

POINT ELLICE HOUSE

Museum & Gardens

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Operated by the Vancouver Island Local History Society

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Dear Mayor & Council,

In July 2021, Point Ellice House Museum and Gardens (operated by the non-profit Vancouver Island Local History Society), Carr House, and other provincially-owned heritage sites [wrote a letter](#) to Katrine Conroy, the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development who was responsible for the provincial Heritage Branch.

In that letter, we outlined the need for long-term and sustainable funding for our heritage sites. We asked the Province to support us with the resources required to steward these sites for the people of Victoria and BC - through the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

In April 2022, responsibility for Provincial Heritage Sites moved to Minister Melanie Mark at the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture, and Sport. Unfortunately we have not seen any movement from the government to sustainably fund our operations. Point Ellice House, a heritage attraction in the city since 1967, will be forced to close next spring if we do not see an increase to our operational funding.

I am writing to ask that the City of Victoria write a letter to Victoria MLAs, Minister Mark, and Premier Horgan expressing support for immediate and sustainable operational funding for Point Ellice House and all Provincial Heritage Sites. I hope that you will consider this request favorably.

Sincerely,



Kelly Black, PhD

Executive Director, Point Ellice House Museum & Gardens