



## 2021-2022 Work Plan Art and Culture Advisory Committee

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### Mandate

*The Arts and Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) is an advisory body appointed by Vancouver City Council to ACPC to advise Council and staff on all civic programs that relate to arts and culture, and ensure that arts and culture are appropriately represented in City plans and policy initiatives.*

### 2021-2022 Objectives

#### Objective 1: Affordable Space

Access to multi-functional space is core to the health of the arts and culture community. The ACAC would review objectives and targets to ensure they are aligned with current community needs and provide any updated recommendations to Council and staff.

#### Objective 2: Intersectional Approach

ACAC exists to advise Council and staff on all civic programs that relate to arts and culture and ensure that they are appropriately represented in City plans and policy initiatives. To achieve this, the ACAC must be made aware of plans and policy initiatives that will affect the lives and livelihoods of artists and arts groups that are impacted by other civic issues such as housing, affordability and transportation. Liaising with other advisory committees will help to circulate knowledge on a broad range of topics and ensure that the ACAC is empowered to do their work.

#### Objective 3: Sustainable Arts and Culture Funding

The ACAC recommends reducing barriers to sustainable cultural funding from the COV. The ACAC notes that new or underserved communities often lack the capacity and experience to access the existing funding programs. Competition for cultural support is extreme as annual funding levels have not kept pace with inflation or the costs of operating/living in Vancouver. The ACAC also notes that individual artists cannot apply directly to the COV as the Vancouver Charter does not allow or permit direct awards to individuals.

#### Objective 4: Indigenous Sovereignty and Decolonization

Explore equitable and inclusive initiatives that prioritize Redress, Reconciliation, and Decolonization. Advocate for decolonizing City actions and practices to centre Indigenous cultural knowledge and presence.

#### Objective 5: Flexible and Adaptive Work Plan

The ACAC will have an adaptive and responsive approach to ACAC objectives and committee work to flexibly respond to current sector and City needs.



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Timeline	Action Items	Committee Resources	Expected Outcomes	Partners/Stakeholders
Identify target start and completion dates.	Identify specific action items integral to accomplish the stated objective.	Identify working groups, subcommittees, and/or committee member(s) responsible to lead the objective, as appropriate.	Outline expected achievements and deliverables from each action item. Ideally, these are measurable indicators of success which can be reported through annual reports.	Identify opportunities or needs to collaborate with groups / organizations within or outside of the City
AFFORDABLE SPACE				
Start date. – Completion date.	Review COV's current affordable space plans and ACAC's previous work	TBD	Clear understanding of COV's current plan to tackle affordable space challenges	COV Staff (Cultural Services, planners, etc), artists, cultural workers, and organizations
Start date. – Completion date.	Identify current stakeholders types and overall needs for affordable space	TBD	Identify shortcomings of work plans against current needs, post pandemic.	Additional stakeholders, including those outside of the arts and culture sector, will be defined as part of our actions
INTERSECTIONAL APPROACH				
Start date. – Completion date.	Liaise with other advisory committees to share knowledge and work together towards common objectives	TBD	TBD	TBD
Start date. – Completion date.	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
SUSTAINABLE ARTS & CULTURE FUNDING				
Start date. – Completion date.	TBD	TBD	To address these barriers the ACAC recommends that the City increase its overall investment in its arts and cultural sector and works to eliminate and reduce the institutional, systemic, and historic barriers that limit access and stifle cultural expression. The ACAC understands there are legal challenges regarding the BC Charter that restricts access to these funds. We	TBD



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			recommend the City overcome these barriers and make the necessary changes to policy and charter.	
Start date. – Completion date.	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
INDIGENOUS SOVEREIGNTY AND DECOLONIZATION				
Start date. – Completion date.	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Start date. – Completion date.	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
FLEXIBLE AND ADAPTIVE WORK PLAN				
Start date. – Completion date.	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Start date. – Completion date.	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD