

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

Committee Members: S. Tsangarakis (Chair), J. Baxter, P. Bowles, B. Milley, K. Rosin, S. Swan; and Councillor P. Lambur attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities. Absent: R. Finley and E. Oram-Killas.

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Liaison); and F. Costa, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

Guest: Councillor S. Thompson attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 8, 2022 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the January 13, 2022 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Council Liaison Update

Councillor Lambur informed the members that Council will consider “Proposed Bylaw Amendment to Supporting Local Economy” at the February 14, 2022 Council meeting. Under this item, there is a proposal for zoning bylaw amendments to support home-based businesses that will enable artists with home-based studios to sell from their home. Staff will send the link to the staff report that outlines the bylaw changes for Council’s consideration. Members discussed attending the meeting to support the recommendation.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Council Liaison Update be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Arts Facilities Advisory Committee Update

Staff provided an update on the first Arts Facilities Advisory Committee's (AFAC) meeting on January 25 with new members, Terms of Reference (ToR), and work plan.

The AFAC reviewed their ToR and draft work plan with discussion and questions from new committee members and public regarding the committee's role in this phase of arts facility planning. Arts & Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) discussed organizing a joint meeting with the AFAC once they have confirmed their work plan with Council approval. Staff will ask R. Finley, ACAC's representative on the AFAC, to raise the proposed joint meeting with the AFAC at an appropriate time when the AFAC has something to share.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Arts Facilities Advisory Committee Update be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Street Performer Pilot Project Update

S. Swan updated the members on a meeting with Maureen O'Brien, Executive Director of the Ambleside Dundarave Business Improvement Association (ADBIA) that included S. Habib and staff. S. Swan subsequently sent a proposal to the ADBIA for a pilot program with some budget options. This was submitted as a private proposal, not on behalf of the District or the Committee.

S. Swan also informed the Committee about a meeting with Park Royal's General Manager and Marketing Manager, who expressed interest in developing a program in Park Royal.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Street Performer Pilot Project Update be received for information.

CARRIED

J. Baxter left the meeting at 3:45 p.m. and did not return.

7. Affordable Rental Spaces for the Cultural Sector Update

Affordable rental spaces for individual artists and arts groups have been identified as a need for West Vancouver and have been discussed at previous ACAC meetings. SpaceFinder, managed by the BC Alliance for Arts & Culture, has been the most comprehensive, well-managed, and up to date source for Lower Mainland spaces for all arts disciplines. The Alliance has suspended the service due to financial and human resources. Another source is: thisopenspace.com/venues

The District has the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw (PTE) for organizations classified as charities, which, in return for tax exemptions, must provide their available spaces to other not for profit groups. The COVID-19 pandemic shut down a number of spaces in the community for periods of time and staff is not sure on the current situation for all organizations receiving PTE's.

Committee discussed ideas on how to make affordable rental spaces available to artists such as the development of a simple database, or a platform similar to VRBO or Airbnb that is self-managed, or how to check the spaces that could be made available by charities that receive tax advantages. The issue is also that West Vancouver has little to no industrial space with empty or usable spaces at low cost. Councillor Lambur offered to check with the British Pacific Properties about possibilities for rental spaces. All members agreed that further discussion about this topic is required.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Affordable Rental Spaces for the Cultural Sector Update be received for information and that further discussion continue.

CARRIED

J. Baxter absent at the vote

8. Staff Update

Staff reported on the following:

- The agenda for the next meeting will include the results of the Annual Committee Evaluation completed in 2021 for members to review and discuss.
- Planning is underway for all summer District events including the Bridge Festival and National Indigenous Peoples Day in June, Canada Day in July, Harmony Arts Festival in August, and other community-led events for spring and summer.
- The Ferry Building reopening is scheduled for early May. There will be a “ribbon cutting” event for funders and a separate opening reception for the first show, the annual exhibition of the Capilano University students’ design program.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Staff Update be received for information.

CARRIED

J. Baxter absent at the vote

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

NEXT MEETING

10. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2022 at 3 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 8, 2022 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

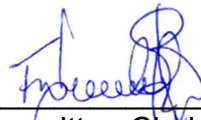
J. Baxter absent at the vote

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Committee Clerk