



SPECIAL ARTS AND CULTURE POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 22, 2016

A Special Meeting of the Arts and Culture Policy Council (ACPC) was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, at 5:17 pm, in Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Donna Spencer, Chair
Norman Armour
Barb Clausen
Terry Hunter
Paddy Macleod, Co-Vice-Chair
Katherine McManus
Esther Rausenberg, Co-Vice-Chair
Wendy Soobis
Eric Szeto
Steven Tong

ABSENT: Sean Bickerton (Sick Leave)
Sharman King
Melody Ma
Nigel Prince
Marcus Youssef

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Council Liaison
Gracen Chungath, Director of Operations, Planning and Program Management

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

1. 2017 Budget Recommendations: Arts and Culture

Subsequent to the meeting held November 8, 2016, the ACPC agreed to rescind the motion regarding "Culture: Fourth Pillar of Sustainability", and approve a replacement motion.

MOVED by Esther Rausenberg
SECONDER by Terry Hunter

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council rescind the following motion passed at its meeting on November 7, 2016, regarding Culture: Fourth Pillar of Sustainability:

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 Westminister, 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 AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

During discussion, the following replacement motion regarding “Culture: Fourth Pillar of Sustainability”, was then put.

MOVED by Terry Hunter
SECONDED by Katherine McManus

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver is a member of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the largest association of local governments in the world, through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).
2. The UCLG approved Agenda 21 policy statement “Culture: Fourth Pillar of Sustainable Development” on November 17, 2010. The UCLG has affirmed that the fundamental purpose of governance is to work towards a healthy, safe, tolerant and creative society, as well being financially prosperous.
3. The City of Vancouver enjoys long-term policies to support three pillars of sustainability: the Greenest City Action Plan (ecological), the Vancouver Economic Action Strategy (environment) and the Healthy City Strategy (social) and Culture as the fourth pillar will augment the existing three pillars, foster connections between them, and will maximize their collective impact.
4. 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.
5. The following motion 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 major place in all of the City of Vancouver’s public policies.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council recommends that the Vancouver City Council request staff investigate the opportunity for the City of Vancouver to adopt the Agenda 21 policy statement, “Culture as the Fourth Pillar of Sustainable Development”;

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Barb Clausen
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council recommend Councillor Ball submit the motion regarding “Culture: Fourth Pillar of Sustainability”, to the next Regular Council meeting on November 29, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There was also a discussion on the amount of increase to recommend and the following motion was put.

MOVED by Norman Armour
SECONDED by Katherine McManus

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council recommends to Vancouver City Council that an increase be awarded to the Operating Grants Program under the Cultural Services Department within the 2017 Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Paddy Macleod
SECONDED by Barb Clausen

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, January 10, 2017
TIME: 5 pm
PLACE: Committee Room No. 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Council adjourned at 6:59 pm.

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