



## **PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**May 15, 2023**

A meeting of the Public Art Committee was held on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 5:02 pm, via electronic means.

- PRESENT:** Sara MacLellan, Chair  
Glenn Alteen  
Henry Heng Lu  
Emily Nixon  
John Steil
- ABSENT:** Diyan Achjadi, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)  
Julie An (Leave of Absence)  
Kelsey Lee (Leave of Absence)  
Marc MacCaul
- ALSO PRESENT:** Eric Fredericksen, Head of Public Art, Staff Liaison  
Faith Moosang, Public Art Planner  
Tatiana Mellema, Planner, Public Art  
Krystal Paraboo, Planner, Public Art  
Tamara Tosoff, Planning Assistant, Public Art  
Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director, Cultural Services  
Julia Hulbert, Arts and Culture Planner, Park Board

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE** Ana Denissenko, Committee Clerk

### **WELCOME**

The 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.

### **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Glenn Alteen  
SECONDED by John Steil

THAT the Public Art Committee approve leaves of absence for Diyan Achjadi, Julie An, and Kelsey Lee for today's meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by John Steil  
SECONDED by Emily Nixon

THAT the Public Art Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Monday, April 17, 2023, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Appointment of a Public Art Committee Liaison to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee**

MOVED by Glenn Alteen  
SECONDED by Sara MacLellan

THAT the Public Art Committee appoint Henry Heng Lu as a Public Art Committee liaison to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, for a term beginning immediately and ending December 1, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Civic Updates**

Faith Moosang gave a presentation on the upcoming launch of *Platforms: Nine Places for Seeing*. Beginning in June 2023, this new Platforms program will bring 2D work in a variety of media by 21 Indigenous artists to sites across the city for the next two years. The artists, 11 of whom are members of Musqueam, Squamish, or Tsleil-Waututh Nation, were nominated by three advisors who are Musqueam, Squamish, or Tsleil-Waututh artists or curators. This is the first Platforms program entirely focused on Indigenous artists and supports reciprocal learning and new approaches to the public art program's commissioning practices.

### **2. Strand – 456-496 Prior Street (PPAP)**

Emmy Wall and Alison Meredith, Public Art Consultants, and Alain Prince, Francl Architecture, presented the PPAP to the Committee.

### **3. Vancouver Biennale Donation Proposal**

Eric Fredericksen, Head of Public Art, gave a presentation on a proposed donation by Vancouver Biennale of 13 to 15 public artworks and two sets of portable works intended for museum exhibition and answered questions from the Committee. In line with City policies, staff sought a recommendation from the Public Art Committee on how to proceed.

### **4. Review and Motions**

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Glenn Alteen  
SECONDED by Emily Nixon

THAT the Public Art Committee does not support the Vancouver Biennale Donation Proposal as presented, due to the following issues:

- High potential maintenance costs;
- Staff resources required;
- Does not address the *Culture|Shift* Framework;
- Initial temporary nature of the existing art pieces creates an opportunity cost for new artwork in the future;
- Urgency in decision-making and no time to set up a review panel to assess the art pieces;
- Biennale's reluctance to give up decision on siting to the City;
- Complexity of the decision involving the Vancouver Art Gallery, Museum of Vancouver, Vancouver Park Board, and the City of Vancouver, and no input from some of the recipients;
- Proposal as is does not allow assessment of individual artworks for their merit or suitability to the City's collection;
- Difficult to assess the pieces that are still in process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by John Steil  
SECONDED by Emily Nixon

WHEREAS the Public Art Committee received the Strand – 456-496 Prior Street PPAP for information;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Art Committee recommends:

- Inclusion of artists from the Vancouver Eastside in the long list for public art proposals;
- That the DPAP report in more detail on the community engagement strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **5. New Business**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Glenn Alteen  
SECONDED by Sara MacLellan

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Monday, June 19, 2023  
TIME: 5 pm  
PLACE: TBD

The Committee adjourned at 7:07 pm.

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