



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

MARCH 16, 2023

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 12:04 pm, in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon, 630 Hamilton Street, and by electronic means.

PRESENT: Jake Anthony, Vice-Chair
Diane Brown
Frank Durnford
Adrian Fischer
Wendy Soobis
Mike Vulgaris
Donna Wong-Juliani*

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

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Ana Denissenko, Committee Clerk

*Denotes absence from a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Vice-Chair opened the meeting with an acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. 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 Frank Durnford
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve leaves of absence for Anna Hagan and Ann-Marie Copping for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Donna Wong-Juliani absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes – February 16, 2023

MOVED by Diane Brown
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, February 16, 2023, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Donna Wong-Juliani absent for the vote)

1. Guest Speakers – Vancouver New Music

Guests speakers could not attend the March 16 Vancouver Civic Theatres Board meeting, and sent their regrets.

2. Chair's Comments

The Vice-Chair shared comments from the Chair regarding good VCT financial performance and great line-up of events at the Theatres.

3. Council Liaison's Comments

None.

4. Cultural Services Updates

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

- COV operating budget for 2023 has been approved;
- Upcoming grants report will be presented for Council consideration on April 12, and towards the end of May (including Theatre Rental Grants);
- Various ongoing City initiatives include, amongst others:
 - FIFA 2026, with a potentially significant cultural component;
 - Creative City Summit to be hosted by the City of Vancouver in 2024; and,
 - Vancouver Art Gallery redevelopment.

5. Finance Report

The Director reviewed the Finance Report and key performance indicators and responded to questions and comments:

- VCT are in surplus this February, largely thanks to the Broadway and Live Nation performances, as well as rescheduled events;
- Uptake in the rental revenue;
- Uptake in parking, staff, food and beverage thanks to the rental revenue increase;

- Fewer shows, but more people in attendance;
- Currently working on developing a mobile ordering app.

6. Director's Report

The Director provided an overview of the following and responded to questions and comments:

- Recruitment continues in VCT;
- Overview of March 2023 shows;
- Staff is working on the report based on the Vision Document, submitted by the Board;
- Edward Burtynsky's potential exhibition in Vancouver;
- The Museum of Vancouver has received a two-year grant from the City to start a sustainability program.

7. New Business

The Director announced that the next meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board meeting will be held at the Orpheum, 601 Smithe St, and will be in-person only.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, April 20, 2023
TIME: 12 pm
PLACE: Orpheum
601 Smithe St, Vancouver, BC

The Board adjourned at 12:58 pm.

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