



August 15, 2022

Honourable Melanie Mark
Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport
Sent via email: TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Mark,

On behalf of Victoria City Council, I am writing today to request sustainable funding for Point Ellice House and other provincially owned Heritage Sites.

Point Ellice House is one of two provincially owned Heritage Sites in the City of Victoria, along with Carr House. 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, Council wishes to advocate to the Government of British Columbia for sustainable funding for Point Ellice House and other provincially owned Heritage Sites.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor

Cc: MLAs representing constituencies in the Capital Region

“The City of Victoria recognizes the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations in whose traditional territories we live and work “Hay swx qa”