



## Meeting of the North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission

Thursday, June 1, 2023, 6:00 pm

### MEETING MINUTES

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Attendees: Commissioner Franci Stratton (Chair)  
Commissioner Dave Wilson (Vice-Chair)  
Commissioner Holly Back  
Commissioner Mary Carmichael  
Commissioner Angela Girard  
Commissioner John Moore  
Commissioner Catherine Pope (until 6:45 pm)  
Commissioner Lisa Muri  
Commissioner Kate Smyth  
Commissioner Antje Wilson

Staff: Heather Turner, Director of Recreation & Culture  
Michael Hunter, Deputy Director  
Jennifer Wilson, Manager, Recreation & Culture Services  
Pamela Rooke, Manager, Finance  
Karen Pighin, Cultural Services Officer  
Christine Walker, Centralized Recreation Services Manager  
Veronica Labrosse, Executive Assistant

Note: *One District of North Vancouver citizen representative position vacant*

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#### **I. Call to Order – Indigenous Acknowledgment**

Chair Stratton called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm.

#### **II. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved** by Commissioner Muri; **seconded** by Commissioner Girard

**THAT** the meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

#### **III. Adoption of the Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Moved** by Commissioner Muri; **seconded** by Commissioner A. Wilson

**THAT** the minutes of the March 30, 2023, meeting be adopted.

**Carried**

**IV. Director’s Report**

Director Turner spoke to items in the report, and asked Jennifer Wilson, Manager of Recreation & Culture Services, to speak to the item on Independent Program Providers.

Mike Hunter, Deputy Director, provided an update on the Indoor/Outdoor Recreation & Sport Facility Plan.

**V. Items for Discussion/Decision**

a) 2023 Arts & Culture Grants: Late Intake

Karen Pighin, Cultural Services Supervisor, and Stacie Graham, Arts & Culture Grants Review Committee Chair, were in attendance via Teams to speak to the report and answer Commissioner questions. K. Pighin spoke to the applications received and the focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

**Moved** by Commissioner Back; **seconded** by Commissioner Girard

**THAT** the Commission approve Arts and Culture Grants in the amount of \$108,000 comprised of \$70,000 for Programming & Projects Grants and \$38,000 for Celebrations and Events Grants, as set out below:

- North Shore Celtic Ensemble: \$2,000
- Vancouver Iranian Choir: \$1,500
- Deep Cove Heritage Society: \$5,000
- Musart Cultural Society: \$6,000
- Blackout Theatre Society: \$20,500
- Laudate Singers Society: \$17,500
- Wild Bird Trust of British Columbia: \$17,500
- Lynn Valley Community Association: \$1,500
- North Shore Veterans Council of Canada: \$4,500
- Artists for Conservation International Foundation: \$15,000
- Belweder North Shore Polish Association: \$7,500
- Blueridge Chamber Music Society: \$9,500

**Carried**

Following a question from Commissioner Girard about the Arts & Culture grants funding envelope, Director Turner advised that the amount increases each year. Further discussions with the municipalities would be needed if a significant increase to the grant funding envelope is requested.

**VI. Item for Information**

a) Participation Update

J. Wilson presented the Participation Update. After Commissioner questions, Chair Stratton thanked J. Wilson for her presentation.

**VII. Other Business**

a) Report from School District #44

Commissioner A. Wilson provided her report.

The Chair asked if there was further business and there was none.

**VIII. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

**IX. Adjournment**

**Moved** by Commissioner Back; **seconded** by Commissioner Muri

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 pm.

**Carried**

**Approved:**



Franci Stratton, Chair

**Recorded by:**



Veronica Labrosse, Executive Assistant

September 28, 2023

Date