



## VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

### MINUTES

**JULY 18, 2019**

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, July 18, 2019, at 12:01 pm, in Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon, 630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver BC.

**PRESENT:** Rob Haynes, Chair  
Diane Brown  
Ann-Marie Copping  
Adrian Fischer  
Anna Hagan  
Wendy Soobis, Vice-Chair

**ABSENT:** Sue Adams (Leave of Absence)  
Christopher Ball (Leave of Absence)  
Donna Wong-Juliani

**ALSO PRESENT:** Natalie Lue, Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres  
Guy Leroux, Associate Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres  
Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director of Cultural Services

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Irina Dragnea, Meeting Coordinator

### WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone and acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Wendy Soobis  
SECONDED by Diane Brown

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve leaves of absence for Sue Adams and Christopher Ball for today's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Approval of Minutes – June 20, 2019**

MOVED by Anna Hagan  
SECONDED by Adrian Fischer

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the Minutes from the meeting of June 20, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Chair's Comments**

The Chair discussed a potential change of date for the next Board meeting, currently scheduled for September 26, 2019, in order to accommodate the Director's schedule. The Chair agreed to survey Board members and make a decision accordingly.

### **2. Arts and Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) Report**

The Vice-Chair provided a brief report about ACAC's July 18, 2019, working session and noted that two presentations were received on the Creative City Strategy and the Music Strategy.

The Vice-Chair also responded to questions about ACAC's mandate as an advisory body focusing on arts and culture at the City of Vancouver.

### **3. Cultural Services Update**

Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director of Cultural Services, provided an introduction to the forthcoming staff report on the Creative City Strategy. Lara Honrado, Assistant Director, Cultural Services, provided an in-depth presentation on the Creative City Strategy and responded to questions.

### **4. Finance Report**

Guy Leroux, Associate Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres (VCT), reviewed the June 2019 VCT financials, the VCT accounts receivable, and responded to questions. In response to the Chair's question about Council's approval of the proposed VCT rates for the 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 seasons, he clarified that the rates had been approved but that they were different than those previously presented to and approved by the Board at the last Board meeting. The Board noted their concern that they were unaware of this change; a discussion ensued about how best to move forward with these types of changes.

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

Natalie Lue, Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres, reviewed the report and responded to questions.

**6. New Business**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Adrian Fischer  
SECONDED by Anna Hagan

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, September 12, 2019  
TIME: 12:00 pm  
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salon  
630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC

The Committee adjourned at 1:47 pm.

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