

## Council Member Report For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 25, 2019

То:	Committee of the Whole	Date:	April 25, 2019
From:	Councillor Alto		
Subject:	Future Governance Options for Victoria's His	storic Con	nmunity Theatres

## BACKGROUND

In 2017, Council asked Councillors Madoff and Alto to convene a working group to explore options for additional municipal support for the McPherson Theatre. A workplan for that purpose was approved by Council, including further consideration of the linkages between the McPherson and Royal theatres. The core work team included representatives from the Royal and McPherson Theatre Society Board and staff, and city council and staff.

The core team created a baseline and locally adapted presentations, connected with all CRD municipalities to schedule Council presentations, prepared notes from those presentations, discussed issues emerging from those presentations, and mapped out an evolving way forward.

Initial presentations were made to eleven municipalities: View Royal, Highlands, Metchosin, Saanich, Colwood, Langford, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Sidney, Central Saanich, and Esquimalt.

Subsequently, seven municipalities agreed to participate in further focused discussions about the future of the Royal and McPherson theatres: View Royal, Highlands, Metchosin, Colwood, North Saanich, Oak Bay, and Sidney. Two municipalities waited to consider further participation until after receiving information about other municipalities' interest: Saanich and Esquimalt. Two more municipalities considered the matter further at full council or committees of the whole: Langford and Central Saanich.

The final report, attached, is the summary of the findings expressed during all those sessions, including some options that could be further considered as the future governance of the McPherson and Royal theatres is explored.

A further update may emerge should additional substantive input arise after this report is shared with participating municipalities.

## MOTION

That Council receive for information the report entitled *Future Governance Options for Victoria's Historic Community Theatres.* 

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Alto