



## ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

A meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at 5:11 pm, in Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Megan Lau, Co-Chair  
Jessica Wadsworth\*, Co-Chair  
Paige Frewer  
Afuwa Granger  
Am Johal  
Paul Larocque  
Brian McBay  
Joyce Rosario  
Claire Sakaki  
Wendy Soobis  
Mauro Vescera

**ABSENT:** Olivia Davies (Leave of Absence)  
JD Derbyshire (Leave of Absence)  
Debra Rolfe (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Melissa De Genova, Council Liaison  
Councillor Pete Fry, Council Liaison  
Trustee Carmen Cho, Vancouver School Board Liaison  
Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director, Cultural Services / Staff Liaison  
Metha Brown, Social Planner, Cultural Services / Staff Liaison  
Marie Lopes, Recreation Services Coordinator

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

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

### WELCOME

Co-Chair Lau acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Wendy Soobis  
SECONDED by Claire Sakaki

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Olivia Davies, JD Derbyshire and Debra Rolfe for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Jessica Wadsworth absent for the vote)

## **Approval of Minutes – September 17, 2019**

MOVED by Paige Frewer  
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of September 17, 2019, as amended on page 2, Item 1, to correct the spelling of 'Cherryl'.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Jessica Wadsworth absent for the vote)

### **1. Presentation: Vancouver Civic Theatres (VCT)**

Natalie Lue, Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres (VCT), presented an overview on the VCT and, along with Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director, Cultural Services, responded to questions.

*Highlights of the presentation included:*

- operates four civic-owned venues:
  - Queen Elizabeth Theatre
  - Vancouver Playhouse
  - Orpheum
  - the Annex;
- provides funding assistance by way of Theatre Rental Grants;
- presents a wide selection of programming, including National Geographic events; and
- VCT's 2020-2024 Strategic Plan includes priority objectives from the Culture |Shift:
  - Making Space for Arts and Culture
  - Vancouver Music Strategy
  - Vancouver Plan; and
- public consultation on the Strategic Plan is currently underway.

In closing, the Committee agreed to continue the conversation with staff via email.

### **2. Updates: Cultural Services Staff/Co-Chair**

i) Cherryl Masters, Cultural Planner, Grants, Awards and Support Programs

Cherryl provided an update on changes to the arts and culture grants program and, along with the Staff Liaisons, responded to questions.

In discussion, Cherryl advised that a sub-committee has been established to review the grants program (*Terms of Reference distributed*) and invited two Committee members to participate.

The Committee agreed to postpone discussion on the sub-committee to the working session in December.

ii) Branislav Henselman, Managing Director, Cultural Services

Branislav provided an overview on the Vancouver (*City-wide*) Plan and sought the Committee's input on participation:

*Highlights included:*

- planning and public engagement launched last week;
- priority objectives from the Culture |Shift to be integrated; and
- opportunity for further discussion and networking at the annual Council of Councils meeting next week.

Councillor Fry noted the date for the annual Council of Councils meeting has been changed to January 13, 2020.

iii) Jessica Wadsworth, Co-Chair, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

Jessica summarized the City-wide Co-Design workshop held November 12, 2019.

*Highlights included:*

- hosted by the Vancouver City Planning Commission (VCPC);
- purpose of the workshop was to work with other advisory committee members to design future planning to inform the City-wide planning process; and
- aim is to complete the draft recommendations by early 2022.

In closing, Jessica advised that the VCPC would like to host a breakfast meeting with ACAC members to engage in further discussion and seek feedback.

In discussion, Committee Liaisons responded to questions. It was suggested the Committee invite staff from the Vancouver (*City-wide*) Plan to an upcoming meeting to provide an overview.

In closing, the Committee expressed an interest in meeting with VCPC over breakfast.

### 3. Proposed 2020 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Brian McBay

SECONDED by Jessica Wadsworth

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee approve the 2020 Meeting Schedule as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 4. New Business

#### a) Councillor Liaison's Comments

Councillors De Genova and Fry commented on the following:

- 2020-2024 Capital and Operating Budget; and
- launch of the Vancouver (*City-wide*) Plan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Claire Sakaki  
SECONDED by Joyce Rosario

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Tuesday, January 7, 2020  
TIME: 5 pm  
PLACE: Cascadia Room  
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 6:28 pm.

\* \* \* \* \*