

**PACIFIC NATIONAL EXHIBITION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021
6:00pm – Via Video Conferencing (Webex)**

Public Realm Portion

M I N U T E S

Chair Dominato called the meeting to order at 6:08pm

Present: Lisa Dominato, Chair
Jackie Hogue, Director
Nick Kassam, Director
Patrice Impey, Treasurer
Paul Mochrie, Director
Ty Speer, Director
Rachel Roy, Director

Shelley Frost, President & CEO
Karen Massicotte, Vice President, Marketing, Sales & Business Development
Jeff Strickland, Vice President, Operations
Stacy Shields, Vice President, People & Culture
David Crawford, Vice President, Finance & Corporate Services
Salome Valente, Executive Assistant/Corporate Secretary

Regrets: Donnie Rosa, Vice Chair

There being a quorum present and due notice having been given, the meeting was declared to be constituted for the transaction of business.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOVED by Director Ty Speer
SECONDED by Director Rachel Roy**

Resolved that the agenda for the Public Realm Portion of the Board of Directors meeting for Monday June 14, 2021 is adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**MOVED by Director Rachel Roy
SECONDED by Director Patrice Impey**

Resolved that the minutes for the Public Realm Portion of the Board of Directors meeting from Thursday, December 3, 2020 are adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. STAFF REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3.1 COVID Impacts and Funding Update

The staff report on the COVID impacts and a funding update was provided in the Board of Directors packages for review. This report was presented by Shelley Frost.

There were no scheduled speakers to this agenda item and no questions from the Board of Directors.

3.2 Public Art at Hastings Park

The staff report on Public Art at Hastings Park was provided in the Board of Directors packages for review. This report was presented by Karen Massicotte.

There were no scheduled speakers to this agenda item

Questions from the Board of Directors were as follows:

Chair Lisa Dominato inquired if the PNE had received any additional requests for murals. Karen Massicotte responded that for now any requests from artisans are being referred to the current Vancity call for abstracts which may include a type of mural. Karen Massicotte also added that the PNE is working on a corporate partnership opportunity related to murals for 2022.

Chair Lisa Dominato inquired about the existing Totems from the Tsleil-Waututh peoples and if part of the policy work will be consulting with the Musquea, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh about possibilities for additional art for the site. Karen Massicotte responded that encouraging indigenous artist participation will be part of the program.

3.3 Community Questions

Community members were asked to send in questions for PNE staff to answer during the meeting. The questions and answers were provided in the Board of Directors packages for review.

3.3.1 Question #1 - With the Agrodome aging and possibly being underutilized as a hockey rink; is there an appetite to build a twin rink with less footprint?

Karen Massicotte delivered a presentation to answer this question.

There were no speakers to this item and no questions from the Board of Directors

3.3.2 Question #2 – In regard to the new Amphitheatre, will I still hear the music that I don't want to hear? What is the sound mitigation plan?

Jeff Strickland delivered a presentation to answer this question.

Maria Mussenden, a neighbour who lives on Wall Street shared that she hears the Fair and has called a couple of times because the bass at a concert was too loud, but it was turned down after she called. Maria Mussenden also added that

she is concerned about the Amphitheatre redevelopment project as the venue could potentially be used year-round, and she would like to be able to enjoy her yard without the noise.

Jeff Strickland responded that there will be more public consultation as the project moves forward into the design stage along with consultation with the PNE's Community Advisory Committee and other key stakeholders.

Maria Mussenden also noted that she would like to see plays and the Symphony at the Amphitheatre and not just concerts.

Chair Lisa Dominato responded that conversations are underway with many arts and culture groups regarding use of the Amphitheatre including Ballet BC and there is excitement for this new venue.

Shelley Frost added that the idea of this Amphitheatre is to engage the local arts and culture community to expand the kind of programming that can be experienced onsite. However, right now the cost structure is prohibitive for non-profit groups because the cost of temporary Amphitheatre infrastructure does not make it feasible for these groups to be able to use that facility. Redevelopment will give broader access to these groups. Shelley Frost also reassured that the project would look at all types of sound mitigation technology

Director Rachel Roy shared that she also lives on Wall Street and wanted to reassure Maria that she is a neighborhood voice on the Board to help ensure people can both enjoy activities at Hastings Park and their own yards

- 3.3.3 Would the PNE consider adding back some of the hobby and skill displays that used to occur?

Karen Massicotte delivered a presentation to answer this question.

There were no speakers to this item and no questions from the Board of Directors.

- 3.3.4 Where currently is the PNE at, regarding the previous push to remove the Fair to the end of the July and beginning of August?

Shelley Frost delivered a presentation to answer this question.

There were no speakers to this item and no questions from the Board of Directors

- 3.3.5 Can you provide an update on the phases of the Master Plan rollout, where we are now and the impact the pandemic has had on the phases of development?

Shelley Frost delivered a presentation to answer this question.

There were no speakers to this item and no questions from the Board of Directors

- 3.3.6 What are the PNE's safety and security efforts for Hastings Park?

Jeff Strickland delivered a presentation to answer this question.

Steve Canafori, a local neighbour wanted to share that when COVID first became an issue, he knew the PNE was going to have to face the consequences of having to shut down some of their activities, and given what they have faced with finances and having to cut staff, they deserve accolades for being able to maintain a safe environment for the neighbourhood to enjoy. Steve Canafori also added that the reality is that the PNE & Playland truly support and foster wonderful park environment based on a great balance between commercial and community activity that allows them to provide the investment into the safety of the park.

Chair Dominato acknowledged that we have a fantastic team at the PNE as stewards of the park

Shelley Frost added that safety in the park is something that the PNE takes very seriously and that the entire team thinks often and a lot about how to keep the site safe and how to balance commercial and passive activities in a way that is beneficial to the local and wider community.

3.3.7 Will the PNE consider expanding the fishing areas in the Sanctuary?

Jeff Strickland delivered a presentation to answer this question.

There were no speakers to this item and no questions from the Board of Directors.

4. **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

It was agreed that the next Board meeting with Public Realm Portion would be Thursday December 2, 2021, at 6:00pm.

5. **ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

MOVED by Director Patrice Impey
SECONDED by Director Ty Speer

Resolved that the Public Portion of the Board of Directors meeting be adjourned at 7:36pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY