

Arts and Culture Advisory Committee 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Work Plan

Scott Swan, Chair, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

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Arts and Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) Members

Voting members:

Henry Chung *(new)*

Kirsten Hall

Sophie Liu

Sanaz Mani *(new)*

Freda Pagani

Jenny Sengara *(new)*

Scott Swan

Monique Wilberg

Non-voting members:

Nicole Brown, SD45 Board of Education

Victoria Mendes, Kay Meek Arts Centre

Catherine Schachtel, West Vancouver Community Arts Council

Andy Krawczyk, West Vancouver Memorial Library

Council Liaisons: Councillor Cassidy, Councillor Gambioli

2025 Highlights

- Finalized the Arts & Culture Strategy Update (2025-2029)
- Implementation of the Strategy Update:
 - worked in partnership with West Vancouver Community Arts Council (WVCAC) to develop a strategy to create an umbrella group for the arts
 - continued to meet with members of the community to further address the need for a purpose-built arts and culture centre as set out in the 2019 Arts & Culture Facilities Plan
 - advanced plans for a street animation (i.e. busking) program for Ambleside for 2026
 - oversaw creation of an online database of rental spaces in West Vancouver for meetings, workshops, performances



2026 Work Plan Priorities: Implementation of the Strategy Update

- continue to advocate for the timely confirmation of a location and process for a purpose-built arts and culture centre
- develop a financial and communications framework for the public on a purpose-built arts and culture centre
- pending Council approval through the 2026 budget process, continue to partner with the WVCAC to develop an umbrella organization for the arts in West Vancouver



2026 Work Plan Priorities: Implementation of the Strategy Update

- pending Council approval for an uncurated pilot program for street animation (i.e. busking) for the summer, evaluate the program's success and impact, and make any recommendations to Council
- partner with the WVCAC to convene arts groups from the North Shore serving West Vancouver for relationship building, alliances, and collaboration



2026 Work Plan Priorities: Implementation of the Strategy Update

- maintain connection with other arts-related committees with a non-voting representative on the Community Grants Committee and the Public Art Advisory Committee
- maintain connection to the West Vancouver Art Museum and Ferry Building Gallery with committee Working Groups that include members of the community



Recommendation

THAT

- the presentation on the 2025 highlights of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee be received for information; and
- the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee's 2026 Work Plan be approved as presented.

Thank You! Questions?

