

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL**

Committee Members: E. Vaartnou (Chair), L. Durey, B. Kaiser, P. Miller, J. Oakes, A. Repstock, S. Rothnie, B. Shafie, C. Wang, and Councillor L. Watt attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Representative), F. McKinnon, Cultural Services Assistant (Committee Clerk), and J. Trestain, Arts and Culture Program Coordinator, attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Welcome to Members and Election of Chair

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT E. Vaartnou be elected as Chair for 2026.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT J. Oakes be elected as Acting Chair for 2026.

CARRIED

3. Committee Meeting Schedule

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2026 be adopted as follows:

- February 17, 2026 at 1 p.m.;
- March 24, 2026 at 1 p.m.;
- April 21, 2026 at 1 p.m.;
- May 19, 2026 at 1 p.m.;
- June 16, 2026 at 1 p.m.;
- July 21, 2026 at 1 p.m.;
- September 1, 2026 at 1 p.m.;
- October 20, 2026 at 1 p.m.; and
- November 17, 2026 at 1 p.m.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

1. all remaining Public Arts 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 Community Grants 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 20, 2026 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

5. Work Plan 2026

The Committee discussed the draft work plan.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the 2026 Work Plan for the Public Art Advisory Committee be endorsed as presented.

CARRIED

6. Current Public Art Projects Update

The Committee discussed potential public art projects that were introduced in 2025.

- Discussions with artist Martha Sturdy have been ongoing regarding a potential new sculpture for Horseshoe Bay Park. The Committee reviewed the concept image submitted by the artist. The members articulated a preference for a non-powder coated aluminum finish as the maintenance and repair for powder coating can be expensive. Members request targeted outreach to the Horseshoe Bay Business Association (HBBA) and asked about the relocation of the picnic table in the proposed location. Staff will follow-up with members of the HBBA and the family of the tribute picnic table.
- For the proposed project for the decommissioned fountain at Gleneagles Community Centre, members discussed the potential to use the decommissioned sprinkler heads to mount artwork or the option of securing any artwork straight into the concrete underneath the rocks. It was suggested that the original architect, John Patkau, be consulted and that staff reach out to a

sign company for ideas on how artwork could be mounted onto the fountain base or sprinkler heads.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding the Current Public Art Projects Update be received for information and follow-up discussed at the next meeting.

CARRIED

7. Potential New Public Art Projects Discussion

Members discussed potential new public art projects that have come forward for consideration.

- Place for Sport: members discussed the potential two sites that would be suitable for public art at the entrance to the field. One location is a long wall and the other a ground-level site for a potential sculpture. Staff will reach out to the school district and the Kay Meek Arts Centre to see if there are representatives who would like to join a Working Group to advance this project in terms of determining final location(s), themes, and a proposed budget.
- Navy Jack House: the Navy Jack House Citizen's Group submitted an overview of the history of the house and current project. There is a long wall on the external east side of the building which is intended for public art. The Citizen's Group have requested an onsite meeting with members of the Public Art Advisory Committee.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT a Navy Jack House Public Art Project Working Group be formed to provide research to the Public Art Advisory Committee on the potential for public art at the Navy Jack House on Argyle Avenue and be comprised of the following members: E. Vaarnou, B. Kaiser, P. Miller, and J. Oakes.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Potential New Public Art Projects Discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Council Liaison Update

Councillor L. Watt informed the members that there are no current updates related to the Committee from Council.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Council Liaison Update be received for information.

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Public Art Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2026 at 1 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall and via electronic communication facilities.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the January 20, 2026 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Certified Correct: 

s. 22(1)

Chair 

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Committee Clerk