

**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, MAY 14, 2026**

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

Non-Voting Committee Members: A. Krawczyk (West Vancouver Memorial Library Board) 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 V. Mendes (Kay Meek Arts Centre Board of Directors).

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Representative); C. Rosta, Cultural Services Manager; 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 4:04 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 14, 2026 Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Committee Membership Update

The Chair advised that a member has resigned, creating a total of two vacancies on the Committee. The District of West Vancouver is accepting applications for committee members until May 31, 2026 and a link to the applications will be sent to all members.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Committee Membership Update be received for information.

CARRIED

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

The West Vancouver Community Arts Council and District staff are jointly planning a community meeting for mid-sized arts groups on June 23, 2026 at the Silk Purse Arts Centre. The meeting will focus on best practices in marketing, sales, social media, promotion, and donor recruitment. This is also a networking opportunity for arts groups to build relationships across the sector.

The Committee noted that, at the May 11, 2026 Council meeting, the Mayor announced that progress is being made toward securing the Bellevue site for a future arts facility. No further information was available at the time of the update.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Chair be authorized to write a letter to Mayor and Council regarding the progress of the arts facility project, and to express the Committee's support in any way deemed appropriate.

CARRIED

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 members reported on the importance of filling the vacant positions on the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee with individuals who can assist with advancing the Arts and Culture Strategy Update. The next Working Group meeting will focus on discussions concerning the financial framework for the arts centre. The members are seeking input from various individuals to help structure a viable framework for both the cost of the facility and its continuing operation. Additionally, the Chair spoke with the Seniors' Activity Centre Board to determine if there is interest in a non-voting position on the Committee.

Art Museum Working Group: The Art Museum has hired a new Assistant Curator and in the process of interviewing for a new casual curatorial assistant; planning still underway for the creation and fundraising for the Darrin Morrison Residency Program for Emerging Architects/Designers. Members reported on the planned private fundraising activities for this summer and fall and provided an update on sponsorship for West Coast Modern Week.

Ferry Building Gallery Working Group: This group meets once every two months and is continuing their work on organizing a Portrait Award Gala event for the fall.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

7. Update from Committee Members

Member Schachtel (West Vancouver Community Arts Council) reported on current work being undertaken to develop the organization as an umbrella group for the sector. Preparations are underway to organize participation at the West Vancouver Community Cultural Festival on June 5–6, 2026 with a table for all arts groups who would like to participate.

Member Krawczyk (West Vancouver Memorial Library Board) reported on the proposed expansion of the youth wing. Members were advised that architectural plans have been prepared and presented to Council. Work is underway to identify the next steps for a campaign in support of the project, with funding sources still to be confirmed. Members also received an update on current programming and events, including an exhibit in collaboration with the Ferry Building.

Member Liu (Youth Advisory Committee) provided an update on the recent Youth Week celebrations which were a success. Members were advised that the Youth Advisory Committee presented to Mayor and Council on climate-related issues and facility concerns affecting youth in West Vancouver. A new Youth Hub has been approved for the Ambleside Park location.

L. Jones (Kay Meek Arts Centre) reported that programming continues to focus on diversity and inclusion, including engagement with Ukrainian and Indigenous artists. Members were also advised of Jade Circle, scheduled for May 20–22, 2026. It was noted that grant funding has been received through the Community Grants Program to support daytime programming. Members were invited to the 2026/2027 season launch on May 26, 2026 at the McEwan Theatre.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

8. Council Representative Update

Councillor Gambioli provided an update on the recently approved Ambleside Centre Local Area Plan.

An update was provided regarding the proposed redevelopment of the city block where Troll's Restaurant is located in Horseshoe Bay.

An update was also provided on the Navvy Jack House. Members noted that a public art component is anticipated to be installed on the exterior at a future date. It was further noted that a bistro and coffee house are scheduled to open this summer.

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 June 11, 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 May 14, 2026 Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Certified Correct:

s. 22(1)

Chair

s. 22(1)

Committee Clerk