

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MAIN FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL  
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025**

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

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

Staff: C. Rosta, Cultural Services Manager (Staff Representative) attended the meeting in the Main Floor Conference Room, Municipal Hall.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the June 12, 2025 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 22, 2025 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**REPORTS / ITEMS**

**4. Arts & Culture Facility in Ambleside Discussion**

D. Hawkins (Senior Manager, Community Planning and Sustainability Planning, Development & Environment Services) provided a presentation on the Ambleside Centre proposed Local Area Plan (LAP). The presentation reviewed previous work that identified 12 public sites and 7 private sites and how they relate to the LAP. Some of the previous sites that were identified and reviewed are outside of the LAP area and were therefore not discussed during the meeting. The presentation also

provided general context on the proposed LAP and the policies that support the development of an arts and culture centre.

Members asked questions related to the timing of building an arts and culture centre, and whether working with a private property owner is more effective than converting public property to new use to house an arts and culture centre facility. It was noted that the community has indicated that parking in the John Lawson Park area is important and that different sports groups are using existing park spaces making them less available for an arts and culture centre.

Members reviewed 1590 Bellevue Avenue and the “Masonic Hall” sites specifically. It was questioned whether the sites are large enough to build a 21,000 square foot facility, and if the community arts and art museum spaces could be split apart and two facilities could be built as noted in the 2019 Arts & Culture Facilities Plan.

Members also discussed potential opportunities around the 1590 Bellevue Avenue site including utilizing existing public space adjacent to the site to provide a bigger footprint, and building “bridges” that go over the railway tracks or roadways to access park and parking spaces.

Councillor Gambioli noted that there are many variables between public and private sites and that fundraising will be required. To advance the planning process and determine a site, the arts community will need to come together and focus on a common goal.

The committee was reminded that the Boathouse Update from the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee is scheduled for the June 23, 2025 Council meeting.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

1. the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee support the identification of the Sweeney Triangle site and the adjacent spaces as a key aspect of the Ambleside Local Area Plan to enable the construction of a purpose-built Arts and Culture Facility located in the area of 16th Street and Bellevue Avenue as envisioned in the Arts and Culture Facility Plan; and
2. the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee will also continue to consider sites outside the local area plan.

CARRIED

## **5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

P. Bowles questioned whether additional sites outside of the LAP would be considered at the meeting.

P. Coupey noted that he has participated in arts facility planning in the community for many years.

J. Webb expressed that it is important that the resolution that was passed identifies areas around 16th Street and Bellevue Avenue and not specific to only 1590 Bellevue Avenue.

M. Beckerman commented that there is forward momentum with the site selection.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

Staff confirmed that the next Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2025 at 4:15 p.m. and held in-person in the Main Floor Conference Room, Municipal Hall.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

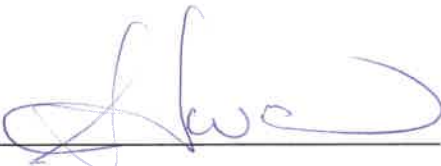
It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the June 12, 2025 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Certified Correct:

  
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Chair

  
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Committee Clerk