



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 21, 2019

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, February 21, 2019, at 12 pm, in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Boardroom, 630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC.

PRESENT: Rob Haynes, Chair
Christopher Ball
Ann-Marie Copping
Anna Hagan
Donna Wong-Juliani
Wendy Soobis, Vice-Chair

ABSENT: Sue Adams (Leave of Absence)
Diane Brown (Leave of Absence)
Adrian Fischer (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Lisa Dominato, Council Liaison
Guy Leroux, Acting Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres
Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director, Cultural Services

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged that we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we thank them for having cared for this land since time immemoria

Leave of Absence Requests

Leaves of absence had previously been approved for Sue Adams, Diane Brown and Adrian Fischer for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes – January 24, 2019

MOVED by Donna Wong-Julian
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting held January 24, 2019, as amended to replace the word "Chair" with Vice-Chair" in the first bullet under "Chair's Comments" on page 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Chair's Comments

The Chair's comments included:

- update and discussion regarding fee increases and accessibility issues related to the rental space in the basement of the Orpheum, currently tenanted by the Vancouver Recital Society;
- status of recruitment for the Vancouver Civic Theatres Director position; and
- updated VCT Annual Board Work Plan 2019, now in calendar format, to be distributed and reviewed later in the meeting.

2. Finance Report

The Acting Director reviewed the January 2019 month-end financials as well as the 2019 Budget, and responded to questions. An update was provided and discussion ensued regarding the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.

3. Cultural Services Update

The Managing Director, Cultural Services, provided an update regarding the Creative City Strategy Symposium which is being hosted by the City and taking place on March 4, 2019, and responded to questions.

4. Director's Report

The Acting Director reviewed the report and responded to questions.

5. Calendar for VCT Board Work Plan

The Chair distributed and reviewed the updated "VCT Annual Board Work Plan 2019".

6. New Business

(a) Announcements

Miscellaneous culture and Council related matters were discussed.

(b) Guest Speaker – Eric Wilson, Friends of Chamber Music

Donna Wong-Juliani introduced Eric Wilson, Friends of Chamber Music, who provided background information on the group and its association with the Playhouse Theatre, and responded to questions. Discussion ensued regarding the need for more concert hall space in the city. The Board thanked Mr. Wilson for his presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Christopher Ball

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, March 28, 2019
TIME: 12 pm
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Boardroom
649 Cambie Street, Vancouver, BC

The Board adjourned at 1:30 pm.

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