



## VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

### MINUTES

**November 23, 2023**

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, November 23, 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  
Adrian Fischer\*  
Anna Hagan  
Mike Vulgaris

**ABSENT:** Diane Brown (Leave of Absence)  
Wendy Soobis (Leave of Absence)  
Donna Wong-Juliani

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Peter Meiszner (Council Liaison)  
Natalie Lue, Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres (Staff Liaison)  
Aliyah Amarshi, Associate Director, 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 Anna Hagan  
SECONDED by Mike Vulgaris

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve leave of absence requests for Diane Brown and Wendy Soobis for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Approval of Minutes – October 26, 2023

MOVED by Mike Vulgaris  
SECONDED by Anna Hagan

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, October 26, 2023, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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### **VARY AGENDA**

*MOVED by Ann-Marie Copping*

*SECONDED by Mike Vulgaris*

*THAT the Board vary the agenda to allow Item 2 to go before Item 1, followed by Item 7.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY**

*Note: For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.*

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## **2. Guests from the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and School of Music**

Natasha McEwen, Chief of Staff and Strategic Integration for the [Vancouver Symphony Orchestra](#) and [VSO School of Music](#) along with Suzanne Anton, a member of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra provided updates and comments and responded to questions.

## **1. Vice-Chair Appointment**

Due to lack of quorum the Board agreed to postpone the appointment of a Vice-Chair to the first meeting in January of 2024.

## **7. New Business**

*MOVED by Adrian Fischer*

*SECONDED by Mike Vulgaris*

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board endorse the VCT 2024 Operating Budget as presented by staff at the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board meeting on November 23, 2023.

CARRIED  
(Frank Durnford abstained from the vote)

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*The Board lost quorum at 12:45 pm after the agenda item 7 and moved into a working session.*

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**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, January 25, 2024  
TIME: 12 pm  
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Boardroom/Webex  
Online

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