

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL  
AND VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

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

Non-Voting Committee Members: N. Brown, (West Vancouver Board of Education), 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. Absent: A. Krawczyk (West Vancouver Memorial Library Board).

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Representative), C. Rosta, Manager, Cultural Services (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 4:01 p.m.

Member Wilberg joined the meeting at 4:02 p.m. via electronic communication facilities.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 12, 2026 Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Member Chung left the meeting at 4:04 p.m. and returned at 4:05 p.m. via electronic communication facilities.

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

## **REPORTS / ITEMS**

### **4. Appointment of Non-Voting Members to the Community Grants Committee and the Public Art Advisory Committee**

Members discussed appointing members to the Community Grants Committee and the Public Art Advisory Committee as non-voting members to ensure ongoing communication and connection as outlined in the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT Member Mani be appointed to the Community Grants Committee as a non-voting member.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT Member Chung be appointed to the Public Art Advisory Committee as a non-voting member.

CARRIED

### **5. Arts and Culture Strategy Update (2025-2029)**

Members discussed the document distributed by staff on implementation activities related to the Arts and Culture Strategy Update (2025-2029). Members recommended that staff conduct additional outreach to organizations that could be included in the Community Space Database.

Staff advised members that: Council approved the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee's 2026 Work Plan at their February 9, 2026 meeting, and that Council will be considering the Proposed Uncurated Street Animation Busking Pilot Program at their February 23, 2026 Council meeting.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

### **6. Updates from Working Groups**

Arts and Culture Centre Working Group: Member Swan reported that there have been changes to the federal government's facility related grant programs. Members discussed potential naming options, including "West Vancouver Community Cultural Centre," to perhaps align with current grants programs criteria. The Working Group members had met with a fundraising consultant who provided information on the stages of fundraising and suggested a Case for Support.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT Member Mendes be appointed to the Arts and Culture Centre Working Group.

CARRIED

Communications Working Group: Member Schachtel reported that a Communications Brief will be sent to staff to distribute to the Committee for review and discussion at the next Committee meeting.

Ferry Building Gallery Working Group: Member Pagani advised that the Ferry Building Gallery has developed a draft AI policy for the gallery that can be distributed to the Committee if the District approves. Members received an update on upcoming programming at the Ferry Building Gallery.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT Sharon Habib be appointed to the Ferry Building Gallery Working Group.

CARRIED

Art Museum Working Group: Member Hall provided an update on current and upcoming exhibitions at the West Vancouver Art Museum. Members were advised that the Museum is in the final stages of purchasing a digital scanner using funds donated, with the intent to accelerate the digitization of negatives.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT Grant Monck be appointed to the Art Museum Working Group.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Updates from Working Groups be received for information.

CARRIED

## **7. Updates from Committee Members**

Member Schachtel (West Vancouver Community Arts Council) provided an update on initiatives to expand community engagement. Two membership drives are planned to introduce the 37 Alliance members, and the Arts Council is pursuing external funding to advance the umbrella arts activities model; recruitment is underway for additional staff. The Arts Council will make their annual presentation to Council on March 9, 2026.

Member Mendes (Kay Meek Arts Centre) provided an update on upcoming programming. The Kay Meek will make their annual presentation to Council on March 9, 2026.

Member Brown (West Vancouver School District 45) noted a recent engagement opportunity focused on student health and wellness, during which data on student well-being was reviewed. It was observed that arts participation was repeatedly identified as a positive support and outlet for students.

Member Liu (Youth Advisory Committee) advised that a youth wellness conference will be hosted by the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), for youth aged 13–18. The event will include speakers and discussions focused on mental health.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

Member Chung left the meeting at 5 p.m. and returned at 5:05 p.m. via electronic communication facilities.

**8. Council Representative Update**

Councillor Gambioli reported that Council approved a new Youth Centre on Pound Road and that the building may have space for a mural on the outside. An update was provided on Council's ongoing work on the Ambleside Local Area Plan.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Council Representative Update be received for information.

CARRIED

**9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

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

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 12, 2026 Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Certified Correct:

s. 22(1)

Chair

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Committee Clerk