



ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Open to public attendance in Committee Room G

Lower Level, City Hall

Committee members may attend electronically

PRESENT

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy

Councillor Paul Minhas*

Sienna Campbell

S^yowah Elijah

Laura Grady

Erin Jeffrey

Julia Schoennagel

Chair

Council Member

Community Representative

Artist, New Westminster Based

Representative, Arts Council of New Westminster

Representative, Local Not-for-Profit Arts Sector

Artist, New Westminster Based

REGRETS

Ezra King

Jas Lally

Anjana Pradhananga

Kelly Proznik

Giulia Setticasi

Community Representative

Arts Professional

Urban Designers, Architects, Landscape Architects

Representative, Education Sector

Community Representative

STAFF

Todd Ayotte

Quyen Hoang

Katie Stobbart

Manager, Community Arts and Theatre

Public and Community Art Coordinator

Committee Clerk

*Denotes electronic attendance

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor McEvoy opened the meeting at 5:31 p.m. and recognized with respect that New Westminster is on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Halkomelem speaking peoples. He acknowledged that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land. He recognized that, as a City, we are learning and building relationships with the people whose lands we are on.

2. INTRODUCTIONS AND ICEBREAKERS

The Committee began with a round of introductions.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Minutes of December 1, 2022

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the December 1, 2022 Arts Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 City Hall Art Wall Proposal

Todd Ayotte, Manager, Community Arts and Theatre, provided an overview of the Proposed City Hall Art Wall memo. In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Ayotte advised:

- It would be possible to have a mix of exhibitions, local arts organizations as well as broader community calls;
- The City Hall art wall space would be limited to two-dimensional, hang-ready works;

- Although we would not include pricing labels, interested parties would be put in touch with the artist(s);
- Staff would explore signage options to promote the exhibitions within City Hall.

The Committee had the following comments:

- This is a fantastic way to engage community arts organizations;
- The Committee would like to see City Hall added to the list of venues for the annual Culture Crawl;
- Recommendation to explore opportunities to include youth art;
- Signage on the first floor would help to lead people to the second floor to view the works; and

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the recommendation from staff to have art on the second floor of City Hall be taken to Council.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no items.

7. STANDING REPORTS AND UPDATES

There were no items.

8. NEW BUSINESS

At a future meeting, the committee would like to discuss graffiti and its inclusion in the city's public art scene, for example via graffiti walls.

9. END OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 6:08 p.m.

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting is to be determined.

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