



## **VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD**

### **MINUTES**

**JUNE 16, 2022**

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 12:04 pm, in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon, 630 Hamilton Street and by electronic means.

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

**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 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 Anna Hagan  
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve a leave of absence for Mike Vulgaris for the next meeting on July 21, 2022.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **Approval of Minutes – May 19, 2022**

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani

SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting held Thursday, May 19, 2022, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Guest: Urban Ink**

Donna Wong-Juliani provided opening remarks and introduced Melissa Tsang, Managing Director, Urban Ink, whose work is dedicated to celebrating Indigenous and diverse voices through performance and media. Melissa provided an overview of the company, their current and past projects, and responded to questions with a focus on how the VCT and Board can provide further support.

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*The Board recessed at 12:39 pm and reconvened at 12:43 pm*

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### **2. Chair's Comments**

The Chair, along with the Vice-Chair, commented on recent shows.

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

Councillor Dominato commented on the following and responded to questions:

- VCT Visioning Road Map Motion scheduled for the Council meeting on June 21, 2022; Board members can submit comments, letters of support and/or request to speak;
- Broadway Plan; deliberation continues; and
- Vancouver Plan; Council will consider the plan in July.

### **4. Cultural Services Update**

The Managing Director, Cultural Services was unable to attend the Board meeting.

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

Paul Sihota provided a brief update on the working session held June 15, 2022.

## **6. Finance Report**

The Associate Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres, reviewed the financials for May, noting the Queen Elizabeth and Orpheum Theatres were booked to capacity, and responded to questions.

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

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

## **8. New Business**

### **a) Jessie Richardson Theatre Awards**

Diane Brown announced what might be the last Jessie Awards event to be held on June 27, 2022, adding the society has made the decision to pause the event due to a lack of involvement from the theatre community.

### **b) Guest Presenter for July**

Donna Wong-Juliani announced that Angela Elster, President & CEO, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, will be the guest presenter for the July meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani  
SECONDED by Anna Hagan

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, July 21, 2022  
TIME: 12 pm  
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon  
630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC /  
Webex Online

The Board adjourned at 1:34 pm.

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