



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

June 28, 2018

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, June 28, 2018, at 12:02 pm, in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon, 630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC.

PRESENT: Rob Haynes, Chair
Christopher Ball
Diane Brown
Hugh Cochlin
Adrian Fischer
Anna Hagan
Wendy Soobis

ABSENT Sue Adams (Leave of Absence)
Donna Wong-Juliani (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Council Liaison
Sandra Gajic, Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres;
Staff Liaison
Guy Leroux, Associate Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Irina Dragnea, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged that we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we give thanks for their generosity and hospitality on these lands.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Christopher Ball
SECONDED by Diane Brown

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve leaves of absence for Wendy Soobis and Hugh Cochlin for the next meeting on July 19, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

Wendy Soobis provided additional details regarding Item 3 Arts and Culture Policy Council (ACPC) Report, in the May 24, 2018, minutes, as follows:

Ms. Soobis reported on the most recent ACPS meeting as follows:

- Update on the Creative City Strategy, including highlights of first phase findings, public consultation and emerging five key themes;
- Appointment of Christy Charles as Vancouver's new Poet Laureate; and
- Change in the role of ACPC Chair.

MOVED by Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Hugh Cochlin

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting held May 24, 2018, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Chair's Comments

The Chair's comments included the following:

- Regular Council meeting – June 19, 2018 – Administrative Report: [Vancouver Civic Theatres Rental Rates 2019-2020](#)
- Iranian Show
- [2018 Orpheum Theatre Guided Tours](#)
- [City of Reconciliation Plaza Naming Project](#)
 - Thank you to Wendy Soobis for representing the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board at the QET Plaza Renaming.

2. Guests: **Kelly Tweeddale, President, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Fred Withers, Chair, Board of Directors, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra**

Fred Withers, Chair, Board of Directors, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, provided an update on the 99th season of the VSO as an orchestra. Highlights included:

- Marion Newman joined the orchestra on the [VSO Central Canada Tour Celebrating Maestro Tovey's Contribution to Music in Canada](#)
- Tributes and farewells of Maestro Tovey
- Cusp of the VSO's 100th Anniversary and welcoming Maestro Otto Tausk as the VSO's new music director
- Major initiatives:
 - Revitalization of the Orpheum Theatre
 - Strategic Planning phase
 - Theatre Rental Grant

Kelly Tweeddale, President, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, provided an overview of the upcoming VSO's 100th Anniversary Season. Highlights included:

- [Symphony @ Sunset](#)
- [The VSO at Whistler](#) for Canada Day
- Special live symphonic performances to movies to expand from the Harry Potter series to include Star Wars: A New Hope in July and La La Land in November
- Joint retrofit of video technology at the Orpheum between VSO through the grant from BC Gaming Commission matched 50% from VCT Capital Reserve
- [100th Anniversary Day of Music](#) – January 26, 2019
 - Looking to the Vancouver Civic Theatre Board for feedback

Ms. Tweeddale also spoke about the VSO's funding through the Theatre Rental Grant and mentioned that this is the first time in 40 years that the VSO was funded only at 74% instead of 100%.

3. Arts and Culture Policy Council (ACPC) Report

None.

4. Finance Report / Presentation of Draft Budget

Mr. Leroux provided a presentation on the 2019 Draft Budget and 2019 Workplan, and, along with Ms. Gajic, responded to questions.

The Vancouver Civic Theatres Board is extremely thankful to staff for their work and the details put into the 2019 Draft Budget.

6. Director's Report

Ms. Gajic reviewed the report and answered to questions.

7. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Adrian Fischer
SECONDED by Diane Brown

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, July 19, 2018
TIME: 12 Noon
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Boardroom
649 Cambie Street, Vancouver, BC

The Board adjourned at 1:39 pm.

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