



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

MAY 27, 2021

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 12:06 pm, via electronic means.

PRESENT: Wendy Soobis, Vice-Chair
Diane Brown
Ann-Marie Copping
Adrian Fischer
Alex Read
Paul Sihota
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
Christopher Ball, outgoing Chair, Vancouver Civic Theatres Board

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

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

Election of Chair (2021)

An election was scheduled to fill the position of Chair of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board as the former Chair, Christopher Ball, did not reapply to serve for another term.

During discussion, Board members felt that more time was needed to consider nominations and suggested the election be postponed to the next meeting. Board members also suggested the position of Vice-Chair be included in the election.

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani

SECONDED by Alex Read

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board postpone the election for the position of Chair (2021) to the next meeting on June 24, 2021;

FURTHER THAT an election for the position of Vice-Chair (2021) be included.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Note to Board members: nominations for the positions of Chair (2021) and Vice-Chair (2021) are open for consideration until the next meeting on June 24, 2021.

Leave of Absence Requests

None

Approval of Minutes – April 22 and May 13, 2021

MOVED by Diane Brown
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting of April 22 and the Minutes from the Special meeting of May 13, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Roundtable Introductions

The Board welcomed newly appointed members Alex Read and Paul Sihota, which was followed by roundtable introductions.

Christopher Ball, outgoing Chair, was present to provide transitional comments. Board members, staff and Councillor Dominato extended their thanks for Christopher's leadership, guidance and visioning work during an extremely challenging time.

2. Council Liaison's Comments

Councillor Dominato's comments included the following:

- recent Council approvals:
 - 2021 Cultural Grants and Theatre Rental Grants (Fall 2021/Spring 2022);
 - patio fees for restaurants waived to support outdoor eating;
 - additional pop-up plazas for people to gather; and
- the Province's reopening plans and opportunities.

Councillor Dominato also encouraged Board members to take the City's Shape Your City Survey ["Planning Vancouver Together: Complete, Connected Neighbourhoods"](#).

3. Cultural Services Update

The Managing Director of Cultural Services commented on the following:

- the Restart Plan in the community;
- recent meetings with representatives in the business sector;

- advocating to senior levels of government for funding to support smaller arts organizations; and
- progress on the [Culture I Shift](#) initiative.

4. Finance Report

The Associate Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres, reviewed the financials and responded to questions.

5. Director's Report

The Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres, reviewed the report, provided a brief background on impacts resulting from the sudden shutdown of civic services due to the pandemic and upcoming activities resulting from the new public health guidelines. The Director then responded to questions.

6. New Business

a) Meeting – June 24, 2021

In preparation for the next meeting the Vice-Chair asked Board members to forward any ideas for agenda items, keeping in mind priorities and the type of work the Board is mandated to do as outlined in the [Vancouver Civic Theatres Board By-law](#).

There was a brief discussion on the recent Visioning Session and the resulting document. The Vice-Chair confirmed that the document is now in the final editing stage and that it will be distributed to the Board when the final version is completed. (*Note: confidential document - internal distribution only*).

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani
SECONDED by Paul Sihota

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mike Vulgaris absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, June 24, 2021
TIME: 12 pm
PLACE: Webex Online

The Board adjourned at 1:41 pm.

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