



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

DECEMBER 12, 2019

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 12:02 pm, in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon, 630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Lisa Dominato, Council Liaison
Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director of Cultural Services
Natalie Lue, Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres (Staff Liaison)
Guy Leroux, Associate Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

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

IN CAMERA MEETING

MOVED by Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

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

(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 [disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party] of the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#); and

(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
(Anna Hagan and Donna Wong-Juliani absent for vote)

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The Board recessed at 12:03 pm and reconvened at 12:24 pm.

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Leave of Absence Requests

There were no requests for leaves of absence.

Approval of Minutes – November 21, 2019

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani
SECONDED by Sue Adams

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Chair's Comments

The Chair's comments included the following:

- 2020 VCT Board: three incumbents and two new members were appointed;
- retirement from VCT Board:
 - the Chair expressed appreciation for having served on the VCT Board and will remain available for advice/questions when need be; also accepted the designation of "Member Emeritus";
 - the Chair acknowledged outgoing Board member Sue Adams' many contributions; and
- VCT venues; the Chair complimented VCT staff for well-maintained theatre venues.

2. Approval of 2020 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Christopher Ball
SECONDED by Diane Brown

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the 2020 Meeting Schedule as circulated at the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Tribute - Sandra Gajic

The Chair noted the recent passing of former Director of Vancouver Civic Theatres, Sandra Gajic, and paid tribute to Sandra's contributions. The Chair also noted a Celebration of Life for Sandra will be held in the Spring 2020.

The Board reflected on Sandra's accomplishments, noting Sandra's contributions in revitalizing the theatres and introducing community engagement initiatives, including the VCT grant program. It was also noted that Sandra was a pleasure to work with.

4. Director's Presentation – Vision

Natalie Lue, Director of VCT, presented a five-year vision for VCT, highlighting key strategic goals and aspirations. Natalie, along with Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director of Cultural Services, also responded to questions.

In discussion, it was noted that future developments such as the new Vancouver Art Gallery could be a benefit to VCT.

5. Finance Report

Guy Leroux, Associate Director of VCT, reviewed the financials, noting a significant revenue increase compared to the same time period last year, and responded to questions.

6. Director's Report

Natalie Lue, Director of VCT, reviewed the report.

7. New Business

a) Member Emeritus

Wendy Soobis confirmed that outgoing Board Chair Rob Haynes has accepted the designation of "Member Emeritus".

MOVED by Adrian Fischer
SECONDED by Sue Adams

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board commend Rob Haynes, outgoing Board Chair, for outstanding leadership.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Overnight Parking Program

Councillor Dominato noted the City has launched an overnight parking program to allow drivers to pay in advance for overnight parking and, along with Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director of Cultural Services, responded to questions. For more details visit [EasyPark](#).

c) 2020 Budget

Councillor Dominato advised that the budget has been referred to staff to determine options to reduce the proposed increase in property taxes, noting public consultation is still underway until December 17, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, January 23, 2020
TIME: 12 pm
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon
630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC

The Board adjourned at 1:28 pm.

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