



## **VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD**

### **MINUTES**

**JULY 15, 2021**

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 12:10 pm, via electronic means.

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

**ABSENT:** Paul Sihota (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** 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:** 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 Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

### **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Diane Brown  
SECONDED by Alex Read

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve a leave of absence for Paul Sihota for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Wendy Soobis absent for the vote)

## **Approval of Minutes – June 24, 2021**

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani  
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting of June 24, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Wendy Soobis absent for the vote)

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*At this point in the proceedings, Wendy Soobis joined the meeting; Ann-Marie Copping relinquished the Chair to Wendy as Vice-Chair, for the duration of the meeting.*

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

The Vice-Chair acknowledged VCT staff on the success of Phase 1 of the Restart Plan and the recent Theatre Rental Grants Roundtable, and commented on future presentations, including re-starting the process of inviting core VCT clients to Board meetings.

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

Councillor Dominato was unable to attend the meeting.

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

The Managing Director of Cultural Services provided brief updates on the following and responded to questions:

- first Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting with newly appointed members on July 13, 2021;
- Reports of interest on upcoming Council agendas:
  - [Equity Framework](#): Council – July 20, 2021; and
  - [Vancouver Plan](#): Committee – July 21, 2021.

### **4. Arts & Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) Report**

This item was postponed.

### **5. Review VCT Visioning Road Map and Discuss Next Steps**

The Vice-Chair and Adrian Fischer provided an overview of the VCT Visioning Road Map and proposed recommendations. Following the overview, the Board discussed next steps.

Key points raised included:

- important to be proactive within the Board's mandate;
- focus on arts and culture-related components in new developments;
- Road Map recommendations to be implemented by a proposed steering committee comprised of COV staff and management, Board members, and members at large with related knowledge; and
- report to Council to be prepared in consultation with Councillor Dominato; Alex Read offered to re-format the document to a report.

The Vice-Chair reminded Board members that the VCT Visioning Road Map is a confidential document at this time.

## **6. Finance Report**

The Associate Director of VCT reviewed the financials and the annual budget process, and sought the Board's endorsement of the VCT 2022 Operating Budget.

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani  
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board endorse the Vancouver Civic Theatres 2022 Base Budget as presented at its meeting on July 15, 2021, with the recognition that Corporate Finance may adopt either the optimistic or the pessimistic option.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Janice Wu absent for the vote)

## **7. Director's Report**

The Director of VCT reviewed the report and responded to questions.

## **8. New Business**

### **a) Next meeting in September**

Board members were reminded that the next meeting is in September. The Director of VCT will forward a report for August, including a list of events.

In response to a question, Board members were advised that meetings will continue to be held electronically until further notice.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Adrian Fischer  
SECONDED by Diane Brown

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Ann-Marie Copping and Janice Wu absent)

### **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, September 16, 2021  
TIME: 12 pm  
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Board adjourned at 1:31 pm.

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