



## **VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD**

### **MINUTES**

**JANUARY 19, 2023**

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 12:04 pm, in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon, 630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC.

**PRESENT:** Ann-Marie Copping, Chair  
Jake Anthony  
Diane Brown  
Frank Durnford  
Adrian Fischer  
Anna Hagan  
Mike Vulgaris  
Donna Wong-Juliani

**ABSENT:** Wendy Soobis (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Peter Meiszner, Council Liaison  
Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director of Cultural Services  
Natalie Lue, Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres (*Staff Liaison*)

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Ana Denissenko, Committee Clerk  
Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

### **WELCOME**

The Chair opened the meeting with an 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.

### **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair (2023)**

The Chair proposed that the elections be postponed until February to allow new Board members to become more familiar with the Board.

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani  
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board postpone elections for Chair and Vice-Chair until February, to allow new Board members to become more familiar with the Board.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Jake Anthony  
SECONDED by Anna Hagan

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve a leave of absence for Wendy Soobis for this meeting;

FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve leaves of absence for Anna Hagan and Mike Vulgaris for the February 16, 2023 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Approval of Minutes – November 17, 2022**

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani  
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, November 17, 2022, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Guest Speakers - Music on Main: David Pay, Artistic Director, and Shayna Goldberg, Operations Manager**

David Pay and Shayna Goldberg provided an overview of Music on Main, including its values and mission, and how the organization functioned during the pandemic. Following the presentation, they responded to comments and questions.

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

The Chair congratulated VCT staff on the results of the 2022 year and thanked Guy Leroux, Former Associate Director, for his work and support over the years

The Chair also provided an update on VSO priorities, having connected with former MLA Suzanne Anton.

At this point in the meeting, the Board had roundtable introductions.

### **3. Overview of VCT Board responsibilities**

Rob Haynes, Board member Emeritus, provided an overview on the role and responsibilities of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board, and responded to questions and comments.

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

Councilor Peter Meiszner provided updates on the following and responded to questions and comments:

- Council approved 2023 Cultural Grants;
- Council approved Uplifting Chinatown Culture Action Plan;
- Council discussed Granville Street Planning Program, and postponed further discussion to January 31, 2023 Council meeting; and
- encouraged Board members to attend the Lunar New Year celebration on Sunday, January 22, 2023.

## **5. Cultural Services Update**

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

- Granville Street Planning – important place for arts and culture;
- Uplifting Chinatown Culture Action Plan – immediate action is required in addition to the long-term planning;
- Encouraged Board Members to read the [Globe and Mail article](#) about Vancouver as a cultural hub;
- Provided an overview of grants at the City of Vancouver and highlighted that multi-year recommendations grant will be available, pending Council approval of the budget; and
- [Culture|Shift Interim Report](#) has been published

## **6. Partnerships**

No Updates.

## **7. Finance Report**

The Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres, reviewed the draft financials and responded to questions and comments.

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

The Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres, provided an overview of the report, and responded to questions and comments.

Krista Edwardson, Sales Manager, Vancouver Civic Theatres, provided a presentation on the work of Vancouver Civic Theatres, including 2023 programming and goals.

## **9. New Business**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Jake Anthony  
SECONDED by Ann-Marie Copping

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, February 16, 2023  
TIME: 12 pm  
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon  
630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC /  
Webex Online

The Board adjourned at 2:16 pm.

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