



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2023

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 12:07 pm, in the Orpheum, 601 Smithe Street.

PRESENT: Ann-Marie Copping, Chair
Diane Brown
Frank Durnford
Anna Hagan
Wendy Soobis

ABSENT: Jake Anthony, Vice-Chair (Sick Leave)
Adrian Fischer (Leave of Absence)
Mike Vulgaris (Leave of Absence)
Donna Wong-Juliani (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Peter Meiszner, Council Liaison
Natalie Lue, Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres (Staff Liaison)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Ana Denissenko, Committee Clerk

WELCOME

The Chair 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 Anna Hagan
SECONDED by Diane Brown

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve leaves of absence for Adrian Fischer, Mike Vulgaris and Donna Wong-Juliani for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2023

MOVED by Frank Durnford
SECONDED by Diane Brown

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Chair's Comments

The Chair commented on the upcoming lineup at the Vancouver Civic Theatres, as well as events happening across the City.

2. Council Liaison's Comments

Councillor Meiszner provided an update on the recent Council meetings and responded to questions.

3. Cultural Services Updates

None.

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VARY AGENDA

At this point in the meeting, Board members decided to vary the agenda to hear the Director's Report, Finance Report, and New Business, and to conduct the tour of the Orpheum following the meeting. For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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6. Director's Report

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

- March has been busy with the events, including the well-attended Broadway Across Canada, Ballet BC, and Shen Yun;
- March staffing updates included newly-hired Marketing and Communications Manager, Technical Director, and Clerks;
- Ongoing interviews with candidates for positions of Associate Director, Senior Manager of Operations, and a Clerk position.

5. Finance Report

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

- VCT exceeded key performance indicators in March 2023 thanks to the Broadway Across Canada shows;
- While there were fewer events, more people attended;
- Food and beverage spending has increased to an average of \$5.11 per person in March 2023;

- Working with EasyPark to ensure parking accessibility.

7. New Business

Frank Durnford inquired about the nomination of a liaison to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee and Board members decided to postpone the nomination of the liaison to a future meeting, after Council appointments to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee are made.

The Chair asked if Board members prefer to meet in-person or switch to virtual meetings, instead of the hybrid option, and the Board members engaged in the discussion. Diane Brown proposed to have alternating in-person and online meetings, and Board members supported the idea.

The Board agreed to hold the May meeting virtually.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Diane Brown
SECONDED by Anna Hagan

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, May 18, 2023
TIME: 12 pm
PLACE: Webex Online

The Board adjourned at 12:54 pm.

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After the adjournment, Board members were given a tour of the Orpheum.