

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
PROGRAMMING ROOM, WEST VANCOUVER ART MUSEUM  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022**

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Committee Members: S. Tsangarakis (Chair), P. Bowles, D. Khormali, B. Milley, K. Rosin; and Councillor Lambur attended the meeting in the Programming Room, West Vancouver Art Museum. Absent: J. Baxter, R. Finley and S. Swan.

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Liaison); H. Letwin, Administrator/Curator; and F. Costa, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Programming Room, West Vancouver Art Museum.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT October 6, 2022 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the August 31, 2022 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**REPORTS / ITEMS**

**4. Council Liaison Update**

Item withdrawn.

**5. Meetings with Community Groups – Art Museum Advisory Committee**

Chair introduced H. Letwin, Art Museum Administrator/Curator and F. Patterson, Chair of the Art Museum Advisory Committee (AMAC) to present an overview of the role of the West Vancouver Art Museum (WVAM), relationship to other institutions, and strategic partnerships. The WVAM's exhibitions are by invitation with mostly original exhibitions featuring mid-career or established artists of relevance to West Vancouver. The Art Museum produces publications for all its exhibitions to record its projects and preserve the history of West Vancouver's arts and culture.

F. Patterson outlined the WVAM's partnerships with the West Vancouver Memorial Library, the West Vancouver School District, Kay Meek Arts Centre, and the Squamish Nation (for school kits), among others. West Coast Modern Week expanded to a full week this year with additional partnerships including the West Coast Modern League, Kay Meek Arts Centre, and Polygon Gallery.

The WVAM's biggest challenge is with visibility as it is in a location with fewer passersby requiring more reliance on its programming partnerships, strong marketing and social media.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT discussion regarding Meetings with Community Groups – Art Museum Advisory Committee be received for information.

CARRIED

## **6. Arts Facilities Advisory Committee Update**

Staff reported that the survey for the vision & concept closed on September 16. The Arts Facilities Advisory Committee (AFAC) will discuss a draft vision & concept at their October 19 meeting. Public open house sessions will be held on November 1 and 2 at the West Vancouver Community Centre where the draft vision & concept will be presented for feedback. The Governance Subcommittee is researching a variety of governance models in similar facilities. The Capital Funding Subcommittee is working with the Discovery Group on a feasibility study to assess the potential for a successful fundraising campaign. Also, the Altus Group is working on mixed-use and standalone scenarios for the art facility. The AFAC will report back to Council in February 2023.

Councillor Lambur entered the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

## **7. Strategic Planning Session Discussion**

Committee members shared some of the information gathered from interviewing the institutions and highlights of the information gathered. It was recommended that the financial statements be requested for 2019 and 2021. It was recommended that Bowen Island be added, and P. Bowles do the interview. All committee members were requested to complete interviews this month. The Committee will discuss the process to collect and collate the information gathered from the interviews into a comprehensive report at the next meeting.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Strategic Planning Session Discussion be received for information and that committee members complete interviews by October 24, 2022.

CARRIED

## 8. Membership Discussion

Staff reminded committee members whose terms are ending December 31, 2022 to submit a new application to Legislative Services by October 31, 2022. Committee evaluations will be sent to members at the beginning of November.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Membership Discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

## 9. Work Plan

Chair reminded the Committee about the annual report to Council in January 2023 to report on the 2022 highlights of the Committee's work and the priorities for 2023. The Committee discussed the priority items in the current work plan and agreed that the highlights for 2022 are: research into successful arts and culture governance and initiatives in other communities (#3); the pilot for a street performers program (#4); and the review of District bylaws regarding home-based artist studios (#7). The priorities for 2023 will be discussed at the next meeting.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Work Plan be received for information and the identified highlights of 2022 be included in the Committee's report to Council.

CARRIED

## 10. Staff Update

Staff reported on the following:

- The Committee will decide on electronic or in-person meetings for the year to come at the January 2023 meeting;
- The street performer program received good feedback from the community;
- Logan Thackray is the new Arts Program Coordinator; and
- Leigh-Anne Niehaus will start in November as the new manager for the Ferry Building Gallery.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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J. Lord: Commented on the research project into arts and culture programs of other communities and recommended that the financial reports from 2019 should be requested for a more accurate pre-COVID financial picture.

**NEXT MEETING**

**12. NEXT MEETING**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

- the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for November 3, 2022 at 3 p.m. via electronic communication facilities be cancelled; and
- the next meeting be scheduled to a date in November when all members can attend.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the October 6, 2022 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Committee Clerk