



ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

A meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at 5:10 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Megan Lau, Co-Chair
Jessica Wadsworth, Co-Chair
Paige Frewer
Afuwa Granger
Am Johal
Paul Larocque
Wendy Soobis
Mauro Vescera

ABSENT: Olivia Davies (Leave of Absence)
JD Derbyshire (Leave of Absence)
Whess Harman (Sick Leave)
Brian McBay (Leave of Absence)
Debra Rolfe (Leave of Absence)
Joyce Rosario (Leave of Absence)
Claire Sakaki (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Pete Fry, Council Liaison
Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director of Cultural Services (*Staff Liaison*)
Metha Brown, Social Planner, Cultural Services (*Staff Liaison*)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Co-Chairs 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.

The meeting began with roundtable introductions.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Megan Lau
SECONDED by Jessica Wadsworth

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Olivia Davies, JD Derbyshire, Brian McBay, Debra Rolfe, Joyce Rosario and Claire Sakaki for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Culture|Shift Presentation to Council: Review and Next Steps

The Staff Liaisons provided an update on the Culture|Shift, approved by Council on September 11, 2019, and reviewed next steps with the implementation strategy.

In response to questions concerning funding, staff confirmed that the 2020 Budget Report will go to Council on December 3, 2019, and that public engagement was currently underway; members were referred to the following link for the Budget 2020 survey:

<https://vancouver.ca/your-government/budget-engagement.aspx>

Cherryl Masters, Senior Cultural Planner, Grants, Awards and Support Programs – Cultural Services, sought the Committee's feedback on the *Cultural Equity Leadership Table – Terms of Reference* and the *Culture|Shift | Grants, Commissions and Awards: Peer Assessor Self-Nomination Form*, and responded to questions.

During discussion, comments included the following:

- more specifics on eligibility;
- include contact information;
- include conflict of interest policy;
- additional context on role and compensation; and
- information sessions.

Ms. Masters encouraged members to consider serving on the *Cultural Leadership Equity Table* and, in response to questions, advised that members can email her with additional comments and questions no later than September 24, 2019.

The Staff Liaisons also provided an update on the draft *Equity Audit* and sought the Committee's feedback.

During discussion, comments included the following:

- further detail required for public engagement and organization capacity (*through procurement process*);
- publish the budget;
- worldwide candidates should be eligible; and
- consider local leadership and knowledge.

Staff advised that members can provide further feedback on the draft *Equity Audit* by email no later than September 29, 2019. In addition, the following staff will be invited to upcoming meetings:

- Lara Honrado, Assistant Director, Cultural Services (re: City-wide Equity framework); and
- Margaret Wittgens, Director, Public Space and Street Use (re: Special Events Policy).

Electronic copies of the following documents were provided to members after the meeting:

- Cultural Equity Leadership Table – Terms of Reference;
- Culture|Shift | Grants, Commissions and Awards: Peer Assessor Self-Nomination Form; and
- Draft Equity Audit

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The Committee recessed at 6:43 pm and reconvened at 6:47 pm.

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2. Liaison Reports

The following Committee Liaisons provided verbal updates:

Councillor Pete Fry

- commented on the success of the Culture|Shift Report, noting Council is very excited and supportive of the plan.

Wendy Soobis, Vancouver Civic Theatres Board Representative

- provided an overview of VCT facilities; shared positive news that, due to extensive community outreach and engagement efforts, VCT is serving and welcoming increasingly diverse audiences and clients in all of its venues;
- advised that recent upgrades completed at the Orpheum make the venue even more attractive to clients and audiences;
- Browns Social House is scheduled to open on ʂxwłexən Xwtl'a7shn (formerly the QET plaza) on September 24, 2019;
- members agreed to invite VCT's new Director, Natalie Lue, to an upcoming meeting to provide an overview of VCT and its activities; Wendy will follow up with Ms. Lue and the ACAC Co-Chairs;
- members were invited to contact Wendy if they are interested in a tour of the VCT facilities at a later date;
- there is an open call for the VCT Grant, which is designed to encourage community engagement and make the spaces more accessible for diverse users; Wendy, along with the Managing Director of Cultural Services, responded to questions about eligibility and potential programs; members were directed to the VCT website for more information: <https://vancouvercivictheatres.com/about-us/grants/>; and
- provided a brief overview of upcoming shows, including the QET's 60th Anniversary Celebration on October 26, 2019.

Managing Director of Cultural Services

- comments on the recently approved Culture|Shift plan and how the VCT will align with the plan moving forward; staff to provide more details to the Committee.

3. Spaces Committee Report

None

4. New Business

a) Approval of Minutes – June 18, 2019

MOVED by Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Mauro Vescera

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee approve the minutes from the meeting held June 18, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Megan Lau
SECONDED by Am Johal

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, November 19, 2019
TIME: 5 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 6:56 pm.

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