

**ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 3, 2022**  
**Electronic and in Meeting Room G**  
**Lower Level, City Hall**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mary Trentadue	Chair
Sienna Campbell*	Community Representative
Sonyowah Elijah	Artist, New Westminster Based
Erin Jeffrey*	Representative, Local Not-for-Profit Arts Sector
Ezra King*	Community Representative
Jas Lally*	Arts Professional
Stephen O'Shea	Representative, Arts Council of New Westminster
Kelly Proznik*	Representative, Education Sector
Julia Schoennagel*	Artist, New Westminster Based
Giulia Setticasi*	Community Representative

**REGRETS**

Anjana Pradhananga	Urban Designers, Architects, Landscape Architects
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**STAFF**

Todd Ayotte	Manager, Community Arts and Theatre
Quyen Hoang	Public and Community Art Coordinator
Katie Stobbart	Committee Clerk

\*Denotes electronic attendance

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Councillor Trentadue 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. She acknowledged that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land. She recognized that, as a

City, we are learning and building relationships with the people whose lands we are on.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS AND ICEBREAKERS**

There were no items.

**3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** the Agenda for the March 3, 2022 Arts Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**4.1 Minutes of February 3, 2022**

MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT** the minutes of the Arts Advisory Committee meeting held on February 3, 2022 be adopted.

**Carried.**

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

**5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**5.1 Public Art Policy Orientation**

Quyen Hoang, Public and Community Art Coordinator, provided a presentation entitled "Public Art Policy Orientation."

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Hoang and Todd Ayotte, Manager, Community Arts and Theatre, advised:

- The guiding principle in the Policy referring to Reconciliation is intended to recognize the rights of all Indigenous people and also acknowledge that New Westminster is on the unceded territory of the Halkomelem speaking peoples and we have a responsibility to be respectful of this context. It is not intended to exclude Indigenous artists who are not Halkomelem

speaking. All artists, whether or not they are Indigenous, are asked to consider the land they are on when developing their projects.

- Current projects underway in the public art program include:
  - The təməsew̓tx̓w Aquatic and Community Centre with Coast Salish artist James Harry;
  - The Artist Roster, which was finalized earlier this year, includes seventeen (17) pre-qualified artists who can be engaged for planned and emerging projects valued \$25,000 and under for the next two years. Several artists on the Roster reside in New Westminster but there are others who have strong connections to the community;
  - The Artist-Initiated Public Art Project is in progress, with short-listed artists currently engaged to prepare project concepts for the Selection Committee. This project has a total budget of \$30,000;
  - The Library Public Art Call will be finalized and issued at the end of March;
- Other projects in development include:
  - Capture Photography Festival 2023;
  - Queensborough Substation;
  - Boundary Pump Station.

## **5.2 Arts Space Needs Assessment - Survey Findings**

Todd Ayotte, Manager, Community Arts and Theatre, provided a presentation entitled “Arts Space Needs Assessment – Preliminary Survey Findings.”

The Committee was encouraged by the data presented and noted that parklets would be a great opportunity for performance space.

**Procedural Note:** Kelly Proznik left the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

### **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

There were no items.

### **7. STANDING REPORTS AND UPDATES**

There were no items.

### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items.

**9. END OF MEETING**

On MOTION, the meeting ended at 6:45 p.m.

**10. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The upcoming meetings of the Arts Advisory Committee for 2022 are at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted:

- April 7
- May 5
- June 2
- July 7
- August 4
- September 1
- December 1