



## VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

### MINUTES

**MARCH 18, 2021**

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 12:03 pm, via electronic means.

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

**ABSENT:** Anna Hagan (Leave of Absence)  
Wendy Soobis, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)

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

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

### WELCOME

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

### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Diane Brown  
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve leaves of absence for Anna Hagan and Wendy Soobis for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Approval of Minutes – February 18, 2021**

MOVED by Donna  
SECONDED by Ann-Marie

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, February 18, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Chair's Comments**

The Chair reminded the Board that the vision session will continue following this meeting and commented on increased activity at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

### **2. Council Liaison's Comments**

Councillor Dominato commented on the following and responded to questions:

- recruitment for a new City Manager;
- upcoming Council Motions involving arts and culture aspects;
- COVID economic recovery; staff are streamlining social initiatives; and
- PNE Amphitheater project; report likely going to Council in May.

### **3. Cultural Services Update**

The Managing Director of Cultural Services commented on the following and responded to questions:

- the Vancouver Plan; importance of arts and culture;
- renovations to aging cultural facilities;
- COVID recovery:
  - arts and culture approach;
  - working groups;
  - engagement with the Board;
  - Council report forthcoming;
- Culture I Shift:
  - second year has been approved in Budget;
  - staff rolling out projects, including comprehensive policy on commemorative naming; and
  - official launch to be confirmed.

### **4. Finance Report**

The Associate Director of VCT provided an update on the financials and, along with the Director of VCT, responded to questions.

## **5. Director's Report**

The Director of VCT reviewed the report and, along with the Associate Director of VCT, responded to comments.

The Director of VCT also updated the Board on recent developments including the following:

- staff comments/recommendations in response to the Board's motion to Council regarding special rates; and
- the Canadian Association for the Performing Arts will host a Town Hall with Minister Steven Guilbeault on March 25, 2021, at 9 am.

Further information on the above will be forwarded to the Board.

## **6. New Business**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Adriane  
SECONDED by Ann-Marie

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, April 22, 2021  
TIME: 12 pm  
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Board adjourned at 12:44 pm.

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