



ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 18, 2025

A meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 5:34 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Kaile Shilling, Vice Chair
Diane Brown
Mark Busse
Hanna Cho
Brent Constantine
Anna Gibson
Henry Heng Lu
Shora Parvaresh

ABSENT: Noor Abouchehade, Co-Chair (Leave of Absence)
Joshua Beamish (Leave of Absence)
Ashley Daniel Foot, Co-Chair (Leave of Absence)
Brian McBay (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Pete Fry, Council Liaison
Jorge Amigo, Head of Cultural Programming; Vancouver
Public Library Liaison
Brenda Grunau, Social Planner III – Grants & Awards,
Arts, Culture and Community Services; Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Sonia Lotay, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Vice Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

MOVED by Brent Constantine
SECONDED by Mark Busse

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee suspend the rule of section 15.13 of the *Procedure By-law* for the duration of this meeting, to allow the use of consensus-based decision-making.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

Leave of Absence Requests

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Noor Abouchehade, Joshua Beamish, Ashley Daniel Foot, and Brian McBay for this meeting.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

Approval of Minutes

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee approve the minutes from the meeting of Tuesday, September 9, 2025, as circulated.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

1. Gastown Public Spaces Plan

Staff from Engineering Services provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments.

2. Public Art Update

Staff from Arts, Culture and Community Services provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments.

3. Arts and Culture Budget Discussion

The Committee discussed the item and agreed to revisit it when additional information becomes available.

4. Working Session Updates

The Chair provided an update on the working session held Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at which Committee members received information on the following Council Members' motion:

- [Urgent Investment in Vancouver's Arts and Culture Infrastructure: Strengthening Vancouver's Cultural Sustainability and Economic Impact](#)

A staff presentation summarizing the update to the Committee was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

4. Liaison Updates

The Staff Liaison, along with Arts, Culture, and Community Services staff, provided updates and responded to questions and comments.

The Vancouver Public Library Liaison provided programming updates.

The Vancouver Civic Theatres Board Liaison provided event updates.

5. Subcommittee Updates

None.

6. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, January 27, 2026
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall
/ Teams Meeting

The Committee adjourned at 7:29 pm.

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