

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
ARTS FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AFAC) MEETING MINUTES  
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019**

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Committee Members: B. Brink; R. Brown; M. Evans; E. Fiss; C. Stringer; D. Tiffany; J. Webb (Meeting Chair); and J. Wexler. Absent: R. Seyednejad; P. Tutsch; and Councillor C. Cameron.

Staff: C. Rosta, Events & Festival Manager; D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services; P. Fretz, Business Manager; I. Haras, Parks Planning & Development; L. de Jesus, Recording Clerk.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the December 4, 2019, Arts Facilities Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the November 13, 2019, Arts Facilities Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**REPORTS / ITEMS**

**4. Arts & Culture Advisory Committee Update**

- D. Tiffany reported on the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) meeting held on December 3. The ACAC is looking to meet with more stakeholders in the next three months.
- A Communications Subcommittee was formed to explore more effective ways to disseminate information to and regarding the arts community. The Community Grants Committee and ACAC Multi-committee Subcommittee will schedule its first meeting in the new year.
- The ACAC will meet on January 30 to review the final facilities report.

**5. Debrief of November 20 Community Presentation**

Q. Talbot-Kelly of Cornerstone Planning Group (Cornerstone) provided a project and schedule update. The Council presentation is rescheduled for February 10, 2020.

Discussions ensued regarding feedback from the community presentation on all site options.

- Site selection and the reliance on parking

The attendance was not indicative of a cross section of the community. The committee needs to hear from more people under 65. There may need to be an assumption that parking could be repurposed in the future. The community consultation aspect may involve the Community Engagement Committee.

- Site configuration

There was discussion about separating parking; using a pedestrian bridge or tunnel over the tracks that could reach surface level parking and provide access to the tennis courts site. It was noted that a tunnel under the railway is a complicated endeavour that has to factor in sea level and sewer issues.

Having two facilities on one site provides for a better funding opportunity. It could still be visually separated but have shared space such as the lobby in the West Vancouver Community Centre. The suggestion of phasing a building will have extra costs and risks but perhaps not as much as two completely separate buildings. There is also a human resources consideration as there are efficiencies in a consolidated option.

An unnamed member of the public inquired what the cheapest option would be.

**Action:** For transparency, Cornerstone will add an appendix to the report to include comments received from the community presentation.

- Appreciation of existing facilities

There is no building design at this point of the project. Office space for rent to arts groups has been identified.

A comment was made regarding the community presentation lacking soul. This was in large part because it was a technical report.

**Action:** Cornerstone will add foreword on architectural brief.

Staff will recirculate the Facility Needs Assessment Report.

- Future considerations

Park Department is working on a master plan and will further address the future of the tennis courts; Cornerstone to obtain further information from I. Haras. Community groups will not be required to move until there is new space to go to.

- Access considerations

Traffic and parking studies will not occur in this phase of the project. Sites south of the tracks need further considerations and address implications such as crossings, traffic backup, foot traffic, public safety etc.

E. Fiss left the meeting at 10:12 a.m. and did not return.

## 6. Costing Information Discussion

Cornerstone presented the capital costing for the top three options including parking. An unnamed member of the public asked for clarification on the options presented.

**Action:** Cornerstone to provide information on green initiative costs.

Cornerstone to confirm servicing costs information (new water and sewer); from the District's Engineering Department.

## 7. Final Report Status Update

- Cornerstone will provide the final report to the committee prior to the December 18 committee meeting. The current draft Table of Contents was presented to the committee and discussion ensued.

**Action:** Cornerstone to make amendments to the report as discussed at this meeting.

- An unnamed member of the public inquired when the final report would be available to the public.
- AFAC and Cornerstone will present the final facilities report to Council on February 10.
- Further discussion held regarding including language that clearly explains the plan for a potential building is far more than an arts centre, but rather a community, placemaking and business benefit.

## 8. Other Business

No other business discussed.

## 9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday, December 18 at 9:15 a.m. in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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G. Nicholls commented on parking and its potential to be utilized by other users. H Field will be dedicated to other facilities and there will be pressure on Ambleside. He suggests hiding parking as an indirect benefit of displacing stalls in park land. He asks the AFAC to think beyond the box, accommodate both arts and culture, not just arts, and build a community benefit.

J. Lord asked that a second two-building option be provided to mitigate parking needs, specifically have the art museum on the tennis courts site and the community facility on the south parking lot. She also asked if the West Vancouver Community Arts Council could contribute to the operational cost aspect of the report in any way.

J. Wexler left the meeting at 11:11 a.m. and did not return.

S. Tsangarakis (Habib) commented about multi-generations using parking. She also expressed concern regarding showing images or any visual placeholder on the final report other than massing diagrams.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the December 4, 2019, Arts Facilities Advisory Committee meeting (open session) be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Certified Correct:

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Co-Chair 

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Committee Clerk 