



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

May 18, 2023

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 12:05 pm, by electronic means.

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

ABSENT: Anna Hagan
Frank Durnford (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

*Denotes absence from a portion of the meeting.

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 Adrian Fischer
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve leave of absence for Frank Durnford for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mike Vulgaris absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2023

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani

SECONDED by Diane Brown

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, April 20, 2023, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mike Vulgaris absent for the vote)

1. Chair's Comments

The Chair commented on the Board tour of the Orpheum, performance of the Ballet BC, and thanked staff for the invite to the National Geographic showing at the Orpheum.

The Chair commented on the results of the poll regarding the time of the meetings and noted that the current time (12 – 2 pm) works best for the majority of the group. The Board agreed to keep the time of the meetings as is.

The Board discussed options for the meeting (in-person, hybrid, online), and agreed that hybrid option works best for the Board. The Board agreed to keep holding the meetings at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. VCT staff will continue to work on a better technology solution for hybrid meetings recognizing it can be difficult for those calling in to the meetings to fully hear and actively participate in discussions.

2. Council Liaison's Comments

None.

3. Cultural Services Updates

The Managing Director, Cultural Services, provided updates on the following:

- Ad-hoc memorial at the Vancouver Art Gallery;
- Arts and Culture Advisory Committee appointments;
- Grant recommendation report to go to Council, focused on tasks, infrastructure, and theatre rents.

4. Appointment to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani
SECONDED by Jake Anthony

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board appoint Diane Brown as Vancouver Civic Theatres Board liaison to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, for a term beginning immediately and ending December 3, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Finance Report

The Director reviewed the Finance Report and Performing Arts Centres stats report, including the following:

- April 2023 expenditures and revenues;
- Increased theatre capacity usage, compared to pre-pandemic;
- Food and beverage area updates.

6. Director's Report

The Director provided an overview of the following:

- April events including Elizabeth Gilbert, the Gypsy Kings, The Backseat Lovers, the VSO, and the Vancouver Opera
- Start of the Silent Movie Mondays;
- Ongoing staff recruitment;
- Potential update of a previous feasibility study regarding seismic and accessibility as well as other venue upgrades to the Orpheum.

7. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Adrian Fischer
SECONDED by Jake Anthony

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

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

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, June 22, 2023
TIME: 12 pm
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon/Webex Online

The Board adjourned at 1:40 pm.

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