

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2022**

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

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: I. Gutzmann, President of the North Shore Artists' Guild, and P. Aldrich attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 12, 2022 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

J. Baxter absent at the vote

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the April 5, 2022 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

J. Baxter absent at the vote

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Council Liaison Update

There was no update.

5. Meetings with Community Groups – North Shore Artists’ Guild

Ingrid Gutzmann, President of the North Shore Artists’ Guild (NSAG), a community group active across the North Shore, provided an overview of the organization, the engagement with artist members, and the challenges faced by the NSAG. The key issue facing the NSAG at this time is capacity. There is a lack of human capacity to organize events, meetings and help the organization be more effective in marketing and communications. Many of the members are seniors with some losses in membership experienced through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Committee discussed other organizations, their work model and funding framework. The Suncoastarts.com artist directory and database was discussed as an effective tool for the Sunshine Coast community. This service would require funding and staffing to maintain. North Van Arts created the Culture Compass which is also an excellent tool for the arts community, government, residents and visitors to learn more about the cultural sector of the North Shore. The Culture Compass has been an enormous undertaking with significant seed funding from the federal government and ongoing support from a number of sources so is worth looking to in terms of how it could be used for the needs offered by a directory/database. It was recommended that North Van Arts join a future Committee meeting to present the Culture Compass.

The Committee also discussed opportunities to attract the youth and partnerships to increase the NSAG’s reach.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

1. North Van Arts be invited to a Committee meeting to present the Culture Compass; and
2. the discussion regarding Meetings with Community Groups – North Shore Artists’ Guild be received for information.

CARRIED

J. Baxter absent at the vote

6. Arts Facilities Advisory Committee Update

R. Finley updated the Committee about the Arts Facilities Advisory Committee’s (AFAC) recent meeting and the workshops that will be held on June 22 and 23 with arts groups and the general public, respectively, followed by a community survey to take place during the summer, as part of the visioning process. Staff is working on developing the list of community arts groups that will participate in the workshops. Workshops will also host a cross-section of community members and be facilitated by consultants. ACAC members are encouraged to share the notice for the meetings once this has been prepared and shared.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

J. Baxter absent at the vote

7. Strategic Planning Session Discussion

Chair updated the Committee about the Strategic Planning Session scheduled for June 2, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. P. Bowles introduced Phil Aldrich, facilitator for the session who provided an overview of his experience and an outline of the Strategic Planning Session which will help the Committee identify and focus on the priorities and develop creative and decisive solutions. The goal is to create a tangible plan attached to the Committee's three priorities as stated in the 2022 Work Plan.

J. Baxter entered the meeting at 3:32 p.m. via electronic communication facilities.

R. Finley left the meeting at 3:48 p.m. and did not return.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Strategic Planning Session Discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

R. Finley absent at the vote

8. Staff Update

Staff reported on the following:

- D. Khormali was appointed to the Committee at the May 9 Council meeting. D. Khormali will attend the next meeting.
- the Community Grants 2022 recommendations will go to Council on June 27, and the public can attend in-person or virtually.
- Bridge Festival is scheduled for Friday, June 3 from 4 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, June 4 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. in Ambleside Park. The programming is being developed by community cultural groups, and the Festival offers a great opportunity for the Committee to engage with these groups and get to know many of the community's arts and culture sector. Entry is free and open to all.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

R. Finley absent at the vote

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

NEXT MEETING

10. NEXT MEETING

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the next Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be scheduled for June 2, 2022 at 10 a.m. and be held in-person at the Music Box.

CARRIED

R. Finley absent at the vote

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 12, 2022 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

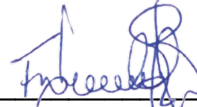
R. Finley absent at the vote

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Committee Clerk