

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024
4 PM IN THE CEDAR ROOM, WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE
(In-person attendance only)

Note: Council Committee meetings are conducted in accordance with Council Committee Procedure Bylaw No. 5020, 2019 (as amended), subject to the discretion of the Chair.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

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

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the following minutes be adopted as circulated:

1. May 28, 2024 Arts & Culture Strategy Update Subcommittee meeting; and
2. July 26, 2024 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting.

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Arts & Culture Strategy Update Discussion

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the discussion regarding Arts & Culture Strategy Update Discussion be received for information.

5. Community Grants Program 2024 Additional Funding Allocation

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee endorse the Community Grants Advisory Panel's funding recommendation that the remaining \$1,254 in the 2024 Community Grants Program budget be allocated to the Harvest Project.

6. Updates from Committee Members

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the verbal reports regarding Updates from Committee Members be received for information.

7. Council Representative Update

RECOMMENDATION:

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

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

10. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

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

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGY UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
PACIFIC ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024**

Committee Members: S. Swan (Chair), K. Hall, and M. Wilberg attended the meeting in the Pacific Room, Municipal Hall.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:27 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 28, 2024 Arts & Culture Strategy Update Subcommittee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 7, 2024 Arts & Culture Strategy Update Subcommittee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Arts & Culture Strategy (2018-2023) Update Discussion

Members received an update on responses to the Arts Strategy Update questionnaires: 39 individual artist responses and 17 arts groups have responded.

Members then discussed the planned workshops, and confirmed the dates of June 18, June 19, and June 25. The workshops will be three hours with a maximum of 25 at each workshop.

The Subcommittee then proceeded to discuss the proposed questions for business associations:

Questions for business associations:

- Have you experienced any business areas/zones that were enlivened through arts programming? (Arts of any discipline: music, dance, theatre, street performance, visual or literary arts).
- What do you feel the best ways the arts can enliven the ambiance in the

business area, and drive business?

- Would you support a change in the busking bylaw to allow a livelier ambience in the business district?
- How could the BIA and/or the business community you represent support the growth of arts and culture in West Vancouver?

The Subcommittee decided to defer the discussion regarding questions for donors until clarification is received regarding why we are meeting with donors and how the information would be integrated into the Arts Strategy Update. Meeting with donors/sponsors seemed more of a tactic resulting from the information we receive from the arts community. If this priority is identified, then it could be addressed through a workshop for arts organizations on fund development. At this time, the Subcommittee decided to not proceed with the questions for donors until it presents itself as a priority in the sector.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT staff schedule the meetings with the business associations.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

6. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Arts & Culture Strategy Update Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. and held in-person in the Pacific Room, Municipal Hall.

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 28, 2024 Arts & Culture Strategy Update Subcommittee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Committee Clerk

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

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:

Chair

Committee Clerk