC is unique among Vancouver's community centres, due to (a) the distinct governance structure that is defined through the 1982 *Britannia Tripartite Agreement*, and (b) the number of agencies cooperating through this Agreement to deliver a wide range of community, recreational, social and educational services.

The Tripartite Agreement formalises the relationship among the Britannia Society, the Vancouver School Board, the City of Vancouver, and the Board of Parks and Recreation. This Agreement is now over forty years old, and no longer reflects the present-day complexity of the relationship, especially as we are planning and looking forward toward the renewal of the Britannia facilities.

We intend to eventually refresh this Agreement, but do not yet have an anticipated timeline for this work. Until then, the City, the Board of Parks and Recreation, and the BCC staff will be working together to identify opportunities and specific initiatives to better support good

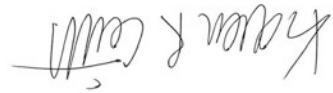
governance and operations at BCC, and a strong working relationship with the City and Park Board. The focus of this work is in the areas of:

- health and safety,
- financial oversight,
- HR compliance, and
- risk management.

To support this work, the GM, Board of Parks and Recreation (Donnie Rosa) and the GM, Arts, Culture and Community Services (Sandra Singh) are the City's primary liaisons with the BCC Society Board of Directors and Executive Director.

As this work progresses, we will keep Council apprised of this work as appropriate.

Sincerely,



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