

### **VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD**

### **MINUTES**

### MAY 23, 2019

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 12:01 pm, in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon, 630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC.

PRESENT: Rob Haynes, Chair

Sue Adams Diane Brown

Ann-Marie Copping Adrian Fischer Anna Hagan

Donna Wong-Juliani\* Wendy Soobis, Vice-Chair

ABSENT: Christopher Ball

ALSO PRESENT: Sandra Singh, General Manager of Arts, Culture and

Community Services

Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director of Cultural

Services (via telecommunication)

Guy Leroux, Acting Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

## **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Wendy Soobis SECONDED by Diane Brown

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve a leave of absence for Anna Hagan for the next meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

(Donna Wong-Juliani absent for the vote)

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Adrian Fischer SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting held April 18, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Donna Wong-Juliani absent for the vote)

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes absent for a portion of the meeting.

## Vary Agenda

The Board agreed to vary the agenda in order to meet In Camera.

### In Camera Meeting

MOVED by Sue Adams SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board will go into a meeting today which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.

### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Board recessed at 12:03 pm and reconvened at 12:37 pm.

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### 1. Chair's Comments

The Chair's comments included acknowledgements to the Vice-Chair for chairing the last meeting and the Acting Director of Vancouver Civic Theatres (VCT) for approving and having staff organize the tours of The Orpheum. The tours will be conducted by the BC Entertainment Hall of Fame. The Chair noted a recent communication with Natalie Lue, the new Director of VCT.

# 2. Work Plan Update: Budget and Rental Rates Draft

The Acting Director of VCT provided an update on VCT's Annual Board Work Plan, including the budget and rental rates for 2020/21, and responded to questions.

In discussion, the Board requested the budget include actuals for the current and prior years be presented alongside the proposed budget for the coming year.

# 3. Cultural Services Update

The Managing Director of Cultural Services provided an update and responded to questions.

In discussion, the Board agreed to add a more in depth overview on future directions of Cultural Services to the July agenda. The Chair suggested Mr. Henselmann prepare a brief written report summarizing his comments for future board meetings, similar to the VCT Director's Report.

## 4. Finance Report

The Acting Director of VCT reviewed the financials and responded to questions.

## 5. Director's Report

The Acting Director of VCT reviewed the report and responded to questions.

### 6. New Business

# a) Staff Acknowledgement

The Chair, on behalf of the Board, thanked the Acting Director of VCT for his leadership during the recruitment process for a new Director.

### b) Celebration of Life

The Vice-Chair advised that a <u>Celebration of Life for Michael Noon</u>, former Board Vice-Chair, will be held at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts on May 31, 2019, beginning at 3 pm, and invited the Board to attend and to RSVP.

## c) Arts Funding

Sue Adams commented on funding issues in the arts and the Chair suggested adding this matter to the July agenda for further discussion. He also asked that Ms. Adams lead the discussion.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Wendy Soobis SECONDED by Donna Wong-Juliani

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, June 20, 2019

TIME: 12 pm

PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon

630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC

The Board adjourned at 1:27 pm.

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