

**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, APRIL 9, 2026**

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

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

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Representative); C. Rosta, Manager, Cultural Services; 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 4:02 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the April 9, 2026 Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Member Wilberg absent at the vote

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the March 12, 2026 Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Member Wilberg absent at the vote

## **REPORTS / ITEMS**

### **4. Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Membership Update**

The Chair advised the Committee that a member has resigned, creating a vacancy on the Committee. The Chair further noted that the resigning member had served as the Committee's representative to the Community Grants Committee. Members appointed a new non-voting representative to the Community Grants Committee.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT Member Sengara be appointed to the Community Grants Committee as a non-voting representative of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee as per the committee's Terms of Reference.

**CARRIED**

Member Wilberg absent at the vote

The Chair raised the idea of approaching the Seniors' Activity Centre Advisory Board to determine their interest in appointing a non-voting member to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee. Members discussed the potential benefits and noted that any such appointment would require Council approval and an amendment to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference. The Chair agreed to reach out to the Seniors' Activity Centre Advisory Board to determine their interest and report back to the Committee.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT Member Swan reach out to the West Vancouver Seniors' Activity Centre Advisory Board to ascertain the interest of appointing a non-voting representative to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee.

**CARRIED**

Member Wilberg absent at the vote

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Membership Update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

Member Wilberg absent at the vote

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

Staff advised that the webpage for the Uncurated Street Animation Busking Pilot Program guidelines has been created and that social media content is being developed to increase public awareness of the pilot program.

Members also discussed implementation of the broader work plan related to support for smaller arts organizations, including regular meetings, increased presence at community events, and workshops or meetings regarding potential funding opportunities. It was noted that several items are ongoing and that clearer timelines, status updates, and evaluation measures should be incorporated into

future work plan reporting. The Chair emphasized the importance of reviewing progress regularly and clarifying roles and responsibilities as the work advances.

Member Wilberg joined the meeting at 4:24 p.m. via electronic communication facilities.

Members discussed the Committee's Work Plan Item 3(b) for District staff to work with the West Vancouver Community Arts Council to create an agenda and invitation list to coordinate an opportunity for arts groups from the North Shore to convene. The Committee discussed next steps and agreed that the Communications Working Group should meet with District staff and the Arts Council to help advance this item and report back to the Committee.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

## **6. Update from Working Groups**

**Arts and Culture Centre Working Group:** The Chair updated Members of a draft being prepared by the working group outlining its purpose and responsibilities in relation to the proposed arts centre. Members noted that the draft remains under development and has not yet been finalized.

The Committee also discussed current information regarding the Ambleside Local Area Plan and potential implications for future planning of an arts centre in Ambleside. Members expressed support for continued advocacy for an arts centre and discussed the importance of organizing community input, including participation in any public hearing process.

**Communications Working Group:** Member Schachtel reminded members of the working group's purpose and that it will meet when needed and at the direction of the Chair.

**Ferry Building Gallery Working Group:** Member F. Pagani reported that visitor numbers are up slightly from last year; and that Ferry Building Gallery staff are planning a fundraising event for the fall. The call for artists to the Great Portrait Award Competition will go out on April 10th. The Gallery is seeking donations for food and wine for the awards ceremony event; Art Cafes (where two artists host discussions on art topics) have been held successfully.

**Art Museum Working Group:** Member Hall provided an update on current initiatives, including the reposting of the Assistant Curator position, the finalization of homes and programming for West Coast Modern Week, and planning for the Darrin Morrison Residency Program for Emerging Architects and Designers. It was noted that tickets for West Coast Modern Week will go on sale on May 9, 2026. Community engagement opportunities, including expanded family programming and increased high school outreach, are also being explored, although staff capacity remains a challenge.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT Updates from the Working Groups be received for information.

CARRIED

## **7. Update from Committee Members**

Member Schachtel (West Vancouver Community Arts Council) reported on: implementation of ongoing programs and events; the opening of the Cherry Blossom exhibit featuring the Quilters' Guild; and efforts to bring together smaller organizations for a presence at the Community Cultural Fest. Work is also underway to diversify programming and partnerships, including a high school exhibition focused on environmental themes, and to strengthen community outreach and network-building.

Member Mendes (Kay Meek Arts Centre) reported on the upcoming Cruise the Shore for Charity fundraiser to be held on August 22 and 23, 2026. It was noted that Kay Meek Arts Centre will be the recipient organization, and that the event will include a silent auction featuring artwork, as well as live entertainment, including a performance by Ian Parker.

E. Gibbens (Youth Advisory Committee) reported that the group is enthusiastic about the new youth hub in Ambleside Park and welcoming potential inclusion of an artistic component within the building. Interest was also expressed in including dedicated space to display youth artwork and in exploring a mentorship program.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT Updates from Committee Members be received for information.

CARRIED

## **8. Council Representative Update**

An update was provided on the adoption of the Ambleside Local Area Plan by the provincial government and that a public hearing is scheduled for April 27, 2026. Members were also updated on the progressing plans of the Navy Jack House restoration and potential public art project for the east wall of the house.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT 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 May 14, 2026 at 4 p.m. and held in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall and via electronic communication facilities.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the April 9, 2026 Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Chair

s. 22(1)  
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Committee Clerk