



## VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

### MINUTES

January 25, 2024

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 12:04 PM, in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Boardroom, 649 Cambie Street, and via electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Ann-Marie Copping, Chair  
Frank Durnford, Vice-Chair  
Diane Brown  
Anna Hagan  
Wendy Soobis  
Mike Vulgaris  
Mike Wallberg  
Donna Wong-Juliani

**ABSENT:** Adrian Fischer (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Peter Meiszner, Council Liaison  
Branislav Henselmann, Deputy General Manager, Arts,  
Culture and Tourism  
Natalie Lue, Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres, Staff  
Liaison  
Aliyah Amarshi, Associate Director, Vancouver Civic  
Theatres  
Krista Edwardson, Senior Manager, Sales, Vancouver  
Civic Theatres  
Tara Nazemi, Sales and Programming Coordinator,  
Vancouver Civic Theatres

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Ana Denissenko, Committee Clerk

\*Denotes absence from a portion of the meeting.

### WELCOME

The Committee Clerk acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tseil-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 a leave of absence for Adrian Fischer, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Frank Durnford absent for the vote)

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Ann-Marie Copping  
SECONDED by Anna Hagan

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, November 23, 2023, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Frank Durnford absent for the vote)

### **1. Introductions**

Board members, Liaisons, and staff provided brief introductions.

### **2. Vancouver Civic Theatres Board – Role and Mandate**

The Manager, Civic Agencies provided a presentation and, with the Staff Liaison, responded to questions and comments.

### **3. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Liaison to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee**

MOVED by Frank Durnford  
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board appoint Ann-Marie Copping Chair of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board for a term ending December 1, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Mike Vulgaris  
SECONDED by Donna Wong-Juliani

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board appoint Frank Durnford Vice-Chair of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board for a term ending December 1, 2024.

FURTHER THAT Vancouver Civic Theatres Board appoint Wendy Soobis as alternate Vice-Chair of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board for a term ending December 1, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Frank Durnford  
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board appoint Diane Brown Liaison to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee for a term ending December 1, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*At this point in the proceedings, Ann-Marie Copping assumed the Chair.*

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**4. Guest Speaker: Rosario Ancer, Flamenco Rosario and the Vancouver International Flamenco Festival**

Postponed to a future meeting.

**5. Chair's Comments**

The Chair provided comments regarding upcoming shows at VCT and an update on the meeting with Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and School of Music in November 2023.

**6. Liaison Updates**

The Council Liaison provided updates on the following and responded to questions:

- [Mayor's Budget Task Force](#)
- [Jericho Lands Policy Statement](#)
- Park Board transition pending legislative changes in spring 2024

The Deputy General Manager, Arts, Culture and Tourism, provided an update on the following:

- [Juno Awards](#) to be hosted in Vancouver in 2025
- FIFA 2026 Fan Fest work underway
- Destination development in Vancouver
- [2024 Cultural Grants](#)
- Upcoming events and concerts in 2024

**7. VCT 2024 Programming**

VCT Staff provided a presentation on VCT 2024 Programming and responded to questions and comments.

**8. Director's Report**

The Director provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

**9. New Business**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Anna Hagan  
SECONDED by Donna Wong-Juliani

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, February 22, 2024  
TIME: 12:00 PM  
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Boardroom, 649  
Cambie Street/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 1:58 PM.

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