



## VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

### MINUTES

**JUNE 24, 2021**

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 12:09 pm, via electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Wendy Soobis, Vice-Chair  
Diane Brown  
Ann-Marie Copping  
Adrian Fischer  
Alex Read  
Paul Sihota  
Donna Wong-Juliani  
Janice Wu

**ABSENT:** Mike Vulgaris (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Lisa Dominato, Council Liaison  
Natalie Lue, Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres  
(*Staff Liaison*)  
Guy Leroux, Associate Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres

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

### WELCOME

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

### Election of Chair and Vice-Chair (2021)

The Meeting Coordinator called for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board ('Board') for the remainder of 2021.

Following due process, it was

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani  
SECONDED by Paul Sihota

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board appoint Ann-Marie Copping as Chair for the remainder of 2021;

FURTHER THAT the Board reappoint Wendy Soobis as Vice-Chair for the remainder of 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*At this point in the proceedings, Ann-Marie Copping assumed the role of Chair.*

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### **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Wendy Soobis  
SECONDED by Diane Brown

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve a leave of absence for Mike Vulgaris for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Approval of Minutes – May 27, 2021**

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani  
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting held Thursday, May 27, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

The Chair commented on the Restart Plan and asked VCT staff about timing on a return to in-person meetings.

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

Councillor Dominato commented on the following and responded to questions:

- PNE/Hastings Park Amphitheatre Upgrade; Council approved the project unanimously on June 23, 2021; and
- [Shape Your City Survey "Planning Vancouver Together: Complete, Connected Neighbourhoods"](#); the Board was encouraged to stay informed and get involved.

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

The Director of VCT provided a brief update on the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) as follows:

- first meeting with newly appointed members will be on July 13, 2021;
- a Board representative is required to serve on the ACAC as a voting member; Board members were encouraged to consider volunteering for this position.

The Vice-Chair, as past VCTB representative to the ACAC, provided a brief overview.

The Meeting Coordinator called for nominations for the position of Board representative to the ACAC for the remainder of 2021.

Following due process, it was

MOVED by Adrian Fischer  
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board appoint Paul Sihota as the Board representative to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee for the remainder of 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **4. Finance Report**

The Associate Director of VCT reviewed 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 questions as follows:

- a Theatre Rental Grant Roundtable is taking place on July 7, 2021, from 9:30 to 11 am; an invitation will be forwarded to Board members; and
- VCT staff will provide an update on house seats either by email or at the next meeting.

#### **6. New Business**

##### **a) Visioning Document**

The Vice-Chair provided an update on the status of the visioning document. Once the final version is distributed, the Board can discuss next steps.

##### **b) August 19 Meeting**

The Board decided not to go ahead with the August 19 meeting due to the absence of some voting members. The Director of VCT agreed to provide a written report instead.

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani  
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board cancel the meeting scheduled for August 19, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Adrian Fischer  
SECONDED by Diane Brown

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, July 15, 2021  
TIME: 12 pm  
PLACE: Webex Online

The Board adjourned at 1:31 pm.

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