

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MAIN FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL  
AND VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

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

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 17, 2026 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the January 20, 2026 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**REPORTS / ITEMS**

**4. Current Public Art Projects Update**

Members discussed the interpretive sign in Horseshoe Bay called "Visions of the North Shore" that was installed in 2000. Staff was contacted by a family member of the designer to enquire about the sign's future as it is faded and has not been maintained. The Horseshoe Bay Business Association has been in discussion with the Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society and has some ideas about a new sign.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Visions of the North Shore sign in Horseshoe Bay Park be decommissioned and not replaced and that the artist and Parks Department be notified of the decision.

CARRIED

## 5. Potential New Public Art Projects Discussion

Horseshoe Bay: Staff informed the Committee the placement of a new sculpture is not viable due to the proximity of the granite stones, which would provide the foundation for the potential sculpture, to the picnic table. Members of the committee will meet with local artist M. Sturdy in Horseshoe Bay to locate a new site.

Gleneagles Community Centre: Staff met with John Patkau, the building architect, regarding the decommissioned fountain in the front of the community centre. Members had discussed the potential for artwork to animate and provide colour to the area using the decommissioned fountain space. It was recommended by the original architect that any artwork placed in the fountain would have to be very substantial to make an impact in such a large space. It was recommended that adding short plantings could be a more effective and cost-effective option compared to a significant piece of public art. Members discussed practical considerations, including managing water runoff, using potted plants, and low-maintenance alternatives such as low hedges. Members emphasized that the option of adding public art in the future should remain open.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Public Art Advisory Committee recommends no artwork be placed in the decommissioned water feature and that the District of West Vancouver consider plantings to replace the loss of the water feature at this time.

CARRIED

Navy Jack House Public Art: The Committee received an update from staff on the Navy Jack House public art opportunity for the east facing exterior wall of the house including that site conditions of the new fence height are still being confirmed. Members reviewed the information provided by the Navy Jack Citizen's Group and the proposed location for other interpretive signage around the property and the north facing exterior wall. Members reviewed the proposed theme for the public art project submitted by the Navy Jack Citizen's Group:

*"This historic cottage stands as a symbol of the unique shared history of the earliest settlers and Indigenous people. Home to "Navy Jack" Thomas and Sla-wiya, the granddaughter of Chief Ki-ap-a la-no, as well as their four children, this beachfront cottage has welcomed families and visitors for more than a century. As cottages became a community, Navy Jack House and the people who lived there have been at the heart of our sense of belonging and social well being. Restored and repurposed, it will ensure that its history as West Vancouver's gathering place continues for decades to come."*

Members felt that the settler history is being addressed by the interpretive panels and a large exterior area available on the north side of the house. Members emphasized the need to consult family representatives on the proposed theme and to ensure the project appropriately reflects the Indigenous history of the site and the house.

Members observed that the Navy Jack Citizen's Group's proposed theme's complexity and prescriptive framing may present challenges for encouraging broad artistic response. Members also expressed a preference that the Artist Call favour Indigenous artist(s) from the Squamish Nation or the Tsleil-Waututh Nation or an Indigenous and non-Indigenous collaboration.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Public Art Advisory Committee recommends the revised proposed theme, Celebration of the Place and its History, pending confirmation of the theme by Indigenous family members.

CARRIED

Place for Sport: Members discussed striking a Place for Sport Public Art Project Working Group comprised of three Public Art Advisory Committee members to join a representative from the West Vancouver School District, Kay Meek Arts Centre and Place for Sport Steering Committee to advance plans for this project.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Place for Sport Public Art Project Working Group be formed to provide research to the Public Art Advisory Committee on the potential for public art at the Place for Sport grounds and be comprised of Member Durey, Member Rothnie, Member Shafie, and Member Wang and the following community representatives: S. Rauh, G. Jopson, and M. Duschak.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

## **6. Review of Public Art Proposal**

Hockey Shield: The Committee reviewed a proposal submitted by a community member regarding a monument to the Hockey Shield proposed to be located by the decommissioned water feature near the Ferry Building in Ambleside. The Committee's research did not substantiate the reported history regarding the Hockey Shield's invention in West Vancouver. Members discussed the need for further verification on the history of the Hockey Shield, including confirmation of the inventor's identity and background.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Public Art Advisory Committee request more information from staff on the inventor of the Hockey Shield and their relationship to West Vancouver.

CARRIED

**7. Council Liaison Update**

The Committee agreed to consider this item at its next meeting.

**8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the next Public Art Advisory Committee meeting, originally scheduled for March 24, 2026 at 1 p.m., be rescheduled for March 31, 2026 at 1 p.m. and held in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall and via electronic communication facilities.

CARRIED

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT February 17, 2026 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Chair

Committee Clerk