



## **ARTS COMMISSION**

**June 6, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Committee Room 2, City Hall**  
**MINUTES**

### **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Councillor Trentadue | - Chair, City Council Member  |
| Stephen O’Shea       | - Alternate Chair<br>Arts Council of New Westminster Representative |
| Troy Hunter          | - Community Member  |
| Julian Legere        | - Professional Arts & Culture Sector Representative                 |
| Kelly Proznick       | - Community Member  |
| Julia Schoennagel    | - Community Member  |
| David Vivian         | - Community Member  |

### **VOTING MEMBER REGRETS:**

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| Erin Jeffery    | - Community Based Arts Sector<br>Non-Profit Representative |
| Peter Leblanc   | - Community Based Arts Sector<br>Non-Profit Representative |
| Vesna Maljkovic | - Education Sector Representative                          |

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

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| Sarah Joyce      | - Director-Curator, New Media Gallery |
| Carolyn Armanini | - Planner 1, Office of the CAO        |
| Carilyn Cook     | - Committee Clerk                     |

The meeting commenced at 5:43 p.m.

## **1.0 ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

### **MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT the Arts Commission agenda of the June 6, 2019 meeting be adopted with the additions of Item 5.2 – The School District and the Arts by Kelly Proznick, Community Member, Item 5.3 – New Media Gallery Announcement - Winds by Sarah Joyce, Director-Curator, New Media Gallery, and Item 5.4 – The Anvil Centre and Community Access Update by Carolyn Armanini, Planner 1, Office of the CAO.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

## **2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of April 4, 2019**

#### **MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT the Arts Commission minutes of the April 4, 2019 meeting be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

### **2.2 Adoption of the Minutes of May 16, 2019**

#### **MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT the Arts Commission minutes of the May 16, 2019 meeting be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

## **3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

There were no items.

## **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There were no items.

## **5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Arts Strategy Delivery: New Westminster Public Library – Stephen O’Shea, Alternate Chair, Arts Council of New Westminster Representative**

Mr. O’Shea reminded members that the Arts Strategy is a document that will guide the entire City and that the library, with its many resources, would be a paramount way to share and promote the Arts Strategy. To this end, Commission members requested that staff contact Julie Spurrell, Chief Librarian, or her designate, on behalf of the Commission and request that a library representative attend Arts Commission as per the Terms of Reference. Mr. O’Shea shared the Commission’s desire to see the New Westminster Public Library, as arts programmers, being involved in the discussion. Carilyn Cook, Committee Clerk, will contact Ms. Spurrell with the request.

### **5.2 The School District and the Arts – Kelly Proznick, Community Member**

Ms. Proznick announced that this past week, the New Westminster School Board passed a recommendation to allocate \$180,000 for the hiring of a part time arts

coordinator, facility rental (the Massey Theatre, etc.), and the replacement and/or repair of fine arts equipment and supplies at all schools within the district. She stated that a parent advocacy group has been advocating for art education across the district for years and was recently able to make a real connection with the School Board. Parents are very happy the City sees the value in arts education.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee provided the following comments:

- Elementary school Parent Advisory Committees (PACs) have a lot of responsibilities, so the arts may not be prioritized or run as formally as programs in the high school; and,
- The Coalition for Music Education is another way for parents to get various art materials, etc., as the Coalition is not solely focussed on music as their name may imply.

### **5.3 New Media Gallery Announcement – Winds – Sarah Joyce, Director-Curator, New Media Gallery**

Ms. Joyce invited Commission members to attend the Winds exhibition which will open on June 21<sup>st</sup> in the New Media Gallery and feature David Bowen, Spencer Finch, Nathalie Miebach, and Chris Welsby and whose material process follows wind through physical space and time.

### **5.4 The Anvil Centre and Community Access Update – Carolyn Armanini, Planner 1, Office of the CAO**

Ms. Armanini reminded Commission members that the subject of community access to the Anvil Centre came from the Commission and the Arts Strategy.

