

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
RAVEN ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023**

Committee Members: S. Swan (Chair), J. Baxter, P. Bowles, B. Milley, K. Rosin, S. Tsangarakis, E. Vaartnou, C. Wang; and Councillor N. Gambioli attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Representative); and F. Costa, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting in the Raven Room, Municipal Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the May 4, 2023 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

K. Rosin and J. Baxter absent at vote

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

K. Rosin and J. Baxter absent at vote

REPORTS / ITEMS

4. Council Liaison Update

Councillor Gambioli informed the Committee that Council approved the Community Grants funding recommendations. The list of funded arts and culture organizations receiving grants in 2023 is available on the District's website or from staff.

Councillor Gambioli also commented that Council received for information the Arts Facility Centre Planning report presented on April 24, 2023, and that negotiations for the acquisition of land for the new arts facility are ongoing.

K. Rosin entered the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Council Liaison Update be received for information.

CARRIED

J. Baxter absent at vote

5. Arts Facilities Advisory Committee Update

Staff reported that the last meeting of the Arts Facilities Advisory Committee (AFAC) was on March 16, 2023. The AFAC was disbanded by Council on April 24, 2023, pending further direction. The Committee discussed the Council meeting and the AFAC's recommendations to Council.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

J. Baxter absent at vote

6. Research in Other Communities Project Discussion

Discussion was had on planning a meeting with other Committees of Council that relate to the arts and culture sector. It was suggested that Graham Nicholls be asked to help facilitate this meeting so that the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) Chair and Acting Chair can be free to engage in the conversation. The Committee is aiming to have the meeting scheduled in mid-June. It was agreed that the Chair and Acting Chair of the ACAC will host the meeting and that the Chair and Acting Chair or Co-Chairs of the Public Art Advisory Committee, Art Museum Advisory Committee, and Community Grants Committee be invited. The goal is to present and discuss the research project the ACAC has completed and discuss the governance model of the District's Committees of Council related to arts and culture as the current structure works in silos and discuss any ideas the other committees may have to streamline for effectiveness.

It was suggested that a Council report with this concept and a draft Terms of Reference for a new or revamped Committee be presented to Council in the Fall.

J. Baxter entered the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

It was Moved and Seconded:

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

CARRIED

7. Arts & Culture Strategy (2018-2023) Discussion

Staff presented a proposal for a two-year update to the Arts & Culture Strategy rather than an entire new Strategy that would require time and resources the District currently does not have available. The first step would be to coordinate meetings/workshops with community arts and culture organizations delivering the services to the community as these are the easiest to access. The update could focus on review of the current Arts & Culture Strategy, actions accomplished and outstanding, new issues and opportunities arising over the last five years, and establishing a list of priorities for the sector.

The Committee agreed that an updated report should be presented to Council. Discussion was held regarding a survey with 4-5 questions for the arts and culture organizations as a first step to understanding the priorities for the arts strategy

update. The Communications Department would be involved in crafting any surveys. It was decided that further discussion should be deferred to the next meeting when the Committee will create a framework for updating the strategy.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Arts & Culture Strategy (2018-2023) Discussion be received for information and further discussion be deferred to the next meeting.

CARRIED

8. **Staff Update**

Staff updated the Committee on the following:

- First Thursdays Art Walk starts today at 6 p.m., promoting a self-guided tour of local galleries, public art, and community spaces;
- New exhibition "Perceptions" at the Ferry Building Gallery until May 10, 2023; and
- Restoration of the Welcome Figure totem at Ambleside is starting soon.

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 June 1, 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 May 4, 2023 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Certified Correct:


Chair


~~Committee Clerk~~ Staff Representative