



Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of July 28, 2022

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** July 19, 2022
From: Councillor Ben Isitt, Councillor Jeremy Loveday and Councillor Sarah Potts
Subject: Advocacy for Sustainable Funding for Point Ellice House and other Heritage Sites

Background:

Point Ellice House is one of two provincially owned Heritage Sites in the City of Victoria, along with Carr House.

As noted in the attached letter to Mayor and Council, Point Ellice House has been advocating for a number of years for sustainable funding for provincially owned Heritage Sites.

Point Ellice House staff, board and volunteers are undertaking important work to grapple with the legacy of colonization and to re-interpret Point Ellice House through a post-colonial lens that aims at establishing respectful relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

In addition to its provincial significance, Point Ellice House also has important cultural, economic and environmental value to the City of Victoria – as a tourist attraction in the Burnside-Gorge neighbourhood, and as a rare conservancy of vital natural shoreline and forested land in the Rock Bay precinct.

For these reasons, it is recommended that Council advocate to the Government of British Columbia for sustainable funding for Point Ellice House and other provincially owned Heritage Sites.

Recommendation:

That Council requests that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Premier of British Columbia, the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, and Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies in the Capital Region, requesting sustainable funding for Point Ellice House and other provincially owned Heritage Sites.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

1. Letter from Point Ellice House, July 14, 2022