

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023**

Committee Members: S. Swan (Chair), J. Baxter, P. Bowles, K. Rosin, S. Tsangarakis, E. Vaartnou, C. Wang; and Councillor Gambioli attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities. Absent: B. Milley.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

Chair thanked P. Bowles and S. Tsangarakis for all their efforts acting as co-Chairs last year. Chair also requested that members try to avoid side conversations during the meetings in order to maintain focus on the items being discussed and respect for the member speaking.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 2, 2023 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the January 12, 2023 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Council Liaison Update

Councillor Gambioli informed the Committee that the annual budget approval is coming up and that Council will discuss the Ambleside Local Area Plan at their next meeting on February 6, 2023.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

5. Arts Facilities Advisory Committee Update

P. Bowles updated the Committee regarding the Arts Facilities Advisory Committee (AFAC) meeting on January 26, 2023. Altus Group presented a preliminary report, including the cost estimate for a freestanding facility and a mixed-use facility. The elevated cost of parking construction was a discussion point for the AFAC. Staff reported on the Governance workshops with community groups on January 23 and 26, 2023. The second workshop was with the occasional renters who provided great feedback and questions for discussion. Urban Arts Architecture will compile the information gathered in both sessions and draft a report for the AFAC.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

6. Research in Other Communities Project Discussion

Committee members discussed the draft Discussion Paper on research into the role arts councils play in other communities that was circulated to the members prior. It was recommended that Staff create an introductory email to be sent to the Chairs of the Committees of Council related to arts and culture and community groups, including the Kay Meek Arts Centre and the West Vancouver Community Arts Council. The intro will request a preliminary meeting with S. Swan and P. Bowles from the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee. If possible, meetings would be combined instead of individual meetings to be more efficient and strengthen the message of collaboration. Additional conversation would include an update to the Arts & Culture Strategy (2018-2023). Eventually meetings will have to be with the entire committees as committee Chairs do not make decisions for the whole.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Research in Other Communities Project Discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Capacity-Building Efforts with Arts & Culture Sector Planning Update

The Chair reminded the Committee that supporting capacity-building efforts for the arts and culture sector is one of the priorities in the Arts & Culture Strategy and in the 2023 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee's Work Plan.

Staff informed the Committee of initiatives in past years for workshops and forums to support capacity-building efforts for the arts and culture sector in West Vancouver. The District partnered with the North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission (NVRC) in 2019 to organize an Arts Forum at the Delbrook Community Centre that offered a variety of workshops, panel discussions and keynote speakers. Staff has been in contact with the NVRC to discuss a similar event in May 2023. In addition, arts organizations across the North Shore used to meet once a month at Lunch & Learn events to discuss issues, concerns, challenges, and ways to work together and to share information and best practices. The monthly meetings may be resumed in-person or online. Staff will keep the Committee informed about these initiatives.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Capacity-Building Efforts with Arts & Culture Sector Planning Update be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Staff Update

Staff updated the Committee on the following:

- The Public Art Advisory Committee has ongoing projects: lamp posts at Horseshoe Bay Park with Indigenous designs; projects for Navvy Jack Point and Weston Parks; restoration of the Welcome Figure totem pole in Ambleside;
- Cultural Services has moved back to the third floor of Municipal Hall. Ferry Building staff is still working from the Music Box;
- The Music Box will resume community programming in the Spring;
- Municipal Hall public art project unveiling date is being coordinated with the Mayor and the artist;

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

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 2, 2023 at 3 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room at Municipal Hall.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 2, 2023 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

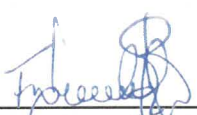
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Committee Clerk