



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

MARCH 28, 2019

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 12 pm, in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Boardroom, 649 Cambie Street, Vancouver, BC.

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

ABSENT: Diane Brown (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: Terri Burke, 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 immemorial.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Sue Adams
SECONDED by Christopher Ball

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve a leave of absence for Diane Brown for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve leaves of absence for Anna Hagan and Rob Haynes for the April 18, 2019, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Christopher Ball
SECONDED by Anna Hagan

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting of February 21, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Chair's Comments

The Chair provided an update on the Vancouver Recital Society's lease renewal and also noted the appointment of the new VCTB Director is in progress. Mr. Haynes responded to questions.

2. Guest: Vancouver Opera

Kim Gaynor, General Director, and Tom Wright, Director of Artistic Planning, both from the Vancouver Opera, provided an overview on the Vancouver Opera. Highlights included the following:

- Completion of the strategic planning process;
- Commitments to accessibility, openness, and breaking down barriers to Opera, and to diversity and inclusiveness;
- "Flight of the Hummingbird", a new Opera for young audiences that will be touring BC throughout January to April 2020; and
- Creation of a cultural hub.

Ms. Gaynor and Mr. Wright also responded to questions regarding new ticket sales, working with UBC, and beverages in the theatre.

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The Board recessed at 12:35 pm and reconvened at 12:38 pm.

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3. Cultural Services Update

The Managing Director of Cultural Services provided an update on the Creative City Strategy Symposium which took place on March 4, 2019, at the Vancouver Playhouse, noting the following:

- Members of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh nations set the tone for the day;
- Over 300 people attended;
- The event was livestreamed;
- A panel was convened on equity finding; and
- The report on the Creative City Strategy is tentatively scheduled for September 2019.

Mr. Henselmann also noted that the Administrative Report dated February 27, 2019, entitled “2019 Cultural Grants Allocations (Operating/Annual/Projects/Capacity)” will be considered at the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on April 3, 2019.

4. Finance Report

Guy Leroux, Acting Director, provided a short presentation on VCTB statistics and financials (*both distributed and on file*) for February and March 2019 and compared them with the 2017 and 2018 numbers. He noted that food and beverage sales had increased, and funding will soon be available for Orpheum upgrades. Mr. Leroux responded to questions.

5. Director’s Report

Guy Leroux, Acting Director, provided an overview of his report (*distributed and on file*), and noted the following:

- Climate assessment projects finalized and underway;
- Point of sale negotiations with final vendor underway; and
- Working on upgrading CCVT system across venues.

6. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Christopher Ball
SECONDED by Anna Hagan

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, April 18, 2019
TIME: 12 pm
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon
630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC

The Board adjourned at 1:11 pm.

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