



ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

August 13, 2019

A special meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 5:06 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Whess Harman
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Paul Larocque
Megan Lau, Co-Chair
Brian McBay
Debra Rolfe
Claire Sakaki
Wendy Soobis
Mauro Vescera
Jessica Wadsworth, Co-Chair

ABSENT: Olivia Davies
JD Derbyshire (Leave of Absence)
Paige Frewer
Afuwa Granger
Joyce Rosario (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Pete Fry, Council Liaison
Trustee Carmen Cho, School Board Liaison
Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director, Cultural Services
Lara Honrado, Assistant Director, Cultural Services
Mehta Brown, Social Planner, Cultural Services

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

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The Meeting Coordinator called the meeting to order.

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WELCOME

The Meeting Coordinator acknowledged that we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we give thanks for their generosity and hospitality on these lands.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Megan Lau
SECONDED by Jessica Wadsworth

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for JD Derbyshire and Joyce Rosario.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

MOVED by Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Paul Larocque

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee appoint Megan Lau and Jessica Wadsworth as Co-Chairs for terms commencing immediately, and ending December 31, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At this point in the meeting Megan Lau assumed the chair.

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2. Creative City Strategy

Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director, Cultural Services, and Metha Brown, Social Planner, Cultural Services, provided an overview of changes to the Culture Shift report, formerly referred to as the Creative City Strategy.

MOVED by Brian McBay
SECONDED by Paul Larocque

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver has concluded its 2008-2018 Cultural Plan, directing City of Vancouver staff to undertake a new Vancouver Culture Plan 2019 – 2029, previously referred to as the Creative City Strategy, and tentatively referred to as Culture Shift: Blanketing the City in Arts and Culture, which now encompasses the Creative City Strategy, aspects of the Vancouver Music Strategy, and a compendium of Making Space for Arts and Culture.
2. Cultural workers make up 9.7% of Vancouver's labour force¹; and Vancouver sees nearly 10,000 performing arts events annually, ranging from school workshops to music

¹ Statistics Canada, 2011

festivals, and serving over 2.6 million audience members; Culture Shift proposes increased core funding to support existing and new non-profit cultural groups;

3. On June 24, 2014, the City of Vancouver formally acknowledged that the city of Vancouver is on unceded traditional territory; Culture Shift aims to “centre Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh visibility and voice on the land and across the city” through providing funding, leadership opportunities, public art;
4. Vancouver is home to people of a diversity of voices, origins and abilities; Culture Shift includes critical and unprecedented funding towards equity and access in arts and culture with focused support for underrepresented and under-resourced groups;
5. The City of Vancouver has a long standing commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion and the City’s work in these areas is underway across all City departments; Culture Shift reflects these values and complements these commitments;
6. The City of Vancouver has been subject to an affordability crisis; and the cultural sector is at risk of unprecedented and immediate loss of dozens of spaces; Culture Shift supports significant capital funds for securing non-profit cultural spaces;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee supports the staff recommendations regarding *Culture Shift: Blanketing the City in Arts and Culture*, including budget implications outlined in the staff report, to be presented to Council at the September 10, 2019, Regular Council meeting;

FURTHER THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee requests that Council direct staff to seek input from the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee on the implementation of *Culture Shift: Blanketing the City in Arts and Culture*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

MOVED by Jessica Wadsworth
SECONDED by Megan Lau

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, September 17, 2019
TIME: 5:00 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 5:59 pm.