



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

July 20, 2023

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 12:05 pm, at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Office, 3rd floor, 630 Hamilton Street, and by electronic means.

PRESENT: Ann-Marie Copping, Chair
Jake Anthony, Vice-Chair
Frank Durnford*
Adrian Fischer
Anna Hagan
Wendy Soobis
Donna Wong-Juliani*

ABSENT: Diane Brown (Leave of Absence)
Mike Vulgaris (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

*Denotes absence for 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 Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Anna Hagan

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

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

Approval of Minutes – June 22, 2023

MOVED by Anna Hagan

SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, June 22, 2023, as circulated.

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

1. Chair's Comments

The Chair commented on discussions around the new redevelopment site for the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and responded to questions.

2. Joint Venue Accessibility Subcommittee Discussion

The Board discussed the idea of the Joint Venue Accessibility Subcommittee. Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Jake Anthony
SECONDED by Donna Wong-Juliani

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board (VCTB) establish a Venue Accessibility Sub-Committee, consisting of the VCTB Vice-Chair and two other Board members, and up to five members to be invited from the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee;

FURTHER THAT the VCTB Vice-Chair and one member of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee will act as Co-Chairs of the Sub-Committee;

FURTHER THAT the Sub-Committee's role will be to advise the VCTB on how to further accessibility in Civic Theatres, as well as how to improve the experiences of all patrons with disabilities. Meetings will be held once a month virtually, at a time that is doable for a majority of members;

FURTHER THAT the following VCTB members be appointed to the Venue Accessibility Sub-Committee:

- Jake Anthony

withdrawn

WITHDRAWAL MOVED by Jake Anthony
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT the motion on the floor be withdrawn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Frank Durnford absent for the vote)

MOVED by Jake Anthony
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board (VCTB) reach out the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee (PDAC) regarding creating an unofficial liaison position between the VCTB and PDAC to advise on Vancouver Civic Theatres accessibility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Frank Durnford absent for the vote)

As part of the normal business of the Board, the Council Liaison provided updates (see [Granville Street Planning](#)) and responded to questions.

3. Finance Report

The Director reviewed the Finance Report and Performing Arts Centres stats report.

4. Director's Report

The Director provided an overview of the Director's Report. Following the Director's report, staff provided a presentation on Programming and Events.

5. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani
SECONDED by Jake Anthony

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, September 21, 2023
TIME: 12 pm
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon/Webex Online

The Board adjourned at 2:07 pm.

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