



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 22, 2018

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 12:06 pm, in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon, 630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver BC.

PRESENT: Rob Haynes, Chair
Susan Adams, Vice-Chair
Christopher Ball
Hugh Cochlin
Donna Wong-Juliani
Wendy Soobis

ABSENT: Patricia McSherry (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
Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director, Cultural
Services

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.

The Board welcomed Donna Wong-Juliani and engaged in a round table introduction.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Christopher Ball
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve a leave of absence for Patricia McSherry for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Susan Adams
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve leaves of absence for Hugh Cochlin and Donna Wong-Juliani for the March 22, 2018, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was noted the next meeting takes place during the week of Spring Break and the Juno Awards. The Chair advised he would follow-up with the Meeting Coordinator on the possibility of moving the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2018

MOVED by Hugh Cochlin
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting held January 25, 2018, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Chairs Comments

The Chair commented on the well maintained civic theatre facilities.

2. Presentation and Discussion

Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Indigenous Relations Manager, and Spencer Lindsay, Indigenous Engagement Specialist, provided an update on new approaches to meaningful community engagement in City initiatives, based on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action, with a focus on raising awareness and understanding through Indigenous arts and culture.

Highlights of City initiatives included:

- policy review in all departments to ensure Calls to Action align with the City's work;
- recognition that "we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations";
- regular engagement between the City and Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations in government to government relations; and
- Indigenous naming, i.e. the Vancouver Public Library's Strathcona Branch: "néca?mat ct" ("we are one" - *hə́nqəmiḥəm*).

In discussion, the Board sought an update from Ms. Gosnell-Myers and Mr. Lindsay on the process for selecting an Indigenous name for the Queen Elizabeth plaza. Board members expressed a preference for opportunities for public learnings on the chosen name, and that the space as a gathering place be promoted. Any opportunity to meet with the Naming Committee for the plaza would be brought forward for consideration. Ms. Gosnell-Myers agreed to bring this forward to the Naming Committee.

Ms. Gosnell-Myers provided a brief summary of the timeframe for naming the plaza, noting staff are aiming to report to Council in May with a public announcement in June, just prior to National Indigenous Peoples Day.

In closing, the Chair thanked staff for the update and suggested the Board consider this matter further at the next meeting.

3. VCTB Membership Motion Follow-up

Councillor Ball provided an update on the status of the VCTB Membership motion passed by the Board at its meeting on January 25, 2018, noting it will go to Council on March 13, 2018.

4. Arts and Culture Policy (ACPC) Report

Ms. Soobis reported on the most recent ACPC working session as follows:

- potential for a theatre space in the Westbank Development at Oakridge;
- Creative City Strategy focus groups; and
- 'cathedral thinking' sessions (*long-term thinking*).

Ms. Soobis, along with Mr. Henselmann, responded to questions.

5. Finance Report

Mr. Leroux reviewed the 2017/2018 financials/workplan and, along with Ms. Edwardson, responded to questions.

6. Directors Report

Ms. Gajic and Ms. Edwardson responded to questions.

7. New Business

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Christopher Ball

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

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

** Meeting date subject to change.*

The Board adjourned at 1:50 pm.

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