

MOTION ON NOTICE

2. Vancouver Civic Theatres Board Membership

MOVER: Councillor Ball

SECONDER: Councillor Reimer

WHEREAS on January 25, 2018 the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board (VCTB) passed a motion – attached as Appendix A - requesting that Council amend By-law No. 3941 in order to increase the number of members on the VCTB from seven (7) to nine (9) in order to be able to meet the mandate of the women’s equity mandate for City agencies, boards and committees established by unanimous vote of Council on April 6, 2016.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver Civic Theatres Board By-law No. 3941 be amended to increase the number of board members to nine (9) individuals, with a specification that the board shall be consistent with the goals and objectives of the City’s ten-year Women’s Equity Strategy and in accordance with the direction of Council at the April 6, 2016, meeting of the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities, that the number of women appointed to City advisory committees “must be equal or greater than 50 percent”.

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for enactment the proposed amendment to the Vancouver Civic Theatres By-law No. 3941.

**APPENDIX A –
JANUARY 25, 2018 MOTION OF THE VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD**

VCTB Membership

MOVED by Wendy Soobis
SECONDED by Patricia McSherry

WHEREAS

1. The Vancouver Civic Theatres Board By-law No. 3941 (September 19, 1961) provides for the establishment of a board, to be known as “The Vancouver Civic Theatres Board”, and defines the Board’s functions and responsibilities pursuant to the provisions of the Vancouver Charter;
2. The jurisdiction and function of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board is to advise Vancouver City Council on the operation, use and improvement of the City’s Civic Theatres (i.e. Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Orpheum and Vancouver Playhouse);
3. The mandate of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board includes an obligation to bring to the attention of Council any matter relating to the Civic Theatres which, in the opinion of the Board, merits actions on the part of the Council;
4. By-law No. 9397 was enacted by Vancouver City Council on December 12, 2006, to amend the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board By-law No. 3941, with regard to board appointments and related matters, and established the number of board members as seven individuals who must be, among other considerations, an elector of the Greater Vancouver Regional District, or have been a resident of the Greater Vancouver Regional District for not less than six consecutive months immediately preceding the appointment;
5. In 2005, the City of Vancouver adopted a Gender Equality Strategy which committed the City to take action within its power to challenge gender discrimination and to promote and implement gender equity measures;
6. At the April 6, 2016, meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities, Vancouver City Council unanimously supported a motion (“BECAUSE IT’S 2016: Action on Gender Equality”) in which a policy was formally adopted whereby the number of women appointed to City advisory committees “must be equal or greater than 50 percent”, and that Council also direct staff to work with the Women’s Advisory Committee to establish a process to review the 2005 Gender Equality Strategy and to update the strategy;

7. The mandate of the Women's Advisory Committee is to advise Council and staff on enhancing access and inclusion for women and girls to fully participate in City services and civic life;
8. On January 17, 2018, Vancouver City Council unanimously approved a ten-year Women's Equity Strategy to make Vancouver a place where all women, including self-identified women, have full access to the resources provided in the city and have opportunities to fully participate in the political, economic, cultural and social life of Vancouver;
9. The Women's Equity Strategy has five priority themes / priority areas for immediate implementation by an Action Team within the first two years of a ten year strategy, including a goal to elevate the visibility, influence, representation and contribution of all women in the organization by providing equitable access to work opportunities, including leadership roles, as well as the application of an intersectional lens to strengthen City processes and inform decision-making to ensure that all citizens have equitable access, inclusion and participation in community life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board recommend to Vancouver City Council that Section 2A. (and all related Sections) of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board By-law no. 3941 be amended to increase the number of board members to nine individuals, with a specification that the board shall be consistent with the goals and objectives of the City's ten-year Women's Equity Strategy (unanimously approved by Council on January 17, 2018) and in accordance with the unanimously-supported direction of Council, at the April 6, 2016, meeting of the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities, that the number of women appointed to City advisory committees "must be equal or greater than 50 percent" ("BECAUSE IT'S 2016: Action on Gender Equality");

FURTHER THAT the City Clerk be asked to formally convey the Board's Gender Equality amendment recommendation to Vancouver City Council by way of a motion for the consideration of Vancouver City Council.