



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, September 12, 2019, at 12:07 pm, in Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon, 630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver BC.

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

ABSENT: Diane Brown (leave of absence)
Ann-Marie Copping

ALSO PRESENT: Natalie Lue, Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres
Guy Leroux, Associate Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres
Krista Edwardson, Senior Manager of Sales, Vancouver
Civic Theatres
Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director of Cultural
Services

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tamarra Wong, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone and acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Sue Adams
SECONDED by Christopher Ball

- A. THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve a leave of absence for Diane Brown for this meeting.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve leaves of absence for Anna Hagan and Adrian Fischer for the meeting to be held October 17, 2019 meeting.
- C. THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve a leave of absence for Adrian Fischer for the meeting to be held November 21, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes – July 18, 2019 and September 5, 2019

MOVED by Christopher Ball
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approves the Minutes from the meeting of July 18, 2019 and the Special Meeting of September 5, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Guests: Ballet BC

Donna Wong-Juliani introduced guests Emily Molnar, Creative Director, and John Clark, Executive Director of Ballet BC.

Ballet BC asked questions of the Board regarding the future of Vancouver Civic Theatre's mission. In addition, Ballet BC provided an update to the Board on the overall success of last season and for the upcoming season.

In closing, the Chair and Vice-Chair expressed thanks to Ballet BC.

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The Board recessed at 12:33 pm and reconvened at 12:37 pm.

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2. Chair's Comments

The Chair, along with Donna Wong-Juliani, provided an update on guest presenters attending the October and November board meetings. Donna Wong-Juliani and Krista Edwardson, Senior Manager of Sales, Vancouver Civic Theatres, agreed to reach out to Broadway Across Canada to invite them to attend a future meeting.

The Chair also lead a discussion on topics for the next meeting including the future composition of the Board and the Board's vision. The Chair will follow-up with Sue Adams regarding the Board's vision.

3. Finance Report

Guy Leroux, Associate Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres, reviewed the August 2019 financials as well as the 2020 budget, and responded to questions. Staff will provide the Board members with a copy of the 2020 budget and an updated accounts receivable report, as requested by the Chair.

4. Marketing Update - “Mid Century Madness” / Community Outreach

Krista Edwardson, Senior Manager of Sales, Vancouver Civic Theatres, provided a brief presentation about the “Mid Century Madness” event happening on Saturday, October 26, 2019, to celebrate 60 years at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. Staff also provided an update on programming and community engagement and responded to questions.

The Chair agreed to connect with staff and refer a performer for the “Mid Century Madness” event. Christopher Ball recommended staff look into installing a seasonal tent for the roof and plaza of the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

The Board extended thanks and congratulations to staff for the impressive increase in community engagement activities and for their role in facilitating this programming.

5. Director’s Report

Natalie Lue, Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres, reviewed the report and responded to questions.

Staff invited board members to the October 2, 2019 Roundtable for Theatre Rental Grant Recipients. Staff will send the Chair further details on the Roundtable.

6. New Business

a) Cultural Services Update

Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director of Cultural Services, informed members that Council approved the report entitled [“Culture|Shift: Blanketing the City in Arts and Culture Vancouver Culture Plan 2020-2029”](#) at the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on September 11, 2019. Staff recommended that all members review the report.

The Vice-Chair extended thanks to everyone in Arts Culture and Community Services who contributed to this report.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Christopher Ball
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, October 17, 2019
TIME: 12:00 pm
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon
630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC

The Board adjourned at 1:53 pm.

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