



## ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

January 12, 2021

A meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 5:04 pm, by electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Brian McBay, Co-Chair  
Jessica Wadsworth, Co-Chair  
JD Derbyshire  
Paige Frewer  
Paul Larocque  
Brenda Crabtree  
Wendy Soobis  
Mauro Vescera

**ABSENT:** Am Johal

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Melissa De Genova, Council Liaison  
Councillor Pete Fry, Council Liaison  
Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director, Cultural Services, Staff Liaison  
Natalie Lue, Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres  
Navida Nuraney, Assistant Director, Cultural Services

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** David Yim, 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.

### Leave of Absence Requests

There were no requests of Leaves of Absence for this meeting.

### Approval of Minutes – November 10, 2020

MOVED by Paul Larocque  
SECONDED by Mauro Vescera

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of November 10, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 1. Liaison Reports

Wendy Soobis, Civic Theatres Board Representative, provided updates on the following:

- Vancouver Civic Theatres grants; and
- Reopening plan of Vancouver Civic Theatres.

## 2. Updates: Cultural Services Staff

Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director, provided updates on the following:

- 2021 operating grants;
- Live and work spaces for artists; and
- Commemoration work by the Public Art team, involving various other advisory committees.

Navida Nuraney, Assistant Director, provided updates on the following:

- 2021 budget to support cultural mapping, Indigenous and Equity initiatives, and Indigenous languages work; and
- New staff positions to support and advance Indigenous work by the City.

## 3. Report of Activities Summary

The Committee completed the Report of Activities Summary after a group discussion.

## 4. New Business

The Committee requested to invite Alix Sales, Senior Cultural Planner to the working session on February 2, 2021 to speak about live-workspaces for artists. The Meeting Coordinator agreed to follow up with the invitation request.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Wendy Soobis  
SECONDED by Paige Frewer

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Next Meeting:

DATE: March 2, 2021  
TIME: 5 pm  
PLACE: Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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