

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
RAVEN MEETING ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025**

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

Non-Voting Committee Members: 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 Raven Meeting Room, Municipal Hall. Absent: N. Brown (West Vancouver Board of Education).

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Representative); C. Rosta, Cultural Services Manager; and S. Fong, Cultural Services Assistant (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Raven Meeting Room, Municipal Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 16, 2025 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Arts & Culture Facility in Ambleside Discussion

At the July 7, 2025 regular meeting, Council passed a resolution "That Planning staff designate a potential site or potential sites for a purpose-built arts facility within the Ambleside Local Commercial Area Plan".

The Chair recommended the creation of a working group to conduct research into potential next steps to advance the planning process for a new arts facility and also look at other potential sites outside of the Ambleside area. The working group will review and summarize some of the previous arts facility planning documents,

present a draft ranking of potential sites and draft next steps. The working group will bring results of research back to the members for further discussion.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT an Arts Facility Working Group be struck with K. Hall, A. Krawczyk, V. Mendes, F. Pagani, C. Schachtel, and S. Swan.

CARRIED

5. Work Plan 2025 Status Update Discussion

Members reviewed the 2025 work plan. C. Schachtel updated the members on the West Vancouver Community Arts Council's (WVCAC) progress towards their proposal to become the umbrella group for West Vancouver's arts community. The WVCAC hired new Executive Director M. Galovich on July 9, 2025.

Staff updated members on the next steps to develop the best uses for the Boathouse in Horseshoe Bay.

A power kiosk has been installed in Horseshoe Bay and the installation of the Ambleside power kiosk is planned for the fall.

Staff reported that the database of arts spaces for rehearsals, workshops, meeting and performances is still in development. A draft of the database will be presented at the next Committee meeting.

Staff updated members on the development of a busking program. The Ambleside Dunderave Business Improvement Association (ADBIA) requested the District to provide the insurance for the program. Members discussed alternative methods to handle the insurance including having buskers have their own insurance. Members discussed the option of the ADBIA to contract a non-profit organization to manage the program or hire a part-time project coordinator.

F. Pagani requested that the discussions to oversee the implementation of the Arts & Culture Strategy Update 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

6. Updates from Committee Members

A. Krawczyk, West Vancouver Memorial Library: members were updated on upcoming community events at the library

C. Schachtel, West Vancouver Community Arts Council: The WVCAC introduced M. Galovich as the new Executive Director.

Public Art Advisory Panel: Council approved a carving by Xwalacktun for the West Vancouver Fire Department on July 7, 2025. He will be carving the piece during the Harmony Arts Festival in the Indigenous Carving Tent.

A. Tavukciyan is finalizing a draft concept for the Ambleside Skatepark Mural and staff will meet with him to develop the painting schedule.

The West Vancouver Community Arts Council and Ferry Building Gallery will be installing temporary public artworks in late July and early August.

F. Pagani, Ferry Building Gallery Advisory Panel: The Ferry Building Gallery will present an exhibition by Peter Kiss, feature artist for the Harmony Arts Festival, as well as Zoltan Kiss and Tania Gleave starting August 1.

V. Mendes, Kay Meek Arts Centre: members were provided with an update on Kay Meek Arts Centre's partnership with the Harmony Arts Festival.

S. Price, Community Grants Advisory Panel: members were updated on the status of the adjudications of the Permissive Tax Exemptions.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

7. Council Representative Update

Councillor Watt provided an update on the status of the Boathouse. A meeting about the Boathouse was held on July 15, 2025 at the Boathouse to discuss the potential uses of the facility.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

M. Beckerman proposed presenting an overview of the previous work completed on the development of a purpose-built arts facility in West Vancouver.

9. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2025 at 4 p.m. and held in-person in the Main Floor Conference Room, Municipal Hall

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the July 16, 2025 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Certified Correct:

s. 22(1)
[Redacted Signature]

Chair

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Committee Clerk

