



## VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

### MINUTES

October 26, 2023

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 12:04 pm, at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon, 649 Hamilton Street, and by electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Ann-Marie Copping, Chair  
Frank Durnford  
Wendy Soobis  
Mike Vulgaris  
Donna Wong-Juliani

**ABSENT:** Jake Anthony, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)  
Diane Brown (Leave of Absence)  
Adrian Fischer (Leave of Absence)  
Anna Hagan (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Peter Meiszner (Council Liaison)  
Natalie Lue, Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres (Staff Liaison)  
Aliyah Amarshi, Associate Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres  
Peter Kendall, Theatre Rental Grants Administrator, Vancouver Civic Theatres

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Kirsty Colquhoun, 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 Donna Wong-Juliani  
SECONDED by Mike Vulgaris

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve leaves of absence for Jake Anthony, Diane Brown, Adrian Fischer and Anna Hagan for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2023**

MOVED by Wendy Soobis  
SECONDED by Donna Wong-Juliani

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, September 21, 2023, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Guest: Flamenco Rosario and the Vancouver International Flamenco Festival**

This agenda item has been postponed to a future meeting.

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

The Chair provided updates and responded to questions.

### **3. Liaison Updates**

Staff Liaison introduced Aliyah Amarshi, Associate Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres, who will attend the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board meetings going forward.

Council Liaison provided an update on the [Mayor's Budget Task Force](#) and Mayor Sim's motion "[Accelerating Housing Delivery Through Transformative Change](#)" and responded to questions on the "[897 Granville Street – Sign By-law Amendment](#)" and the former [Rec Room Granville](#) space.

### **4. Finance Report**

The Director reviewed the Finance Report and the Performing Arts Centres Stats Report and responded to questions.

Following the Finance Report, the Theatre Rental Grant Administrator provided a presentation on the Vancouver Civic Theatres Rental Rates and responded to questions.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Donna Wong-Juliani  
SECONDED by Mike Vulgaris

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board endorse the VCT Rental rates as presented by staff at the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board meeting on October 26, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **5. Director's Report**

The Director provided an overview of the Director's Report and responded to questions.

**6. New Business**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Mike Vulgaris  
SECONDED by Donna Wong-Juliani

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, November 23, 2023  
TIME: 12 pm  
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Boardroom/Webex  
Online

The Board adjourned at 1:08 pm.

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