Ms. Joyce advised that staff are working on a report regarding the September 28 Cultural Event at the Anvil Centre and that discussion will include implementing a working group assist with the event.

## **6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

### **6.1 Report from Arts Commission Representative on Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) (Standing Item) – Peter Leblanc, Community Base Arts Sector Representative**

As Mr. Leblanc was unable to attend the meeting, Mr. O’Shea shared that, with the support of Rob McCullough, Manager of Museums and Heritage Services, the PAAC recently discussed a Call to Indigenous artists for work to be installed at the new Canada Games Pool and Community Centre which includes a budget of \$500,000. There is the potential for Artwork to be installed in a number of areas around the facilities including the lobby, on the glass, walkways, etc., and funding would include payment, supplies, etc. Members provided their comments with

respect to what the Call should include and expect to see a draft within the next few weeks. Mr. O’Shea stated that it is exciting to see the City make a significant investment in the arts and towards reconciliation.

PAAC also received an update on the art installation at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Station which is about halfway complete and should be finished soon.

In response to questions from the Commission regarding the Canada Games Pool and Community Centre Call, Mr. O’Shea provided the following responses:

- This is an Open Call for Indigenous Artists only. There are a number of Indigenous groups claiming New Westminster as their territory so submissions will not all be local. Because of this, artists who are residents in New Westminster (local) will not be given special preference;
- Staff are cognizant that the Call process itself is a colonial process and, therefore, the jury selection must be a very thought out process;
- Staff will make a concerted effort to publicize the Call in various ways to ensure everyone hears about it; and,
- With respect to the budget, PAAC also discussed additional programming and contingency for additional items that may be required down the line. There will be more funds for other Calls in the future.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee provided the following comments:

- As there is the potential for a number of locations for artwork to be installed, a priority would be to see local artists represented; and,
- Vancouver International Airport (specifically Bill Reid) is a great example of Indigenous public art;

Councillor Trentadue advised that it was suggested that staff seek advice from Castelmair, the organization the City is working with on the reconciliation process, to determine how to develop a Call and jury that includes Indigenous representation.

## **6.2 New West Artists Report (Standing Item)** **– Julia Schoennagel, Community Member**

Ms. Schoennagel announced that New West Artists is gearing up for summer and events such as Music by the River and Canada day celebrations at which they will have a table.

Recently, New West Artists held a very successful event called ‘The Children’s Art Project’. The event involved four artists visiting Lord Tweedsmuir School and assisting the children in creating art. The event culminated with the children having photos of their artwork published in the New Westminster Record.

- 6.3 Arts Council of New Westminster Report (attached) – Stephen O’Shea, Alternate Chair, Arts Council of New Westminster Representative**
- 6.4 Arts Council of New Westminster Report from Vagabond Players (attached) - Stephen O’Shea, Alternate Chair, Arts Council of New Westminster Representative**

Mr. O’Shea stated that he submitted the above report on behalf of the Vagabond Players noting that their work is valuable and more people need to know about it.

**7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

- 7.1 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter – January 2019**
- 7.2 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter – February 2019**
- 7.3 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter – March 2019**
- 7.4 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter – April 2019**
- 7.5 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter – May 2019**
- 7.6 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter (Special Issue) – May 2019**

**8.0 NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, October 3, 2019

A brief discussion commenced with respect to the formation of a working group that would assist in the planning/coordination of the September event at the Anvil Centre (celebration of Cultural Days, Arts Strategy, Anvil Centre’s 5<sup>th</sup> birthday), etc., as well as reviewing the Anvil Centre community access report. Stephen O’Shea, Julia Schoennagel, David Vivian, and Julian Legere volunteered to be on the working committee. Ms. Joyce will report back to (Vali Marling/staff) who are writing the report and will provide more information to Ms. Cook to send out to the Arts Commission.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Original Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
**Councillor Mary Trentadue**  
**Chair**

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**Carilyn Cook**  
**Committee Clerk**