



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2021

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, January 14, 2021, 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: 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
Krista Edwardson, Senior Manager of Sales, 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.

Leave of Absence Requests

There were no requests for leave of absence.

Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2020

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Chair's Comments

The Chair thanked staff for the monthly Vancouver Civic Theatres (VCT) event calendar and emphasized the need for an update on the Board's Motion regarding short-term rate adjustments. The Chair also proposed a visioning exercise for the next meeting with a focus on a proposed Granville Street development plan near the Orpheum Theatre, and the Queen Elizabeth complex. Preliminary documentation for the Board's review is forthcoming.

2. Council Liaison's Comments

Councillor Dominato's comments included the following:

- COVID-19 vaccine roll out;
- 2021 Cultural Grants Report (Council - January 19, 2021); and
- proposed Granville Street development plan near the Orpheum Theatre.

Councillor Dominato, along with the Managing Director of Cultural Services and the Director of VCT, responded to questions.

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VARY AGENDA

*MOVED by Anna Hagan
SECONDED by Janice Wu*

THAT item 5 be considered as the next order of business.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

Note: for clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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5. Special Guest - Alex Vyskocil - Live Nation Canada

Alex Vyskocil, Live Nation Canada, provided an overview on Live Nation Canada and the concert industry, which included an update on the outlook for commercial concerts over the next 18 months, noting an increase in the use of digital components, and responded to questions.

3. Cultural Services Update

The Managing Director of Cultural Services thanked the Board for input in to the 2021 Budget and provided an update on budget-related initiatives including Culture I Shift, noting staff are working on a number of exciting spaces for arts and culture, and 2021 Cultural Grants.

The Managing Director also commented on proposed development plans with arts and cultural components such as the Granville Street development plan near the Orpheum, and responded to questions.

4. Finance Report

The Associate Director of VCT advised that the financial report is pending year-end completion and added that the forecasted numbers predicted in April 2020, were achieved.

6. Director's Report

The Director of VCT reviewed the report and, along with the Managing Director of Cultural Services and the Associate Director of VCT, responded to questions.

The Senior Manager of Sales, VCT, provided an update on the 2021 Vancouver Mural Festival winter arts program that VCT will participate in from February 12 - 28.

7. New Business

a) Arts & Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) Report

The Vice-Chair provided a brief update on the ACAC meeting held January 12, 2021. Of note, the Committee received updates on budget-related matters, including the reallocation of unused Theatre Rental Grant (TRG) funds to support the City's COVID-19 Cultural Impact Critical Assistance (CICA) grants. The Vice-Chair also noted that staff will be focused on equity and reconciliation initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Anna Hagan
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Janice Wu absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, February 18, 2021
TIME: 12 pm
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Board adjourned at 1:36 pm

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