



Virtual Meeting of the North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission

Thursday, May 20, 2021, 5:30 pm

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Commissioner Franci Stratton (Chair)
Commissioner Herman Mah (Vice-Chair)
Commissioner Holly Back
Commissioner Mary Carmichael
Commissioner Betty Forbes
Commissioner Cyndi Gerlach
Commissioner Angela Girard
Commissioner John Moore
Commissioner Lisa Muri
Commissioner Kate Smyth
Commissioner Dave Wilson

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

I. Call to Order

Chair Stratton called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Stratton asked for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Girard asked that two items be added in VII. Other Business:

- i. Notices of Motion approved at the May 10, 2021 City Council Meeting
- ii. Update on the Strategic Planning Process

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

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

III. Adoption of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

THAT the minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting be adopted.

Carried

IV. Director's Report

Director Turner highlighted items in the report and asked Anne Rodgers, Section Manager, Communications, Marketing & Special Initiatives to provide details on a few items.

Following a question from Chair Stratton on current restrictions and their impact on services, Director Turner advised the Commission that they will continue to be updated as service levels are adjusted.

Commissioner Carmichael asked about the customer experience program. A. Rodgers spoke to the program's current efforts. Director Turner added that specific goals (identified through surveys) are assessed every year. Staff are being encouraged to shift from viewing this as a "program" to having customer experience at the core of their work. Staff will present an update at a future meeting.

V. Items for Information

a) BCRPA Symposium Feedback

Commissioners Wilson and Carmichael provided their feedback on the sessions they attended, and thanked the Commission for the opportunity to attend. J. Wilson, Manager of Recreation & Culture Services, provided feedback from the staff perspective.

VI. Items for Discussion/Decision

a) 2021 Arts & Culture Grants

Director Turner spoke to the report and the goal to encourage new initiatives and applications; several of the programs described in the report focus on diversity and inclusivity, and target audiences who are potentially underserved.

Director Turner advised that recommendations on late applicants will be brought to a future Commission meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Carmichael; **seconded** by Commissioner Back

THAT the Commission approve Arts & Culture grants in the amount of \$98,750 including \$79,250 in Programming & Project Assistance Grants and \$19,500 in Celebrations & Events Grants as outlined in this report;

AND THAT the Commission approve a Community Public Art grant of \$5,300 from the District of North Vancouver's public art fund to support the creation of a mural in Deep Cove.

Carried

Director Turner thanked Commissioner Moore for his participation on the Arts & Culture Grants Review Committee.

VII. Other Business

a) Report from School District #44

Commissioner Gerlach provided her report, including information on the collaborative work by the School District and North Shore Rescue in creating a short interactive video on outdoor preparedness. Commissioner Muri asked if the video can be shared and posted on NVRC's website; Commissioner Gerlach advised she will share the link.

b) Notices of Motion from the May 10, 2021 City Council Meeting

Commissioner Girard asked that it be included in the minutes that the following approved Notices of Motion were circulated to the Commission for their information:

- i. City of North Vancouver After School Program Initiative
- ii. Naming of the Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre Arena

c) Update on the Strategic Planning Process

Director Turner advised that process options are being further considered and will be discussed with the Policy & Planning Committee in the fall.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Thursday, June 24 at 5:30 pm.

IX. Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Carried

Approved:

Recorded by:

Franci Stratton, Chair

Veronica Labrosse, Executive Assistant

Date

Adopted/Unsigned