



## ARTS AND CULTURE POLICY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

NOVEMBER 8, 2016

A meeting of the Arts and Culture Policy Council was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at 5:12 pm, in Committee Room No. 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Donna Spencer, Chair  
Norman Armour  
Terry Hunter  
Sharman King  
Melody Ma  
Katherine McManus  
Nigel Prince  
Esther Rausenberg, Vice-Chair  
Eric Szeto  
Steven Tong

**ABSENT:** Sean Bickerton (Leave of Absence)  
Barb Clausen (Leave of Absence)  
Paddy Macleod, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)  
Wendy Soobis (Leave of Absence)  
Marcus Youssef (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Council Liaison  
Councillor Heather Deal, Council Liaison  
Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung, Park Board Liaison  
Gracen Chungath, Assistant Director, Cultural Services

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

#### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Esther Rausenberg  
SECONDED by Terry Hunter

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Sean Bickerton, Barb Clausen, Paddy Macleod, Wendy Soobis and Marcus Youssef for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Sharman King  
SECONDED by Katherine McManus

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve the minutes from the meeting held September 27, 2016, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

The following ACPC liaisons provided verbal updates on arts and culture related matters and responded to questions:

- Councillor Heather Deal:
  - Cultural Plan; grants; larger institutions;
  - Annual Cultural Services Report; and
  - Music City.
- Gracen Chungath, Assistant Director, Cultural Services:
  - False Creek Flats; upcoming open house;
  - Cultural grant application deadlines;
  - Cultural Infrastructure Study; and
  - Sustainability; Justin Langois, Artist, to present to ACPC in January 2017.
- Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung:
  - Rising of Survivors Totem Pole;
  - Recent art installations including Love Locks, “Love in the Rain”; and
  - Art programs at Community Centres.

## 2. Proposed 2017 Meeting Schedule - Discussion/Decision

MOVED by Sharman King  
SECONDED by Nigel Prince

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve the 2017 Meeting Schedule as presented at its meeting on November 8, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 3. Council of Councils - November 9, 2016

There was a brief discussion on goals for 2017, including Culture as the Fourth Pillar of Sustainability and Healthy City.

## 4. City of Vancouver Budget Discussion and Request for Input

Esther Rausenberg provided a verbal report on the 2017 City Budget session held October 24, 2016, which included the following:

- Cultural Services budget falls under Community Services budget, which is 3% of the City’s total budget;
- appears there were no substantive, ongoing increases to Cultural Services budget in the past 10 years; need staff verification;
- uncertain whether ACPC’s advice for cost of living increase is ongoing policy;
- inquired about the breakdown of community-related service categories; and
- commented on the \$15/hour suggested minimum wage and how this will impact arts and cultural organizations.

In discussion, members agreed that there is little reference to and a lack of funding for arts and culture.

The Chair noted there is an opportunity to address these issues at the Special Council meeting regarding the 2017 Operating Budget to be held December 7, 2016. Members agreed to hold a Special Meeting in advance to prepare recommendations.

*Subsequently, a Special ACPC meeting was scheduled for November 22, 2016.*

## **5. Report back from working committee meeting/Fourth Pillar Presentation**

Melody Ma provided an update, which included a review of the nine actions towards a comprehensive approach to cultural sustainability, based on the United Cities and Local Governments Agenda 21 for culture, and presented recommendations for consideration.

In discussion, members expressed support to approve the recommendations at this meeting and allow Councillor Ball and the Chair to edit the motion in order to provide clarity before submitting it to the next Council meeting on November 29, 2016.

MOVED by Melody Ma  
SECONDED by Nigel Prince

### WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver has long-term plans to support three pillars of sustainability: the Greenest City Action Plan (ecological), the Vancouver Economic Action Strategy (economic) and the Healthy City Strategy (social).
2. It is nationally and internationally recognized that the trio of economic growth, social inclusion and environmental balance do not reflect all the dimensions of sustainability in society.
3. Creativity, knowledge, diversity, and beauty -- taken collectively as "culture" -- are intrinsically connected to the growth of human development and freedoms. They are fundamental bases for human progress and sustainable development.
4. The City of Vancouver's cultural challenges are too important for them not to receive an equal amount of attention as that accorded to the original three dimensions of sustainable development. This fourth pillar supports the existing three pillars, fosters connections between them and will maximize their collective impact.
5. A historical lack of emphasis on development's cultural dimension in the City of Vancouver hinders the city's ability to achieve true sustainable development, as well peace and well-being for all its citizens.
6. The City of Vancouver is a member of the UCLG, which supports the implementation of culture as an equal and integral fourth pillar of sustainable development.
7. Other Canadian cities, such as Montreal, Toronto, Quebec City, Nanaimo, Kelowna, New Westminster, Langley, Port Moody, and Nelson have recognized culture as the fourth pillar of sustainability.
8. The following declaration has three purposes: (1) to promote the development of Vancouver's arts and cultural sector; (2) to promote cultural diversity and inclusion within the City of Vancouver; (3) to ensure that culture has a legitimate place in all of the City of Vancouver's public policies and programmes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council recognizes Culture as the Fourth Pillar of Sustainable Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council recommends that the Vancouver City Council directs staff to investigate the opportunity for the City of Vancouver to adopt Culture as the Fourth Pillar of Sustainable Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council recommends that the Vancouver City Council directs staff to investigate the opportunity for the City of Vancouver to participate in the United Cities and Local Governments' Leading Cities cultural sustainability capacity-building and learning programme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Subsequently, this motion was rescinded at the Special ACPC meeting held November 22, 2016, and a replacement motion was approved.*

## 6. Sub-committee Reports

### a) Community Outreach

None

### b) Spaces

None

## 7. New Business

### a) Arts and Culture Policy - Strategic Planning

This matter was discussed under Item 3 above.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Sharman King

SECONDED by Norman Armour

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 (Special Meeting)  
TIME: 5 pm  
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room  
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Council adjourned at 6:56 pm.

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