



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 17, 2022

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 12:02 pm, via electronic means.

PRESENT: Ann-Marie Copping, Chair
Diane Brown*
Anna Hagan*
Alex Read
Paul Sihota
Wendy Soobis, Vice-Chair
Mike Vulgaris*
Donna Wong-Juliani

ABSENT: Adrian Fischer (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 homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh People. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Alex Read

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve leaves of absence for Adrian Fischer from the following meetings:

- February 17, 2022;
- March 17, 2022; and
- April 21, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Anna Hagan absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes – January 20, 2022

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani

SECONDED by Diane Brown

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, January 20, 2022, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Anna Hagan absent for the vote)

1. Chair's Comments

The Chair commented on the recent PHO announcement regarding the lifting of restrictions on seating capacity in theatres and the return to hybrid Board meetings. The Chair advised that anyone attending meetings in-person must show their vaccination passport before entering to the meeting room as per City of Vancouver requirements.

2. Council Liaison's Comments

Councillor Dominato was unable to attend the meeting.

3. Cultural Services Update

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

- latest round of arts and culture grants;
- Public art and naming policies; and
- Vancouver Plan, which is expected to go to Council in June.

4. Arts & Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) Report

Paul Sihota, VCTB representative to the ACAC, provided a brief report, noting a new Co-Chair has been elected, and a [2021-2022 Work Plan](#) has been created.

5. Finance Report

The Associate Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres, provided an update on the financials for 2021 and responded to questions.

6. Director's Report

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

Highlights included:

- VCT now operating at full capacity
- some clients are still opting to operate with 50% (or other) capacity houses; and
- COVID-19 safety plans, including masks and proof of vaccination will continue for the foreseeable future.

7. New Business

a) Vancouver Civic Theatres 2021 Visioning Road Map

The Chair, along with the Managing Director of Cultural Services and the Director of VCT, updated Board members that the draft Motion regarding the VCT 2021 Visioning Road Map has been forwarded to staff for comment in advance of the motion being considered by Council on March 1, 2022.

During discussion, the Board asked the Chair to recommend to Councillor Dominato that she delay submission of the motion in order for the Board to review and refine the recommendations made in the Vision Road Map.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani
SECONDED by Anna Hagan

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Diane Brown and Mike Vulgaris absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, March 17, 2022
TIME: 12 pm
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon
630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC

The Board adjourned at 2:16 pm.

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