

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023**

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Committee Members: S. Swan (Chair), J. Baxter, P. Bowles, K. Rosin, and E. Vaartnou attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities. Absent: B. Milley, S. Tsangarakis, C. Wang; and Councillor N. Gambioli.

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Representative); and F. Costa, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:18 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the April 6, 2023 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the March 2, 2023 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**REPORTS / ITEMS**

**4. Council Liaison Update**

There was no update.

**5. Arts Facilities Advisory Committee Update**

Staff updated the Committee on the Arts Facilities Advisory Committee (AFAC) meeting of March 16, 2023. The AFAC reviewed the final reports that will be submitted to Council on April 24, 2023 by the consultants, staff, and the AFAC Chair. Staff is finalizing the presentation.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Arts Facilities Advisory Committee Update be received for information.

CARRIED

## 6. Research in Other Communities Project Discussion

Chair provided an update on the meeting with the Kay Meek Arts Centre and West Vancouver Community Arts Council's Chair and Vice-Chair of March 22nd. Key points from the discussion:

- The need for an “umbrella” organization for the arts and culture sector in West Vancouver to bring together the voices of smaller groups and identify key priorities to speak with one voice to Council. In several communities, this role is taken on by the local arts council.
- In terms of Committees of Council and providing an advisory role for District Council, it was discussed that one overarching “Committee” with an understanding of all the arts and culture activities and programs in West Vancouver would be beneficial. Currently, a number of Committees focused on various areas of arts and culture are in this advisory role but generally work in isolation of one another. This overarching “Committee” would provide a broader perspective to Council regarding the overall strategic development of the sector.
- The importance of multi-year funding for stability and long-term planning.

Members discussed which group/organization could broaden their mandate to be an “umbrella” organization. Discussion continued on the concept of one Committee of Council representing a broader arts and culture perspective. Members commented on the opportunity for the arts community to demonstrate to Council the importance of the arts for the economic health of the community. A meeting will be scheduled in May with other Committees of Council that include arts and culture in their mandate.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Research in Other Communities Project Discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

## 7. Capacity-Building Efforts with Arts & Culture Sector Planning Update

The North Shore Arts Forum is confirmed for May 16, 2023 at the Delbrook Community Centre for a full-day professional development and networking gathering of arts leaders from the North Shore. The forum will offer a variety of workshops, panel discussions, and keynote speakers addressing themes such as collaboration, relationships, and equity-based practices in arts organizations.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Capacity-Building Efforts with Arts & Culture Sector Planning Update be received for information.

CARRIED

## 8. Staff Update

Staff updated the Committee on the following:

- The Ferry Building Gallery ribbon cutting on April 4th was a great success. The April 5th opening reception for the Massey family show – *Sibling Revelry* also had many attendees. The newly reopened gallery was immediately busy.
- Council approved the restoration project for the Ambleside Welcome Figure.

- *The Bricktacular West Coast Modern Show: Paul Hetherington* opens May 5th at the West Vancouver Memorial Library.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Staff Update be received for information.

CARRIED

**9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

Staff confirmed that the next Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2023 at 3 p.m. and held in-person in the Raven Room at Municipal Hall.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the April 6, 2023 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Committee Clerk