



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

January 25, 2018

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, January 25, 2018, at 12:06 pm, in Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon, 630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver BC.

- PRESENT:** Sue Adams
Hugh Cochlin
Rob Haynes
Patricia McSherry
Wendy Soobis
- ABSENT:** Christopher Ball (Leave of Absence)
Donna Wong-Juliani (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Council Liaison
Sandra Gajic, Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres
(Staff Liaison)
Guy Leroux, Associate Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres
Krista Edwardson, Senior Manager, Sales, Vancouver Civic
Theatres
Efrat Gal-Or, Senior Manager, Theatre Operations,
Vancouver Civic Theatres
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged that we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we give thanks for their generosity and hospitality on these lands.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair (2018)

MOVED by Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Hugh Cochlin

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board elect Rob Haynes as Chair for 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Hugh Cochlin
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board elect Sue Adams as ViceChair for 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Adams noted the need for succession planning.

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At this point in the proceedings, Mr. Haynes assumed the Chair.

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Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Sue Adams
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve a leave of absence for Donna Wong-Juliani for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Hugh Cochlin

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting of November 23, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Chair's Comments

The Chair commented on a number of matters including outreach and thanked members for their contributions.

The Staff Liaison advised of a recent motion passed by the Urban Aboriginal People's Advisory Committee which recommends Council replace the word "Aboriginal" with "Indigenous" in all City documentation in recognition of the language used in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Councillor Ball suggested the Board invite the City's Aboriginal Relations Manager to the next meeting to provide an overview on the City's Aboriginal protocol.

2. Discussion and approval: Report of Activities (2017) document

The Board reviewed the Report of Activities (2017) and discussed future directions which included the following:

- engage VCT stakeholders as part of outreach; and
- increase Board membership and implement gender equality.

The Staff Liaison advised that staff are aiming to bring the VCT business model to Council in June and suggested the Board review the model at the next meeting.

3. Presentation: VCT Annual Work/Business Plan

Mr. Leroux provided an update on the VCT Annual Work/Business Plan and, along with the Staff Liaison, responded to questions.

4. Discussion: VCTB Workplan Update for 2018

Ms. Adams lead a brief discussion on the VCTB Workplan.

5. Finance Report

Mr. Leroux responded to questions.

6. Director's Report

The Staff Liaison reviewed the report and responded to questions.

7. New Business

a) VCTB Membership

The Chair lead a discussion on Board make-up and members agreed to recommend the membership increase from seven to nine members in order to address board competencies and diversity while also addressing gender equality. The Chair, along with Councillor Ball and the Staff Liaison, responded to questions.

MOVED by Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Patricia McSherry

WHEREAS

1. The Vancouver Civic Theatres Board By-law no. 3941 (September 19, 1961) provides for the establishment of a board, to be known as "The Vancouver Civic Theatres Board", and defines the board's functions and responsibilities pursuant to the provisions of the Vancouver Charter;
2. The jurisdiction and function of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board is to advise Vancouver City Council on the operation, use and improvement of the City's Civic Theatres (i.e., Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Orpheum, and Vancouver Playhouse);
3. The mandate of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board includes an obligation to bring to the attention of Council any matter relating to the Civic Theatres which, in the opinion of the Board, merits actions on the part of the Council;
4. By-law No. 9397 was enacted by Vancouver City Council on December 12, 2006, to amend the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board By-law No. 3941, with regard to board appointments and related matters, and established the number of board members as seven individuals who must be, among other considerations, an

- elector of the Greater Vancouver Regional District, or have been a resident of the Greater Vancouver Regional District for not less than six consecutive months immediately preceding the appointment;
5. In 2005, the City of Vancouver adopted a Gender Equality Strategy which committed the City to take action within its power to challenge gender discrimination and to promote and implement gender equity measures;
 6. At the April 6, 2016, meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities, Vancouver City Council unanimously supported a motion (“BECAUSE IT’S 2016: Action on Gender Equality”) in which a policy was formally adopted whereby the number of women appointed to City advisory committees “must be equal or greater than 50 percent”, and that Council also direct staff to work with the Women’s Advisory Committee to establish a process to review the 2005 Gender Equality Strategy and to update the strategy;
 7. The mandate of the Women’s Advisory Committee is to advise Council and staff on enhancing access and inclusion for women and girls to fully participate in City services and civic life;
 8. On January 17, 2018, Vancouver City Council unanimously approved a ten-year Women’s Equity Strategy to make Vancouver a place where all women, including self-identified women, have full access to the resources provided in the city and have opportunities to fully participate in the political, economic, cultural and social life of Vancouver;
 9. The Women’s Equity Strategy has five priority themes / priority areas for immediate implementation by an Action Team within the first two years of a ten year strategy, including a goal to elevate the visibility, influence, representation and contribution of all women in the organization by providing equitable access to work opportunities, including leadership roles, as well as the application of an intersectional lens to strengthen City processes and inform decision-making to ensure that all citizens have equitable access, inclusion and participation in community life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Vancouver Civic Theatres Board recommend to Vancouver City Council that Section 2A. (and all related Sections) of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board By-law no. 3941 be amended to increase the number of board members to nine individuals, with a specification that the board shall be consistent with the goals and objectives of the City’s ten-year Women’s Equity Strategy (unanimously approved by Council on January 17, 2018) and in accordance with the unanimously-supported direction of Council, at the April 6, 2016, meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities, that the number of women appointed to City advisory committees “must be equal or greater than 50 percent” (“BECAUSE IT’S 2016: Action on Gender Equality”); and

FURTHER THAT the City Clerk be asked to formally convey the Board’s Gender Equality amendment recommendation to Vancouver City Council by way of a motion for the consideration of Vancouver City Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Becoming more informed about Indigenous Peoples

Ms. McSherry suggested the Board become more informed about Indigenous Peoples and will forward more information for review.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Patricia McSherry
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, February 22, 2018
TIME: 12 Noon
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon
630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC

The Board adjourned at 1:49 pm.

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