



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 2021

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 12:01 pm, via electronic means.

PRESENT: Ann-Marie Copping, Chair
Adrian Fischer
Alex Read
Paul Sihota
Wendy Soobis, Vice-Chair
Mike Vulgaris
Donna Wong-Juliani*

ABSENT: Diane Brown (Leave of Absence)
Janice Wu (Leave of Absence)

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: 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 Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve leaves of absence for Diane Brown and Janice Wu, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Donna Wong-Juliani absent for the vote)

MOVED by Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Mike Vulgaris

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve a leave of absence for Adrian Fischer for the meeting on November 25, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Donna Wong-Juliani absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Adrian Fischer
SECONDED by Mike Vulgaris

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, September 16, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Donna Wong-Juliani absent for the vote)

1. Chair's Comments

The Chair commented on upcoming appointments, inviting VCT user groups to meetings again and sought the Board's input on whether to continue meetings via webex or return to in-person (see *New Business*).

In discussion, Donna Wong-Juliani provided a brief update on VCT user group invites to upcoming meetings.

2. Council Liaison's Comments

Councillor Dominato commented on the following:

- Council meetings resumed in September;
- Council adopted a new hybrid meeting format (*combination of in-person and electronic meeting participation*);
- the Future of False Creek South is on the Standing Committee agenda this week;
- thanks to the Board for the Visioning Plan:
 - met with the City Manager and General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services, on next steps;
 - propose a motion be submitted to Council to refer the Visioning Plan to staff to review and provide a report back in the context of current planning.

Council Dominato, along with the Managing Director, Cultural Services, responded to questions.

3. Cultural Services Update

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

- 2021 Cultural Grants (operating and capital) and Artist Studio Awards, included on the Council agenda for November 16, 2021; this is the last grant report for 2021;
- the next grants report will be in late January/early February 2022; and
- staff met with Nolan Marshall, new Director of the Downtown Business Improvement Area (DTBIA); Nolan is from New Orleans and has an arts and culture background.

In discussion, the Chair suggested the new Director of the DTBIA be invited to a future Board meeting.

4. Arts & Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) Report

Paul Sihota, along with the Managing Director of Cultural Services, provided a brief update on the ACAC's strategic plan moving forward.

5. Finance Report

The Associate Director of VCT reviewed the financials and responded to questions.

6. Director's Report

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

7. New Business

a) Upcoming Meetings

i) December meeting

Board members expressed an interest in proceeding with the December 16, 2021, meeting.

ii) Board Meeting Format

The Chair sought the Board's input on whether to continue Board meetings electronically via webex or return to in-person participation. In discussion, many Board members expressed a preference for returning to in-person participation, with a hybrid format (*in person/electronic participation*) as an ongoing option.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani
SECONDED by Mike Vulgaris

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, November 25, 2021
TIME: 12 pm
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon
630 Hamilton Street
Vancouver, BC

The Board adjourned at 1:46 pm.

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