

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025**

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

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

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 4:15 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the March 13, 2025 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 13, 2025 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Street Performer Pilot Program Discussion

The Committee was joined by Maureen O'Brien, Executive Director of the Ambleside and Dundarave Business Improvement Association (ADBIA).

M. O'Brien discussed the potential for a pilot street performer program that would be managed and paid for by the ADBIA. This is also a priority identified in the Arts & Culture Strategy Update. The proposed location is on Bellevue Avenue between 14th Street and 15th Street during the Harmony Arts Festival as there are few spots on Marine Drive large enough. Additionally, Horseshoe Bay Park could be a

potential location during Taste of the Bay. To move forward with this initiative, approval would be required from Council for a noise control bylaw exemption. If the ADBIA would like to proceed, staff can develop a report to Council requesting a noise bylaw exemption.

M. O'Brien noted that insurance is a concern for the ADBIA, for both liability reasons and the cost (approx. \$2,500 for 3 weeks), and proposed that the District pay for the cost of insurance.

Members supported the overall concept of the ADBIA taking the lead on the program.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee endorses a pilot street performer program produced and paid for by the Ambleside and Dundarave Business Improvement Association for the summer of 2025.

CARRIED

5. Release of December 6, 2024 Closed Meeting Resolutions

The Chair updated the committee that, on December 6, 2024 the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee held a closed meeting that Mayor Sager attended to provide feedback about the purchase of the Horseshoe Bay Boathouse. As this information is now public, members would like to vote to release the motion.

The motion recorded on December 6, 2024 was:

THAT the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee:

- 1. receive the December 6, 2024 presentation titled Opportunity for New Art Museum Space for information; and*
- 2. endorse the acquisition of the Boathouse building in Horseshoe Bay as a public building for municipal use; and*
- 3. endorse, in principle, the concept of moving the West Vancouver Art Museum from its current location at Gertrude Lawson House to The Boathouse building located in Horseshoe Bay.*

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the resolutions made at the December 6, 2024 closed meeting of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee be released for public information.

CARRIED

6. Arts & Culture Strategy Update

On March 10, 2025 Council approved the Arts & Culture Strategy Update and the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee workplan.

Members then discussed the acquisition of the Boathouse building in Horseshoe Bay. The next steps for this building involve determining its suitability as an art museum, including an assessment on whether the building can meet the standard of the current Art Museum, including HVAC systems, security, lighting, etc. L. Watt mentioned that the Mayor would like to convene a committee to determine the use

of the building and suggested a meeting with the Chairs of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee and the Art Museum Advisory Panel, along with the Council liaisons and staff.

Members agreed that the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee can provide insight, but the Art Museum Advisory Panel has more experience with art museums and specific requirements. A tour of the Boathouse for the members will be coordinated by staff.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding the Arts & Culture Strategy Update be received for information.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee recommends that the Art Museum Advisory Panel provides input to the District on determining the suitability of converting the former Boathouse building into a new art museum facility and report back to the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

7. Work Plan 2025 Status Update Discussion

Three members of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee met to discuss the development of an arts umbrella organization, a priority which was identified in the Arts & Culture Strategy Update.

C. Schachtel, representing the West Vancouver Community Arts Council Board of Directors, has confirmed that the West Vancouver Community Arts Council is interested in taking on the expanded scope of an arts council. The Community Arts Council is recruiting new board members and an advisory committee.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Work Plan 2025 Status Update Discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Updates from Committee Members

N. Brown, West Vancouver Board of Education: N. Brown reminded members to vote in the next school board election on April 5, 2025.

C. Schachtel, West Vancouver Community Arts Council: An update was provided to the committee on current and upcoming exhibitions and concerts.

V. Mendes, Kay Meek Arts Centre: An update was provided about upcoming performances. The Kay Meek Arts Centre is bringing on four new directors and will conduct strategic planning in April.

S. Price, Community Grants Advisory Panel: The Community Grants Advisory Panel is currently adjudicating grant applications.

K. Hall, Art Museum Advisory Panel: The Art Museum has a new exhibit opening March 22; and is expanding their educational program to include an architecture and design class for students.

F. Pagani, Ferry Building Gallery Advisory Panel: The current Ferry Building Gallery exhibition features Capilano University IDEA student work, and next month there is an exhibition in collaboration with the West Vancouver Memorial Library.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

9. Council Representative Update

Council is requesting feedback for the Ambleside Local Area Plan commercial area through westvancouverite.ca. Council is also in the process of approving the sale of Fulton Street lands.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

E. McHarg: raised concerns that the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee's endorsement of the Horseshoe Bay Boathouse building felt rushed and dismissive to those involved in past discussions. E. McHarg urged clearer communication, and ensuring the arts community feels heard and included in the museum's assessment process.

11. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2025 at 4:15 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the March 13, 2025 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Committee Clerk