



## **VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD**

### **MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 12:05 pm, in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon, 630 Hamilton Street and by electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Ann-Marie Copping, Chair  
Anna Hagan  
Alex Read  
Paul Sihota  
Donna Wong-Juliani

**ABSENT:** Diane Brown (Leave of Absence)  
Adrian Fischer (Leave of Absence)  
Wendy Soobis, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)  
Mike Vulgaris (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** 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 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 Alex Read

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve leaves of absence for Wendy Soobis and Mike Vulgaris for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Approval of Minutes - July 21, 2022**

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani

SECONDED by Anna Hagan

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Chair's Comments**

The Chair commented on a recent show at the QE Theatre and on the upcoming civic election.

The Board engaged in a discussion on the upcoming civic election and ways to advocate for arts and culture representation. Staff suggested inviting the newly elected Council and Park Board on tours of the VCT facilities, and include Board members.

In response to a question, staff advised that the Visioning Road Map will be shared with the newly elected Council.

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

Councillor Dominato sent regrets.

### **3. Cultural Services Update**

The Managing Director of Cultural Services sent regrets.

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

There were no updates.

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

The Chair opened a discussion on succession planning and bringing diversity to the Board.

Board members were encouraged to reach out to their networks for potential applicants. In response to a question, staff agreed to follow-up with the Manager of Civic Agencies, to confirm whether applicants can be from COV affiliates such as VCT user groups.

### **6. Partnerships**

The Chair provided opening remarks and facilitated a discussion on how the Board could improve its support to VCT user groups, and agreed to continue discussion on partnerships at future meetings.

## **7. Finance Report**

The Associate Director of VCT reviewed the financials, noting VCT venues are very close to pre-pandemic numbers with revenue above budget, and responded to questions.

## **8. Director's Report**

The Director of VCT reviewed the report, noting the August 18 delegation of theatre professionals was from Taiwan, and responded to questions.

## **9. New Business**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani  
SECONDED by Paul Sihota

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, October 20, 2022  
TIME: 12 pm  
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon  
630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC /  
Webex Online

The Board adjourned at 1:23 pm.

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