



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

OCTOBER 22, 2020

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 12:05 pm, via electronic means.

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

ALSO PRESENT: 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: Kathy Bengston, Committee Clerk

* 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.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Anna Hagan
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, September 10, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Leave of Absence Requests

None.

1. Chair's Comments

The Chair commented on his excitement to see various venues holding events.

2. Council Liaison's Comments

None.

3. Special Guest Discussion: Tom Wright, General Director, Vancouver Opera

Tom Wright, General Director, Vancouver Opera, provided an update on activities, including the launch of the Vancouver Opera 2020-2021 Digital Season, and a vision and planning survey for Vancouver Opera's future.

4. Cultural Services Update

Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director of Cultural Services, provided updates on the City's recovery plan as follows:

- Public art commissions completed for 2020;
- Last round of grants for 2020 launched; and
- Recovery work actions by the City scheduled for Council on November 3, 2020.

5. Arts & Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) Report

No report.

6. Motion – QE Complex Staffing

The Board decided to table the Queen Elizabeth Complex motion for a future meeting. Discussion followed among the Board and staff on concerns, challenges and ideas regarding re-opening the complex during the pandemic.

7. Finance Report / Budget Presentation

Guy Leroux, Associate Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres, provided an update on the September Financials and responded to questions.

8. Motion – Budget Approval

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

WHEREAS the Vancouver Civic Theatres Associate Director presented the 2021 Budget, and staff and the Board agreed that 2021 is a very challenging year to the budget as there are health restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic that adversely affect the operations of the facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approves and endorses the budget as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Janice Wu absent for the vote)

9. Director's Report

The Director of Vancouver Civic Theatres provided highlights from the report and responded to questions.

10. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mike Vulgaris
SECONDED by Anna Hagan

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Janice Wu absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, November 19, 2020
TIME: 12:00 pm
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Board adjourned at 1:46 pm.

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