



## ARTS AND CULTURE POLICY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

JULY 14 , 2015

A meeting of the Arts and Culture Policy Council was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at 5:05 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Donna Spencer, Chair  
Norman Armour\*  
Sean Bickerton  
Terry Hunter  
Sharman King  
Melody Ma\*  
Paddy Macleod, Co-Vice-Chair  
Mitra Mansour  
Katherine McManus\*  
Nigel Prince  
Esther Rausenberg, Co-Vice-Chair  
Wendy Soobis  
Eric Szeto

**ABSENT:** Barb Clausen (Leave of Absence)  
Marcus Youssef (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Elizabeth Ball  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Gracen Chungath, Cultural Services  
Richard Newirth, Managing Director, Cultural Services,  
Staff Liaison  
Marg Specht, Cultural Services

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

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Esther Rausenberg  
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Barb Clausen and Marcus Youssef for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Norman Armour, Melody Ma and Katherine McManus absent for the vote)

## Approval of Minutes - June 16, 2015

MOVED by Paddy Macleod  
SECONDED by Sean Bickerton

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve the minutes of the meeting held June 16, 2015, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Melody Ma and Katherine McManus absent for the vote)

### 1. Business arising from the Minutes of June 16, 2015

#### a) Vancouver School Board - Cuts to Arts programs

In response to a question on status, the Chair advised that Trustee Mike Lombardi will provide an update at a future meeting.

### 2. Arts and Culture Policy Council - Liaison Updates

Updates from the following ACPC liaisons were provided:

- Councillor Elizabeth Ball:
  - the naming rights proposal by Bard on the Beach/Arts Club Theatre for the new City-owned theatre centre was approved at Public Hearing on July 13, 2015;
  - discussion has begun on funding for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration in 2017; the ACPC may want to get involved in planning.
- Councillor Heather Deal:
  - recommendations for the First Shaughnessy Heritage Conservation Area Official Development Plan are scheduled for Public Hearing on July 21, 2015;
  - the City is seeking input on the next phase of the Greenest City Action Plan and members are encouraged to respond through Talk Vancouver;
  - the City is moving forward with phase 2 of the Healthy City Strategy;
  - Council recently enacted by-laws to regulate medical marijuana-related retail;
  - staff continue to move forward with the patio expansions.

There was a discussion on how the ACPC can become more engaged in civic policy initiatives such as the Greenest City Action Plan. The Staff Liaison provided a brief background on this matter and Councillor Deal suggested the ACPC consider drafting a motion.

It was agreed that the Chair, along with the Councillor Liaisons and Staff Liaison, will discuss this matter after the meeting.

- Staff Liaison
  - Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> is the opening of Empire Fields and Plateau Park; a model of the Home and Away public artwork will be on display. The artists along with staff will be available from 10 am to 5 pm. Members are encouraged to attend.

Mitra Mansour noted a talk on this public artwork is also taking place on Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Vancouver Public Library downtown.

- Mitra Mansour, Public Art Committee representative:
  - Staff are developing a site master plan for potential commissions through the Signature Projects fund for major public art pieces including works of international significance.

In response to questions, the Staff Liaison along with Nigel Prince provided further details on the Signature Fund and public art sites.

Wendy Soobis suggested an education piece be considered in future public art pieces such as an introduction audio component.

In closing, the Chair suggested Mitra and Nigel provide regular updates and determine whether there is a role for the ACPC. The Chair also noted this matter will be included on the agenda for the next working session on September 8, 2015.

- Wendy Soobis, Vancouver Civic Theatres Board representative:
  - the Lion King is doing very well;
  - the Orpheum will have WiFi available at the venue;
  - met with Vancouver Opera regarding their move from a full season format to a festival model in 2014, to discuss the impact on users; and
  - work underway to animate the plaza more.

### **3. Report from the Chair**

The Chair referred to a letter from David Skulski requesting consideration of a multi-purpose community centre in the River District. She noted the ACPC will likely be receiving more requests of this nature and these requests will be referred to sub-committee.

Councillor Deal, along with the Staff Liaison, provided an update on provincial changes to the Community Amenity Contribution Guidelines in regard to use. Councillor Deal suggested the ACPC meet with staff to discuss what the impact of these changes might be.

The Chair will respond to Mr. Skulski and advise him that the ACPC will get back to him. She also suggested the ACPC have a conversation on cultural amenities and development policy.

### **4. Report Back: Working Session held June 30, 2015**

The Chair sought feedback further to staff's presentation on the Operating Grants Review.

### **5. Report Back - Sub-committees**

#### **Community Outreach:**

Terry Hunter provided a brief update.

**Spaces:**

Katherine McManus noted the sub-committee is currently in a transition phase and will be inviting Cultural Services staff to an upcoming meeting.

**Strategic Liaison:**

Nigel Prince provided a brief update and reviewed previous work on the Greenest City Action Plan.

**6. New Business**

**a) North Shore Artist Cabin**

Esther Rausenberg thanked the Staff Liaison for his involvement in saving the North Shore Artist Cabin, a building of historical and artistic significance.

**b) Mayor's Arts Awards**

Sean Bickerton provided a brief update, noting nominations are still open and suggested members consider submitting nominees.

In response to a question, Marg Specht reviewed the artistic categories.

The Chair reminded members that nominees should be on an individual basis, not on behalf of the ACPC.

**c) Queen Elizabeth Plaza**

Norman Armour noted that PuSh will be presenting a documentary "Between the Lines" at the plaza this evening and encouraged members to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Esther Rausenberg  
SECONDED by Terry Hunter

THAT this meeting be adjourned

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Regular Meeting:**

DATE: Tuesday, October 6, 2015  
TIME: 5 pm  
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room  
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Council adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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