

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAIN FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025**

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

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

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Representative); C. Rosta, Cultural Services Manager; and S. Fong, Cultural Services Assistant attended the meeting in the Main Floor Conference Room, Municipal Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:26 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the June 26, 2025 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Horseshoe Bay Boathouse Update

The Chair provided an update from the June 23, 2025 Council meeting where K. Hall and S. Swan presented to Council on the Boathouse Update and the West Vancouver Art Museum's requirements to move the Art Museum from its current location at Gertrude Lawson House to this new temporary location. Councillor L. Watt thanked the members for their presentation to Council and all the work that the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) and Art Museum Advisory Panel

had put into developing the proposal to Council. Councillor L. Watt noted that Council developed an alternate resolution as they felt that it would be important to the success of the Boathouse and the revitalization of Horseshoe Bay to incorporate a variety of activities in the building including but not limited to performing arts, potential gift shop and a bistro. Members reviewed the resolution that Council passed at their June 23, 2025 meeting and agreed that the most important next step was to focus on a new purpose-built arts and culture facility in the Ambleside area.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Horseshoe Bay Boathouse Update be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Arts & Culture Facility in Ambleside Discussion

The members reviewed the discussion that took place at the June 12, 2025 ACAC meeting with staff member D. Hawkins regarding the proposed Ambleside Centre Local Area Plan and the ACAC's support for a purpose-built Arts and Culture Facility in the area. Discussion ensued regarding the "Sweeney Triangle" site located at 16th Street and Bellevue Avenue.

S. Swan had developed a draft letter to Council to be sent to Council on behalf of the committee regarding the ACAC's resolution of June 12, 2025:

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.*

S. Swan noted the importance of keeping Council apprised of the discussions at ACAC meetings. Staff noted that resolutions made by committees that pertain to Council are now added to Council meeting agendas to ensure that Council is apprised. The members determined that the committee still wanted to send correspondence to Council and reviewed the draft letter prepared by S. Swan. Concerns were raised regarding the size of the site and potential issues with the proximity of the railway. The members recommended that the draft letter to Council be amended to request that the District begin the process of due diligence with potential issues at this site including CN Rail.

Members also discussed the need to identify an alternate site. This discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the proposed letter to Council regarding the Sweeney Triangle site and adjacent spaces in the area of 16th Street and Bellevue Avenue for a purpose-built

arts and culture facility as envisioned in the Arts & Culture Facilities Plan be approved as amended and sent to Council by the Chair.

CARRIED

6. Work Plan 2025 Status Update Discussion

The members reviewed the 2025 work plan. C. Schachtel updated the members on the West Vancouver Community Arts Council's progress towards their proposal to become the independent umbrella group for West Vancouver's arts community. A new Executive Director will be starting on July 9, 2025.

Staff reported that the database of arts spaces for rehearsals, workshops, meeting and performances is still in development.

Staff updated the members on the development of a busking program. Major bylaw changes are not required for a pilot program and would only require a noise bylaw exemption by Council. At the March 13, 2025 ACAC meeting, M. O'Brien, Executive Director of the Ambleside Dunderave Business Improvement Association (ADBIA) discussed the potential for the ADBIA to manage and pay for a street performer program in the Ambleside area. In the interim, the ADBIA has reached out to the District requesting that the District pay for the insurance for the program. Members discussed alternative methods to advance a pilot program including a third-party producer such as the new umbrella group that is being developed. This could be an option for the ADBIA to "sponsor" and the third-party group produce a pilot program under their insurance policy.

F. Pagani requested that the discussions to oversee the Arts & Culture Strategy Update's implementation plan be revitalized. This discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

7. Updates from Committee Members

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Updates from Committee Members be deferred to the next meeting.

CARRIED

8. Council Representative Update

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Council Representative Update be deferred to the next meeting.

CARRIED

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

10. NEXT MEETING

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the next meeting of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee be rescheduled to July 16, 2025 at 4 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the September 11, 2025 meeting of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee be rescheduled to September 25, 2025 at 4 p.m. and held in-person in the Main Floor Conference Room, Municipal Hall.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT


It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the June 26, 2025 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Committee Clerk