



## VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

### MINUTES

**MAY 13, 2021**

A Special meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, May 13, 2021, at 12:05 pm, via electronic means.

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

**ABSENT:** Anna Hagan  
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

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Kevin Burris, Manager, Civic Agencies

### WELCOME

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

### Leave of Absence Requests

None.

### 1. Visioning Document

The Chair shared the Board's current Visioning Document, which was then discussed by Board members.

MOVED by Adrian Fischer  
SECONDED by Donna Wong-Juliani

WHEREAS the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board has embarked on a significant visioning process to review and re-imagine the future of City's largest city-owned live performance venues; and

WHEREAS the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board has produced a summary document, "Vancouver Civic Theatres 2021 Visioning Road Map," which outlines the results of this process and a suggested plan for its development, funding and implementation; and

WHEREAS the city's cultural ecology and cultural community are evolving and undergoing major changes, many of which are presently under review and/or being addressed by City policies and programs; and

WHEREAS Vancouver Civic Theatres' operations and revenues have been severely impacted by the effects of the pandemic, as has the entire cultural community; and

WHEREAS Downtown Vancouver has faced unprecedented challenges as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, which call for a revitalization that renews the City Centre as a compelling area to work, live, and visit, regenerating economic activity and reinforcing our cultural vibrancy,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Vancouver Civic Theatres Board recommends:

- Vancouver City Council reviews and considers the projects proposed in "Vancouver Civic Theatres 2021 Visioning Road Map" document produced by the VCT Board;
- Vancouver City Council appoints a steering committee as soon as possible, which includes representation from City management, Cultural Services, City Planning, Vancouver Civic Theatres, key performing arts stakeholders, and other members at large with skills and experience in theatre/cultural management, fundraising and development, urban planning and architecture, to explore and lead major performing arts capital projects congruent with the goals outlined in the Vancouver Civic Theatres 2021 Visioning Road Map;
- Vancouver City Council requests that City Management and Cultural Services develop a budget for initial seed funding to address initial stakeholder consultation, preliminary planning and design, and relevant research. These funds could potentially be repaid through funding sources outlined in the Visioning Road Map.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Wendy Soobis

SECONDED by Donna Wong-Juliani

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, May 27, 2021  
TIME: 12:00 pm  
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Board adjourned at 1:58 pm.

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