



ARTS AND CULTURE POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

JULY 18, 2017

A meeting of the Arts and Culture Policy Council was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 5:07 pm, in Committee Room No. 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Brian McBay, Vice-Chair
Sue Biely
Charmaine Carpenter*
Belle Cheung*
Barb Clausen
Michelle Cyca
Nick Gregson*
Terry Hunter, ViceChair
Sharman King
Wendy Soobis

ABSENT: Norman Armour (Leave of Absence)
Phillip Djwa (Leave of Absence)
Andrea Gin (Leave of Absence)
Nigel Prince (Leave of Absence)
Donna Spencer (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Heather Deal, Council Liaison
Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director, Cultural Services

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Barb Clausen
SECONDED by Belle Cheung

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Norman Armour, Phillip Djwa, Andrea Gin, Nigel Prince and Donna Spencer for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Nick Gregson absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes - May 23, 2017

MOVED by Charmaine Carpenter
SECONDED by Michelle Cyca

THAT the Arts and Culture Policy Council approve the minutes from the meeting held May 23, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Nick Gregson absent for the vote)

1. Liaison Updates

- Wendy Soobis, VCT Liaison:
 - Theatre Rental Grants for Fall 2017/Spring 2018 approved;
 - Queen Elizabeth Theatre (QET) and Plaza now have full WiFi;
 - upcoming events at the QET include a number of events associated with “The Drum is Calling” Festival, “Unceded Traditions, Unceded Territories” art exhibition and Indigenous fashion week;
 - QET restaurant; ongoing negotiations in progress;
 - 2018/2019 theatre rental rates go to Council for review in October 2017; and
 - update on ACPC tours of VCT facilities.

There was a brief discussion on public outreach and Brian McBay suggested revisiting the matter at a future meeting.

- Branislav Henselmann, Staff Liaison:
 - 2017 Cultural Infrastructure Grant Allocations approved.
- Councillor Heather Deal:
 - Lisa Beare, new Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture; and
 - the by-election in October.

2. Chair’s Report

Brian McBay and Terry Hunter, Co-Vice-Chairs, reviewed the Chair’s report and responded to questions.

Highlights of the Chair’s report included:

- work plan:
 - three key areas developed based on feedback: familiarize members on City initiatives re: arts and culture; collaborate with Cultural Services to develop the Creative City Plan and; advise Council on budget decisions re: arts and culture;
 - aiming to submit to City Clerk by end of July;
- Council of Councils - July 10th:
 - collaboration between civic agencies with similar goals; and
- the impact tax increases are having on the visual arts community.

Councillor Deal provided details on a recent meeting with members of the visual arts community to discuss the impact increased taxes have had over the past two years on studio rentals and leases. Possible solutions were discussed, including a review of the community amenity contribution policy and whether this matter should be added to the work plan.

3. Review and finalize work plan

See Item 2 above.

4. Sub-committee Reports

a) Community Engagement

Mr. Hunter provided a brief update and sought input on activities the sub-committee could consider to undertake.

b) Cultural Spaces

Mr. McBay provided a brief update, reviewed the Terms of Reference for the sub-committee and responded to questions.

c) Strategic Liaison Sub-committee

Mr. McBay suggested having a discussion on this sub-committee at the next meeting.

5. New Business

a) Resignation

Barb Clausen gave notice of her resignation from the ACPC effective immediately as she is moving to Vancouver Island.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Michelle Cyca

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Charmaine Carpenter and Belle Cheung absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, September 12, 2017
TIME: 5 pm
PLACE: Committee Room No. 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Council adjourned at 6:46 pm.

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