

Arts & Culture Strategy Update (2025-2029)

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March 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

Arts & Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) Members

(March 1, 2025)

Voting members:

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Scott Johnson

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Scott Swan

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Nicole Brown, SD45

Victoria Mendes, Kay Meek Arts Centre

Catherine Schachtel, West Vancouver Community Arts Council

Andy Krawczyk, West Vancouver Memorial Library

Council Liaisons: Councillor Gambioli, Councillor Watt

Purpose of the Arts & Culture Strategy Update

- Confirm the vision and values for West Vancouver's arts and culture
- Ensure collaboration among the arts and culture groups to achieve common goals
- Set directions for the long-term sustainability of arts and culture
- Guide and support decision-making by Council and the integration of arts and culture into District-wide planning processes
- Propose roles for the arts sector and the District in collaboratively implementing the Strategy Update



Process for Arts & Culture Strategy Update

- Questionnaires developed by the ACAC sent to 220 individual artists and 38 arts groups
- Workshops held in June 2024 to review results & confirm emerging priorities
- ACAC met with the Ambleside Dunderave Business Improvement Association, Horseshoe Bay Business Association, and the West Vancouver Memorial Library Board for additional input
- On October 7, 2024, key priorities with immediate implications for policy changes and budget requests for the 2025 staff work plans, budget process, and ACAC work plan were presented to Council



Goals & Strategies

Goal 1 PEOPLE – Enable Leadership and Collaboration

Strategies: Strengthen Partnerships and Collaboration; Build District Capacity Planning and Decision-Making; Build Local Capacity

Goal 2 PROGRAMS – Enhance Opportunities

Strategies: Promote Diversity and Inclusion; Promote the Visibility of Indigenous Arts and Culture; Increase Activities



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Goal 3 PLACES – Enhance Spaces and Places

Strategies: Manage Existing District Facilities; Explore the Use of Additional Existing Facilities; Provide New Facilities; Enhance Public Spaces and Support Placemaking



Goal 4 PROCESS – Improve processes

Strategies: Increase Awareness; Increase Investment; Support and Establish Policies to Advance Arts and Culture



ACAC 2025 Work Plan - Key Items

- Finalize Arts & Culture Strategy Update (2025-2029) for Council consideration
- Complete the Implementation Plan for the Strategy Update by identifying the lead/support for each priority and timeline for completion
- Develop an independent umbrella group which will connect, support, and provide services for the community arts groups and individual artists in West Vancouver
- Monitor progress of Council confirmation for a location for a purpose-built arts facility that is reflective of the Arts & Culture Facilities Plan (2019)
- Monitor progress of the 2025 operational priorities from the Strategy Update such as electrical infrastructure in parks, combined marketing efforts, publicly accessible database of arts spaces, development of bylaw amendments
- Review and endorse recommendations from the District Advisory Panels related to arts and culture that require Council approval as needed

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THAT

1. the West Vancouver Arts & Culture Strategy Update (2025-2029), attached as Appendix B to this report dated February 12, 2025 from the Senior Manager of Cultural Services, be approved;
2. staff be directed to work with the Arts & Culture Committee and community arts groups to implement the recommendations in the West Vancouver Arts & Culture Strategy Update (2025-2029) subject to annual budget process; and
3. the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan, attached as Appendix C to this report dated February 12, 2025, be approved.

Thank You! Questions?



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