



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

MAY 19, 2022

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 12:05 pm, in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon, 630 Hamilton Street, and by electronic means.

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

ABSENT: Ann-Marie Copping, Chair (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Natalie Lue, Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres
(Staff Liaison)
Guy Leroux, Associate Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kevin Burris, Manager, Civic Agencies

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Vice-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 Adrian Fischer
SECONDED by Anna Hagan

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve a Leave of Absence for Ann-Marie Copping, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes – April 21, 2022

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani
SECONDED by Anna Hagan

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting held Thursday, April 21, 2022, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. DanceHouse

Donna Wong-Juliani introduced Jim Smith, Founder and Executive Director, DanceHouse, and Liesl Jauk, President, DanceHouse Board of Directors, and VCTB members introduced themselves. Jim and Liesl presented on DanceHouse programming, growth, and challenges, and responded to questions and comments.

2. Chair's Comments

The Vice-Chair relayed comments from the Chair, stating that they were both pleased to see the resumption of activity at all the theatres. The Vice-Chair commended staff for their excellent work. Board members and staff discussed current patron admission and food and beverage service procedures.

3. Council Liaison's Comments

Councillor Dominato was not able to attend, and sent regrets.

4. Cultural Services Update

The Managing Director, Cultural Services was not able to attend, and sent regrets.

5. Arts & Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) Report

Prior to the meeting, Paul Sihota, VCTB Representative to the ACAC, shared the April 22, 2022 ACAC letter to Council regarding the Capital Plan, which is available on the [City website](#). Paul provided an update on ACAC activities, and the Board discussed the Representative role and possibility of sharing it among Board members.

6. Finance Report

The Associate Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres, reviewed the Finance Report and responded to questions and comments.

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At this point in the meeting the Board agreed unanimously to alter the agenda to hear item 8 next. For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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8. Capital Plan

Alix Sales, Senior Cultural Planner, presented on the Capital Plan in relation to Arts and Culture, and responded to questions and comments.

The Board discussed Capital Plan priorities and processes, and the ACAC letter to Council referenced above.

7. Director's Report

The Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres reviewed the Director's Report and responded to questions and comments.

9. New Business

Paul Sihota asked about the status of the Visioning Document motion passed April 21, 2022. The Director confirmed that the Chair had passed the motion on to Councillor Dominato and that Mayor and Council have since been notified of the motion. The Vice-Chair will follow up with the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani
SECONDED by Anna Hagan

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Diane Brown absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, June 16, 2022
TIME: 12 pm
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon
630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC /
Webex Online

The Board adjourned at 2:00 pm.

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