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Planning & Development Department

Development Services Division

June 22, 2015

Mayor and Council City of Victoria 1 Centennial Square Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

To Mayor and Council:

Re: Art Gallery of Greater Victoria Renewal Plans

I'm writing in support of the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria's Moss street expansion projects.

Victoria is uniquely fortunate to have an art scene that has a vibrancy and sophistication commensurate with strong artistic communities much larger than our city. This is a great benefit to the people of Victoria, not only because it contributes greatly to the quality of our lives but also to our economy.

The AGGV has been a leading contributor to our vibrant arts sector for generations. I believe, both as a citizen and as a member of the cultural community in the City of Victoria, that the proposed expansion plans are critical to the institution's future sustainability, and for meeting the growing demands of being Victoria preeminent public art gallery.

Regional growth forecasts indicate a significant increase in population over the next ten years, and a major component and pillar of the health of the community is a strong and vibrant art gallery. This new facility will add an important resource to arts and cultural organizations in this community.

I greatly encourage the approval of this plan by City Council to achieve AGGV's vision for the visual arts in Victoria.

Gratefully for your consideration,

Patrick Corrigan Executive Director

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To Mayor and Council:

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We are writing to you in support for the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria's efforts to renew their Moss Street building.

As a member of the cultural community in the City of Victoria and surrounding region and, more specifically, of the area east of downtown encompassing the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria and the Craigdarroch Castle Historical Museum, we strongly support the Gallery's plans for their facility renewal. Strong and vibrant cultural institutions are a crucial component of the health of the community.

The Gallery is one of the most important cultural institutions in Victoria. In order to continue developing and further enhance services to our community and visitors, the Gallery needs to improve its facilities on Moss Street. This new facility will become an important additional resource to arts and cultural organizations.

We hope you will join us in the support of the Gallery's plans and ensure that Victoria receives this new centre for presentation and promotion of visual arts, so much needed by this community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Stefan and Magda Opalski

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Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Art Gallery of Greater Victoria Renewal Plans

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please accept this letter as support for the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria's application for rezoning. We feel that the Gallery is an essential cultural institution in our city and we support its efforts to remain relevant to a growing and changing population.

Langham understands the challenges of being accessible to the public while respecting the needs of neighbours to quietly enjoy their residences. In our experience, the Gallery has accomplished this balancing act extremely well and we hope the City will look favourably upon its plans.

Best Regards,

Luke Krayenhoff President Langham Court Theatre

VICTORIA SYMPHONY

Tania Miller, Music Director

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The Gallery is a significant component in the cultural fabric of our community and we believe strongly and passionately in its decision to evolve and improve its facilities on Moss Street. This new facility will add an important resource to arts and cultural organizations in this community.

We urge you to stand with us to ensure Victoria receives this centre for the celebration of visual art; the community the Gallery serves has waited many years for this to happen.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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Mitchell Krieger, Executive Director Victoria Symphony 620 View Street, Victoria V8W 1J6