

## MEETING OF THE NORTH VANCOUVER RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION

**Meeting date:** November 20, 2025  
**Meeting time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Meeting location:** Via Microsoft Teams

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### MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners in attendance: Councillor Lisa Muri – DNV (Chair)  
Mayor Linda Buchanan – CNV (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Holly Back – CNV  
Mayor Mike Little – DNV  
Dr. Leanne McCarthy – CNV Chief Administrative Officer  
David Stuart – DNV Chief Administrative Officer  
Heather Turner – NVRC Director, Recreation & Culture

Staff: Mike Hunter – NVRC Deputy Director  
Pamela Rooke – NVRC Manager, Finance  
Jade Reed - Manager, Arts & Culture  
Christine Walker – Manager, Recreation Services  
Pilar Alba – NVRC Administrative Coordinator  
Rhonda Schell – DNV Deputy Corporate Officer  
Cheryl Archer – DNV Confidential Council Clerk

Guests: Jill Johnson – Arts & Culture Grant Committee

#### I. **Call to order – Indigenous acknowledgement**

Chair Muri called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and provided the following Indigenous acknowledgement:

- “On behalf of the Commissioners and those present, I express my gratitude to the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, and we appreciate the opportunity to learn, live and share experiences on these traditional and unceded territories. North Vancouver Recreation & Culture is committed to building relationships with First Nation communities, and this acknowledgement is one small step in honoring their culture, history and stewardship of the land.”

**II. Approval of the agenda**

**Moved** by Commissioner LITTLE; **seconded** by Commissioner BACK  
**THAT** the agenda for the November 20, 2025 Regular North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission Meeting is approved as circulated.

**III. Adoption of the minutes of the September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting**

**Moved** by Commissioner LITTLE; **seconded** by Commissioner BACK  
**THAT** the minutes of the September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting be adopted.

**Carried**

**IV. Adoption of the minutes of the October 21, 2025 Regular Meeting**

**Moved** by Commissioner BACK; **seconded** by Commissioner LITTLE  
**THAT** the minutes of the October 21, 2025 Regular Meeting be adopted.

**Carried**

**V. 2026 Arts & Culture Grants – Early Intake and Operating Assistance**

**Moved** by Commissioner BUCHANAN; **seconded** by Commissioner MURI

**THAT** the Commission approve Arts & Culture grants in the amount of \$123,000 comprised of \$9,500 for Programming and Project Assistance, \$65,500 for Annual Programming Support, and \$48,000 for Celebrations and Events as set out below:

• Dance Novella	\$4,500
• Vancouver Inter-Cultural Orchestra Society	\$5,000
• Lamondance Arts Society	\$18,500
• Griffin Art Projects	\$15,300
• Lions Gate Sinfonia	\$9,000
• Gordon and Marion Smith Foundation	\$15,000
• Vancouver Chamber Music Society	\$7,700
• Hong Kong House Cultural Society	\$10,000
• Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival	\$8,000
• Rotary Club Lions Gate (3-year funding plus approved inflationary increases in years two and year three)	\$10,000
• The BlueShore at CapU	\$11,000
• North Van Arts Council (Festival)	\$9,000

AND THAT the Commission approve a 2026 Operating Grant of \$250,000 for the North Vancouver Committee Arts Council. This will be the first year of three years funding (years two and three to be adjusted to include inflationary increases; pending budget approval).

**Carried**

**VI. 2026 Priorities/Service Plan**

**Moved** by Commissioner LITTLE; **seconded** by Commissioner BACK  
**THAT** the Commission approve the 2026 Priorities/Service Plan  
(Attachment 3)

**Carried**

**VII. 2026 Provisional Operating Budget Submission**

**Moved** by Commissioner STUART; **seconded** by Commissioner MURI  
**THAT** the 2026 Provisional Operating Budget Submission as outlined in  
Appendix 1 be approved for recommendation to the City and District.

**Carried**

**VIII. Other business**

The commission discussed the North Vancouver Rotary Club's Canada Day event at The Shipyards and issues with event production and finances due to the loss of a key volunteer and additional security costs.

**Moved** by Commissioner BUCHANAN; **seconded** by Commissioner LITTLE

**THAT** the commission approves up to \$10,000 to the Rotary Club of Lionsgate for the Canada Day event at the North Vancouver Shipyards;

**AND THAT** the commission hold a special meeting to consider any request to increase the funding to this event.

**Carried**

**IX. Next meeting**

The next meeting date is to be determined.

**X. Adjournment**

**Moved** by Commissioner MURI; **seconded** by Commissioner LITTLE  
**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

**Carried**

Approved by:

Recorded by:



Lisa Muri  
Chair



Cheryl Archer  
Confidential Council Clerk

2/26/2026

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Date