

## Meeting Minutes

### Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee

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Wednesday, November 6, 2024

3:30 PM

6th Floor Boardroom  
625 Fisgard St.  
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

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#### PRESENT

Directors: M. Alto (Chair), C. McNeil-Smith (Vice Chair), J. Bateman (for M. Tait) (EP), P. Brent (EP), J. Caradonna, S. Goodmanson (EP) (3:54 pm), K. Murdoch, C. Plant

Staff: K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; C. Gilpin, Manager, Arts & Culture; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; S. Orr, Senior Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Caradonna provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,**  
**That the agenda for the November 6, 2024 Session of the Performing Arts**  
**Facilities Select Committee be approved.**

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director McNeil-Smith,**  
**That agenda be amended by moving Item 8.1. to be considered before Item 6.1.**  
**CARRIED**

**The question was called on the main motion as amended:**  
**That the agenda for the November 6, 2024 Session of the Performing Arts**  
**Facilities Select Committee be approved as amended.**  
**CARRIED**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

- 3.1. [24-1108](#) Minutes of the September 4, 2024 Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee Meeting

**MOVED by Director Murdoch, SECONDED by Director Plant,**  
**That the minutes of the Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee meeting of**  
**September 4, 2024 be adopted as circulated.**  
**CARRIED**

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

#### 5. Presentations/Delegations

##### 5.1. Presentations

There were no presentations.

##### 5.2. Delegations

- 5.2.1. [24-1150](#) Delegation - Judith Cullington; President, Juan de Fuca Performing Arts Centre Society: Re: Agenda Item 6.1. Options for Full Regional and Sub-Regional Performing Arts Facilities Services  
J. Cullington spoke to Item 6.1.
- 5.2.2. [24-1148](#) Delegation - Hazel Braithwaite & Mandy Niddrie; Representing Royal and McPherson Theatres Society: Re: Agenda Item 6.1. Options for Full Regional and Sub-Regional Performing Arts Facilities Services  
H. Braithwaite and M. Niddrie spoke to Item 6.1.
- 5.2.3. [24-1151](#) Delegation - Erec Hassell; Representing Pacific Opera Victoria: Re: Agenda Item 6.1. Options for Full Regional and Sub-Regional Performing Arts Facilities Services  
E. Hassell spoke to Item 6.1.

#### 6. Committee Business

8.1. [24-1143](#) McPherson Theatre - Update

Chair Alto presented Item 8.1. for information.

Motion Arising:

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Alternate Director Bateman,  
The Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee recommends to the CRD Board:  
That CRD staff work with City of Victoria staff to review and update the current  
McPherson Playhouse operating agreement, including issues related to  
maintenance and community access.**

Director Plant raised a Point of Order submitting the motion arising should be referred to the Finance Committee, as per the Terms of Reference.

The Chair ruled that the motion arising was out of order and was removed from the floor.

**Director Goodmanson joined the meeting electronically at 3:54 pm.**

Discussion ensued regarding:

- operational costs
- regional use of the theatre

6.1. [24-1091](#) Options for Full Regional and Sub-Regional Performing Arts Facilities Services

C. Gilpin spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- engagement with the Mary Winspear Centre
- existing theatres in the west shore that could serve as a regional facility
- jurisdictional usage rates by sub-regional theatres
- benefits of a theatre rental grant program
- student access to theatre for school productions
- flexibility with the scope of work related to procurement process for a consultant
- financial estimates on service options
- cost apportionment impact to municipalities and Electoral Areas
- operational requirements related to staffing

**MOVED** by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director McNeil-Smith,  
The Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee recommends to the CRD Board:

1. That staff initiate an RFP to engage a consultant for the purposes of undertaking a cost-benefit analysis of the five proposed service options, in terms of their sustainability and direct value proposition to each participating jurisdiction and to the region as a whole.
2. That the resulting report from this analysis be presented to the CRD Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee in the first half of 2025 with recommendations on next steps.

**MOVED** by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,  
That the main motion be amended to replace the words "five proposed service options" with the words "four proposed service options excluding Option A".

**DEFEATED**

**Opposed:** Alto, Bateman, Brent, Caradonna, Goodmanson, McNeil-Smith, Murdoch, Plant

**MOVED** by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Murdoch,  
That the main motion be amended to replace the words "five proposed service options" with the words "four proposed service options excluding Option E".

**DEFEATED**

**Opposed:** Alto, Bateman, Brent, Caradonna, Goodmanson, Murdoch

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the modeling options for the core regional theatres
- west shore theatre opportunities
- growth of CRD services and financial impact on residents

**MOVED** by Director Murdoch, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,  
That part one of the main motion be amended to add the words "with the freedom to recommend a mix of regional and sub-regional models within each option" after the words "five proposed service options".

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,  
That part 2 of the main motion be amended add the words 'or sooner' after the  
word 2025.  
**CARRIED**

The question was called on the main motion as amended:  
The Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee recommends to the CRD Board:  
1. That staff initiate an RFP to engage a consultant for the purposes of  
undertaking a cost-benefit analysis of the five proposed service options, with the  
freedom to recommend a mix of regional and sub-regional models within each  
option in terms of their sustainability and direct value proposition to each  
participating jurisdiction and to the region as a whole.  
2. That the resulting report from this analysis be presented to the CRD Performing  
Arts Facilities Select Committee in the first half of 2025 or sooner with  
recommendations on next steps.  
**CARRIED**

## **7. Notice(s) of Motion**

There were no notice(s) of motion.

## **8. New Business**

There was no new business.

## **9. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Director Murdoch, **SECONDED** by Director McNeil-Smith,  
That the November 6, 2024 Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee meeting  
be adjourned at 5:23 pm.  
**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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RECORDER