



ARTS COMMISSION

December 2, 2021

Meeting held at Massey Theatre

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Trentadue	- Chair, City Council Member
Bob Crockett	- Alternate Chair/ Arts Council of New Westminster Representative
Ted Drabyk	- Community Based Arts Sector Non-Profit Representative
Peter Leblanc	- Community Based Arts Sector, Non-Profit Representative
Vesna Maljkovic	- Education Sector Representative
Kelly Proznick	- Community Member
Julia Schoennagel	- Community Member
Janette Tilley	- Douglas College Representative

VOTING MEMBER REGRETS:

Erin Jeffery	- Community Based Arts Sector
Katey Wright	- Community Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Todd Ayotte	- Manager, Community Arts and Theatre
Jessica Schneider	- Executive Director, Massey Theatre
Katie Stobbart	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. following a tour of Massey Theatre.

1.0 ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Arts Commission agenda of the December 2, 2021 meeting be adopted as circulated.

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 September 2, 2021

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Arts Commission minutes of the September 2, 2021 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Massey Theatre and Complex Operational Partnership

Todd Ayotte, Manager, Community Arts and Theatre, and Jessica Schneider, Executive Director, Massey Theatre, provided a presentation entitled “Massey Theatre & Complex Operational Partnership: City of New Westminster and Massey Theatre Society”.

In response to questions from the Commission, Mr. Ayotte and Ms. Schneider advised:

- The Massey Theatre Society was formed in 1982 by a number of prominent community members committed to the arts. There is a Board of Directors of the Massey Theatre Society to which Ms. Schneider reports;

Plans for a phased capital renewal have not been finalized but will address major systems and building envelope needs.

Procedural Note: Janette Tilley left the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

The Commission expressed gratitude for the work put into this partnership, excitement for the possibilities of using the space, and the importance of keeping this asset for the community.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Arts Space Needs Assessment Update

Todd Ayotte, Manager, Community Arts and Theatre, updated the Commission on the Arts Space Needs Assessment, noting the following:

- The survey was launched with a longer timeframe—it closes January 11, 2022;
- To date there have been 46 responses;

- Staff will prepare a report regarding the findings for the new Arts Advisory Committee.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Arts Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Todd Ayotte, Manager, Community Arts and Theatre, advised:

- Membership will be rotated on a two-year basis;
- Local arts organizations may request to present at the Arts Advisory Committee to provide overview of their operation and share any issues and challenges they may be facing;
- Staff will work with the Committee to develop strategies to engage with business and tourism sectors;
- Staff will work to also develop sector-based roundtables/ opportunities for informal engagement.

6.2 New Media Gallery Updates

Sarah Joyce, Director/Curator, New Media Gallery, provided the New Media Gallery Members Report attached to the agenda.

6.3 Library Update

No update was given.

6.4 Report from Arts Commission Representative on Public Art Advisory Committee (Standing Item)

Peter Leblanc, Community Based Arts Sector, Non-Profit Representative, provided an update on the Public Art Advisory Committee:

- The public art project from the former Canada Games Pool location is underway;
- Two unique calls for artists have been sent out: one to create a roster for public art projects under \$25,000, and an artist-initiated call;
- The Cosmic Maypole is in the process of being decommissioned;

- Staff are exploring the opportunity for a public artist residency at the Queensborough Electrical Substation;
- An opportunity before the City is a partnership with the Capture Photography Festival at the Anvil Centre for 2023;
- A PAAC subcommittee has been working with staff to revise the Public Art Policy;

6.5 Arts Council of New Westminster

Bob Crockett, Alternate Chair/Arts Council of New Westminster (ACNW) Representative, reported that the ACNW just had its Annual General Meeting and are ready to proceed with a new Board of Directors.

Mr. Crockett also attended the final meeting of City Stage New Westminster, and they passed along the message to keep diversifying in the arts.

6.6 Vagabond Players (Standing Item)

Ted Drabyk, Community Based Arts Sector Representative, thanked the Commission for his appointment to the Social and Cultural Vibrancy Grants Committee.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Trentadue recognized the contributions, commitment, and energy of the members of the Arts Commission in its current composition.

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Original Signed
Councillor Mary Trentadue
Chair

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Katie Stobbart
Committee Clerk