

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026**

Committee Members: S. Swan (Chair), H. Chung, K. Hall, S. Liu, S. Mani, F. Pagani, J. Sengara, M. Wilberg, and Councillors C. Cassidy and N. Gambioli attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

Non-Voting Committee Members: N. Brown, (West Vancouver Board of Education), A. Krawczyk (West Vancouver Memorial Library Board), V. Mendes (Kay Meeks Arts Centre Board of Directors), and C. Schachtel (West Vancouver Community Arts Council Board of Directors) attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. Welcome to Members and Election of Chair

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT S. Swan be elected as Chair for 2026.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT H. Chung be elected as Acting Chair for 2026.

CARRIED

3. Committee Meeting Schedule

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2026 be adopted as follows:

- February 12, 2026 at 4 p.m.;
- March 12, 2026 at 4 p.m.;
- April 9, 2026 at 4 p.m.;
- May 14, 2026 at 4 p.m.;
- June 11, 2026 at 4 p.m.;
- July 9, 2026 at 4 p.m.;

- September 10, 2026 at 4 p.m.;
- October 8, 2026 at 4 p.m.; and
- November 12, 2026 at 4 p.m.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

1. all remaining Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meetings for 2026 be held in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall and via electronic communication facilities;
2. the Raven Room, Municipal Hall be designated as the place where the public may attend to hear, or watch and hear, the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting proceedings; and
3. a staff member be in attendance at the Raven Room, Municipal Hall for each of the scheduled meetings.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the January 8, 2026 Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

6. Work Plan 2026

Members reviewed the draft work plan and made recommended changes and additions.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the 2026 Work Plan for the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee be endorsed with changes as discussed.

CARRIED

7. Presentation to Council on 2025 Achievements and the 2026 Work Plan Discussion

Members reviewed the draft annual presentation to Council and made recommended changes and additions.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Presentation to Council on the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee's 2025 Achievements and the 2026 Work Plan be endorsed with changes as discussed.

CARRIED

8. Arts and Culture Strategy Update (2025-2029) Discussion

Members discussed the current Working Groups that were established in 2025. Members were reminded that Working Groups may consist of a maximum of nine members and can include members of the community as well as members of the committee as long as they constitute less than quorum.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT K. Hall be appointed to the Arts and Culture Centre Working Group comprised of S. Swan, A. Krawczyk, F. Pagani, C. Schachtel, and S. Habib

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT M. Wilberg be appointed to the Communications Working Group comprised of S. Liu and C. Schachtel.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Arts and Culture Strategy Update (2025-2029) Discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Updates from Committee Members

C. Schachtel (West Vancouver Community Arts Council) updated the members on the January events at the Silk Purse Arts Centre.

V. Mendes (Kay Meek Arts Centre) updated the members on the hiring of a new Director of Development and that the Kay Meek Arts Centre's Annual General Meeting which will be held on February 17, 2026.

A. Krawczyk, West Vancouver Memorial Library updated the members on the Library's January programs and events and that the Memorial Library is creating a new Artificial Intelligence database.

N. Brown (West Vancouver School District 45) reported that schools have just returned from their Christmas break and more information will be provided at the February meeting.

K. Hall (on behalf of the Art Museum Working Group) reported that the donor reception held in December was well attended. The Art Museum raised \$60,000 in 2025 towards operating expenses. K. Hall reminded the members of the Art Museum Working Group's members which include K. Hall, M. Burgers, K. Duffek, B. Helliwell, D. LaCas, C. Browne, K. Pejman, and C. Dikeakos.

F. Pagani (on behalf of the Ferry Building Gallery Working Group) reported that the gallery is developing an Artificial Intelligence Strategy for artists. F. Pagani reminded the members of the Ferry Building Gallery Working Group's members which include F. Pagani, S. Rasmussen, Xwalacktun, S. Hakimi-Sherkat, and A. Hunt.

S. Liu (Youth Advisory Committee) provided an update on an upcoming mental health workshop.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

10. Council Representative Update

There was no Council Representative Update.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION

There were no public questions.

12. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2026 at 4 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall and via electronic communication facilities.

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

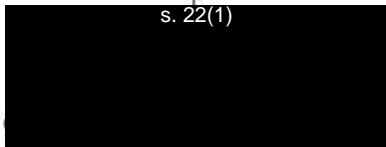
THAT the January 8, 2026 Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

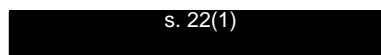
Certified Correct:

s. 22(1)



Chair

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Committee Clerk