



## **VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD**

### **MINUTES**

**JULY 21, 2022**

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 12:15 pm, in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon, 630 Hamilton Street and by electronic means.

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

**ABSENT:** Mike Vulgaris (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Natalie Lue, Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres  
(Staff Liaison)

**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 Donna Wong-Juliani

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve leaves of absence for Diane Brown and Adrian Fischer for the September 15, 2022, meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Board discussed whether to schedule an August meeting and agreed not to proceed.

MOVED by Paul Sihota  
SECONDED by Anna Hagan

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board not proceed with scheduling an August meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Approval of Minutes – June 16, 2022**

MOVED by Wendy Soobis  
SECONDED Donna Wong-Juliani

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, June 16, 2022, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Guest: Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (VSO)**

Donna Wong-Juliani introduced Angela Elster, CEO, and Etienne Bruson, Board Chair, VSO, who presented an overview on the VSO, including programming and partnerships, and engaged the Board in a discussion on how the VSO could work with Vancouver Civic Theatres (VCT) to continue with collective recovery from the pandemic and find new opportunities to support arts organizations.

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*Following Item 1, the Board recessed at 12:58 and reconvened 1:09 pm.*

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

The Chair noted that Councillor Dominato's motion on the visioning document was approved by Council on June 22, 2022, and led a discussion with the Board on next steps.

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

Councillor Dominato sent regrets.

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

The Managing Director of Cultural Services sent regrets.

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

Paul Sihota noted an upcoming meeting with the Co-Chairs of ACAC to exchange information.

## **6. Finance Report**

Natalie Lue, Director, VCT, reviewed the financials noting that the VCT continues to make strides in recovering from the impact of the pandemic and responded to questions.

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

Natalie Lue, Director, VCT, reviewed the report and responded to questions.

## **8. Diversity on Advisory Bodies Policy**

Kevin Burris, Manager, Civic Agencies, City Clerk's Department, led a discussion with the Board on potential revisions to the City's *Diversity on Advisory Bodies Policy*.

In discussion, Kevin encouraged Board members to email any proposed revisions to the City Clerk Department over the summer.

The Chair requested this item be added to the September agenda for further discussion on proposed revisions.

## **9. New Business**

### **a. Partnerships**

The Board had a brief discussion on the VSO's presentation and potential next steps. The Chair requested this matter be added to the September agenda.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Donna  
SECONDED by Anna

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, September 15, 2022  
TIME: 12 pm  
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon  
630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC/  
Webex Online

The Board adjourned at 2:17 pm.

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