

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL  
FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2024**

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Committee Members: S. Swan (Chair), K. Burnett, C. Monsef, F. Pagani, S. Price, and M. Wilberg attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall. Absent: K. Hall, and A. Repstock.

Non-Voting Committee Members: C. Schachtel (West Vancouver Community Arts Council Board of Directors); and Councillor L. Watt attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall. Absent: N. Brown (West Vancouver Board of Education), A. Krawczyk (Kay Meek Arts Centre Board of Directors), and L. Yu (West Vancouver Memorial Library Board); and Councillor N. Gambioli.

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Representative); and A. Nomura, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 26, 2024 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 17, 2024 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting minutes be amended by:

- Under Item 5, point number 3, the minutes read “at its July 18th meeting...” and should be changed to “at its July 17th meeting...”

AND THAT the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

**REPORTS / ITEMS**

**4. Arts & Culture Strategy Emerging Priorities Discussion**

At the July 17, 2024 meeting, the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee worked with facilitator Phil Aldrich to identify the key priorities emerging from the Arts Strategy Update questionnaire and workshops with artists and arts groups. The priorities that were established were those that had policy changes and/or financial resources required that could be considered in the 2025 budget process and staff work plans.

At the July 17, 2024 meeting, the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee approved a resolution that the emerging priorities related to policy and budget implications be re-worded by staff to ensure they are appropriate for an Interim Council Report on October 7, 2024 and report back to the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee on July 26, 2024 for final approval.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee endorses the following emerging priorities for the Arts & Culture Strategy Update, several of which relate to implications for policy changes or required resources for 2025 as amended:

1. direct staff to work with the arts community to develop an independent umbrella group for the arts in West Vancouver;
2. Council to confirm a location for a purpose-built arts facility that is reflective of the Arts & Culture Facilities Plan (2019);
3. implement District zoning and bylaw changes to facilitate arts activities in West Vancouver including review of the busking bylaw, ensure the recipients of Permissive Tax Exemptions provide affordable access to community groups when spaces are available as outlined in the Permissive Tax Exemption Policy, and review zoning and other regulations to encourage property owners to provide spaces to animate when they are empty;
4. ensure the availability of a variety of suitable indoor and outdoor arts spaces that are dedicated to or can accommodate arts activities including an Artist in Residence Program for District-owned available buildings, and develop a public database of all spaces suitable for arts activity available across West Vancouver;
5. install infrastructure (power) in Horseshoe Bay Park and Ambleside Park to enable outdoor events; and
6. obtain approval of resources, including staffing and funding, to assist the arts community with a coordinated marketing campaign for the arts and culture sector that builds upon current communications infrastructure.

**CARRIED**

**5. Council Representative Update**

There were no arts related updates from Council. Council has approved part one of the Ambleside Local Area Plan and is now moving onto the commercial core.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

**6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for September 27, 2024 at 4 p.m. be rescheduled to occur on September 26, 2024 at 4 p.m. and held in-person in the Cedar Room at the West Vancouver Community Centre.

CARRIED

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

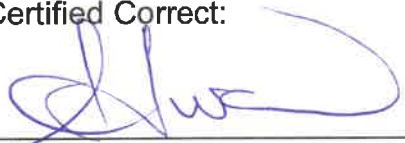
It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 26, 2024 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Certified Correct:

  
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Chair

  
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Committee Clerk