



## ARTS AND CULTURE POLICY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

**MARCH 22, 2016**

A meeting of the Arts and Culture Policy Council was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at 5:01 pm, in Committee Room No. 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Donna Spencer, Chair  
Norman Armour\*  
Sean Bickerton  
Terry Hunter  
Sharman King  
Melody Ma  
Paddy Macleod\*, Vice-Chair  
Katherine McManus  
Esther Rausenberg\*, Vice-Chair  
Wendy Soobis  
Eric Szeto  
Marcus Youssef\*

**ABSENT:** Barb Clausen (Leave of Absence)  
Mitra Mansour (Leave of Absence)  
Nigel Prince (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Council Liaison  
Councillor Heather Deal, Council Liaison  
Gracen Chungath, Assistant Director, Cultural Services  
Richard Newirth, Manager Director, Cultural Services -  
Staff Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Esther Rausenberg  
SECONDED by Terry Hunter

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Barb Clausen, Mitra Mansour and Nigel Prince for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Norman Armour absent for the vote)

## Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Sharman King  
SECONDED by Sean Bickerton

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve the minutes from the meeting held January 26, 2016, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Norman Armour absent for the vote)

### 1. Welcome - General Manager of Community Services - Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas

The Chair welcomed Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, new General Manager of Community Services. Ms. Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas provided a brief background.

### 2. Arts and Culture Policy Council - Liaison Updates

The following ACPC liaisons provided updates and responded to questions:

- Councillor Heather Deal:
  - will consult with ACPC on recommendations following a Roundtable Talk about Public Art and the Public Realm on March 30<sup>th</sup>; members can forward ideas to Councillor Deal;
  - referred to an article on art projects at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).
- Councillor Elizabeth Ball:
  - looking forward to receiving the Federal Government's Budget Report re: Arts Funding.
- Wendy Soobis, Civic Theaters (VCT):
  - Finances:
    - VCT officially ended 2015 in the black;
  - Ongoing revitalization of theatres:
    - fifty-seven projects were completed in 2015;
    - new digital signage has been expanded to the Orpheum and the Annex;
  - Marketing:
    - a new VCT brand and visual identity have been developed and launched;
    - a new website is currently in development;
  - Orpheum Feasibility Study:
    - the final report is completed; conclusion is that the Orpheum has the potential to be a great concert hall, but needs renovations to enable this.
- Richard Newirth, Cultural Services:
  - Cultural Services staff have just released a request for proposals for a cultural infrastructure key gap study. This is being done to complement the performing arts needs assessment currently being undertaken by VCT and which should provide a clear picture of how theatre usage may be maximized.
  - Canada Council received an increased budget of \$4 M; and Canadian Heritage will receive approximately \$18 M over the next two years;
  - will be issuing a call for an artist in residence in the Sustainability Group;
  - reviewed upcoming Council Reports from Cultural Services;

- drafting an RFP for a land use tool kit - False Creek Flats related to public realm; and
- Cultural Services staff will be working in close collaboration with Engineering on projects where there is the potential for artist involvement.

### **3. Report from the Chair**

The Chair provided a brief report and responded to questions.

### **4. Public Art Signature Sites Presentation**

Alix Sales, Cultural Planner, Cultural Services, provided an update on Public Art Signature Sites, and, along with the Staff Liaison, responded to questions.

### **5. Operating Grants - Large Scale Institutions Review Process**

Cherryl Masters, Cultural Planner, Grants, Awards and Support Programs, Cultural Services, provided an update on the review process for Operating Grants for Large Scale Institutions and sought the ACPC's support for the approach. Ms. Masters, along with the Staff Liaison, responded to questions.

MOVED by Terry Hunter  
SECONDED by Esther Rausenberg

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council endorses staff's approach to the review of Operating Grants for Large-Scale Institutions as presented at its meeting on March 22, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **6. Sub-committee Reports**

#### **a) Community Outreach Sub-committee**

Marcus Youssef briefly reviewed the report and responded to questions.

MOVED by Esther Rausenberg  
SECONDED by Melody Ma

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council supports having a Community Outreach Event on June 8, 2016, in cooperation with the Alliance for Arts and Culture.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **b) Spaces Sub-committee**

MOVED by Sharman King  
SECONDED by Sean Bickerton

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council receive the Spaces Sub-committee Report as submitted at its meeting on March 22, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Marcus Youssef absent for the vote)

**c) Strategic Liaison Sub-committee**

MOVED by Sharman King  
SECONDED by Sean Bickerton

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council receive the Strategic Liaison Sub-committee Report as submitted at its meeting on March 22, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Marcus Youssef absent for the vote)

**7. Introduction of ACPC Guest - Genevieve Bucher, President, BC Artscape**

Genevieve Bucher, President, BC Artscape, provided a background on Artscape, a Non-Profit organization that collaborates with other organizations to identify affordable cultural and community spaces, and noted that BC Artscape is an independent affiliate. Ms. Bucher sought the ACPC's feedback on a potential partnership.

In discussion, members expressed support for BC Artscape's mandate and the Chair suggested there be further planning and discussion with Ms. Bucher. The Staff Liaison will forward relevant contact information.

**8. New Business**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Sean Bickerton  
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Paddy Macleod, Esther Rausenberg and Marcus Youssef absent for the vote)

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Tuesday, May 24, 2016  
TIME: 5 pm  
PLACE: Committee Room No. 1  
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Council adjourned at 7:06 pm.

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