



Virtual Meeting of the North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission

Thursday, January 21, 2021, 5:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Commissioner Franci Stratton
Commissioner Holly Back
Commissioner Mary Carmichael
Commissioner Cyndi Gerlach
Commissioner Angela Girard
Commissioner Herman Mah
Commissioner John Moore
Commissioner Lisa Muri
Commissioner Dave Wilson

Staff: Heather Turner, Director of Recreation & Culture
Jennifer Wilson, Manager, Recreation & Culture Services
Gary Houg, Manager, Maintenance & Engineering Services
Howard Kiang, Assistant Manager, Maintenance & Engineering Services
Karen Bickford, Section Manager, Finance
Anne Rodgers, Section Manager, Communications, Marketing & Special Initiatives
John Rice, Cultural Services Officer
Veronica Labrosse, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Commissioner Betty Forbes

Note: *Second City citizen representative to be appointed*

I. Call to Order

Director Turner called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. The start time of the meeting was adjusted to accommodate a Closed Meeting prior to the Regular Meeting (no public were in attendance in accordance with current Public Health Orders). As the Commission Chair is elected at the first Commission Meeting of the year, Director Turner proceeded with the nomination process prior to the Closed Meeting being called to order.

II. Election of Officers for 2021

a) Chair

Director Turner asked for nominations. Commissioner Back nominated Commissioner Stratton, and she accepted. Commissioner Muri seconded the

nomination. Director Turner asked for further nominations and none were received. Commissioner Stratton was thereby appointed as Commission Chair.

III. Adjournment to the Closed Meeting

Chair Stratton requested a motion to move the Regular Meeting into the Closed portion.

Moved by Commissioner Muri; **seconded** by Commissioner Gerlach

THAT the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 5:04 pm to the Closed portion, in accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*.

Carried

IV. Resumption of the Regular Meeting

Chair Stratton asked for a motion to resume the Regular Meeting.

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

THAT the Regular Commission Meeting be called back to order.

Carried

The Regular Meeting resumed at 5:09 pm.

V. Election of Officers for 2021 - continued

b) Vice-Chair

Director Turner invited the Commissioners and staff to provide a brief introduction prior to resuming the election process.

Chair Stratton asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Commissioner Muri nominated Commissioner Mah, and he accepted. Commissioner Back seconded the nomination. Chair Stratton asked if there were further nominations and none were received. Commissioner Mah was thereby appointed as Commission Vice-Chair.

Director Turner advised that a second City of North Vancouver citizen representative will be appointed by City Council shortly.

VI. Approval of the Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

VII. Adoption of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Back; **seconded** by Commissioner Gerlach

THAT the minutes of the November 19, 2020 Meeting be adopted.

Carried

VIII. Director's Report

Director Turner highlighted items in the report, including "good news" stories and feedback from patrons.

Director Turner provided details on current service levels and programming (which excludes rentals). Jennifer Wilson, Manager of Recreation & Culture Services, provided additional detail on aquatics, skating and tennis. Councillor Muri commented on the increased number of visits to regional parks.

IX. Items for Information

a) Proposed Schedule of 2021 Virtual Meetings, Conferences and Events

Director Turner asked that Commissioners advise the Executive Assistant if any of the proposed dates are conflictual.

Following a Commissioner question on the virtual BCRPA Symposium, Director Turner advised that this is the first year it is being presented virtually, and that Commissioners have historically been encouraged to attend. Once the program information is available, it will be shared.

b) 2021 Committee Appointments

Moved by Commissioner Girard; **seconded** by Commissioner Gerlach

THAT the Commission receive information on the 2021 Committee Appointments for their consideration.

Carried

Director Turner advised that the appointments are open to all Commissioners. She asked that Commissioners email her their interest in being appointed by Thursday, February 4, and she will review the expressions of interest with the Chair.

X. Items for Discussion/Decision

a) Arts & Culture Grants Review Committee Appointment

Moved by Commissioner Muri; **seconded** by Commissioner Mah

THAT the Commission appoint Stacie Graham to the Arts & Culture Grants Review Committee effective immediately.

Carried

John Rice, Cultural Services Officer (and staff support to the Arts & Culture Grants Review Committee), expressed his appreciation to outgoing Committee member Pamela Hart.

b) 2021 Arts & Culture Grants

Director Turner spoke to the role of the Arts & Culture Grants Review Committee. J. Rice provided additional information on the review process and answered Commissioner questions.

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

THAT the Commission approve Arts & Culture grants in the amount of \$82,000, including \$60,500 in Programming & Project Assistance Grants and \$21,500 in Celebrations & Events Grants, as outlined in this report;

AND THAT the Commission approve a Community Public Art grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the City of North Vancouver's public art fund to support a First Nations reconciliation project at Presentation House.

Carried

Chair Stratton thanked J. Rice for the detailed report.

c) Lions Gate Community Recreation Centre

Director Turner spoke to the report, the application of the cost-sharing formula, and the process for the designation of Core Facilities.

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

THAT the Commission recommend to City and District of North Vancouver Councils that the Lions Gate Community Recreation Centre be deemed a Core Facility and that the cost-sharing formula for the overall North Vancouver Recreation & Culture operating budget be applied to this centre upon opening.

Carried

XI. Other Business

Director Turner advised that the orientation for the new Commissioners will take place once the new City citizen representative has been appointed to the Commission.

No further business was brought forward.

XII. Next Meeting

The next virtual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

XIII. Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Carried

Approved:

Recorded by:

Franci Stratton, Chair

Veronica Labrosse, Executive Assistant

Date