



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 20, 2020

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 12:04 pm, in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre - Mezzanine Level, 649 Cambie Street, Vancouver, BC.

PRESENT: Christopher Ball, Chair
Diane Brown
Ann-Marie Copping
Anna Hagan
Wendy Soobis, Vice-Chair
Mike Vulgaris*
Donna Wong-Juliani
Janice Wu

ABSENT: Adrian Fischer (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Lisa Dominato, Council Liaison
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 Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Approval of Minutes – January 23, 2020

MOVED by Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Donna Wong-Juliani

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting of January 23, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mike Vulgaris absent for the vote)

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani

SECONDED by Diane Brown

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve leaves of absence for Anna Hagan and Diane Brown for the March 26, 2020, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Mike Vulgaris absent for the vote)

1. Chair's Comments

The Chair welcomed everyone and provided an update further to a meeting with the Director of VCT to review business matters and the Board's potential work plan for the coming year.

The Chair proposed that the Board engage in a visioning session to explore a variety of topics, including: VCT's role in the community; new business opportunities; and Board governance and operations. Board members expressed an interest and it was agreed that potential times and dates for a session will be proposed in the coming weeks.

2. Council Liaison's Comments

Councillor Dominato, Council Liaison, commented on civic matters including the following:

- the Cultural Spaces Rent Bank Motion approved on February 11, 2020; staff are directed to report back with recommendations by end of 2020;
- the 2020 Community Services and Other Social Grants Report scheduled for February 23, 2020; and
- the *TalkVancouver* survey on the PNE Master Plan vision which closed February 18, 2020; over 6000 comments were received from the community.

3. Arts and Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) Report

Wendy Soobis, ACPC Rep, provided a brief overview on ACAC and its meeting structure.

Wendy also reported on the February working session which included an update from Cultural Services staff on the following:

- the Making Spaces for Arts and Culture Report, with subsequent discussion about related space issues in the arts community; and
- the Culture I Shift.

4. Cultural Services Update

This item was postponed.

5. Finance Report

Guy Leroux, Associate Director of VCT, provided an update on financials for December 2019 and January 2020, noting an unusually quiet January with the cancellation of several big shows due to the coronavirus and, along with the Director of VCT, responded to questions.

In discussion, VCT staff updated new Board members on VCT's Theatre Rental Grants program, which provides funding for arts and cultural organizations.

6. Director's Report

Natalie Lue, Director of VCT, reviewed the Director's Report and responded to questions. The Director noted that VCT will look to hosting an event for International Women's Day in 2021.

7. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Anna Hagan

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, March 26, 2020
TIME: 12 pm
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon
630 Hamilton Street
Vancouver, BC

The Board adjourned at 1:10 pm.

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