



## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE ON CULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

January 6, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.  
Committee Room #2  
City Hall

### **MINUTES**

#### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Jonathan Coté  
Councillor Chinu Das  
Councillor Mary Trentadue

#### **STAFF:**

Ms. Lisa Spitale – CAO  
Ms. Emilie Aiden – Director, Development Services  
Ms. Jen Arbo – Coordinator, Economic Development  
Ms. Kim Deighton – Manager, Licensing and Integrated Services  
Ms. Carolyn Armanini – Planner, Economic Development  
Ms. Sarah Joyce – Director + Curator, New Media Gallery  
Mr. Rob McCullough – Manager, Museums & Heritage Services  
Mr. Gordon Duggan – Director & Curator, New Media Gallery  
Mr. Todd Ayotte – Manager, Community Arts & Theatre  
Mr. Blair Fryer – Manager, Communications & Economic Development

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

#### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** **Urgent/time sensitive matters only**

#### **1. No Items**

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **2. MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Task Force on Culture and Economic Development of Monday, September 16, 2019 be adopted.*

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

**PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS FOR ACTION**

**3.1 Review of Purpose/Mandate & 2020 Workplan**

**Discussion Summary:** Mr. Fryer provided an overview presentation, outlining the documents that guide work in culture and economic development and the proposed workplan for the Taskforce in 2020. Discussion followed on how the Taskforce is an opportunity for staff to check in with Council on emerging issues and use it to work through issues on the implementation of plans such as the Arts Strategy and Theatre Strategy.

Comments were made that while the Taskforce should look to the intersections of economic development and culture, the Taskforce can still discuss these two areas in their silos. More specifically, Cultural Services staff should be adding agenda items even if they don't directly relate to economic development.

**Action Items:**

<b>Summary of Action</b>	Add two or three arts and culture items to the workplan and report back at a future meeting.
<b>Who is responsible</b>	Culture Services staff
<b>When</b>	Future meeting – target May 2020

<b>Summary of Action</b>	Governance models and operational framework/agreement would be two items that should come to this taskforce. In particular the operational agreement/framework with Massey Theatre Society is coming up in September. Staff should prepare a discussion item for the March 2020 Taskforce meeting.
<b>Who is responsible</b>	Todd Ayotte
<b>When</b>	Future meeting – March 2020

**3.2 Presentation and Discussion on Intersection of Culture and Economic Development**

**Discussion Summary:** Mr. Fryer gave a presentation on the intersection of Culture and Economic Development. Discussion on defining culture ensued, including how the City would be using it and why it is necessary to define it. Members agreed that a definition should be broad and holistic, incorporating a combination of the various arts traditions, histories, diverse backgrounds and ideas that manifest in New

Westminster. Future discussion on a definition could also go to the new reconciliation/engagement taskforce once it is established.

**Action Items:**

<b>Summary of Action</b>	Prepare a proposed definition of culture, based on the definition included in the OCP.
<b>Who is responsible</b>	Cultural Services staff
<b>When</b>	Future meeting

**NEW BUSINESS**

**4. No Items**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Task Force on Culture and Economic Development will occur on:

Date:	March 2, 2020
Time:	1:00 p.m
Location:	Committee Room #2 City Hall

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05p.m.

Original Signed	Original Signed
<b>Mayor Jonathan Coté CHAIR</b>	<b>Carolyn Armanini Planner, Economic Development</b>