



Ministry of
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Her Worship Mayor Lisa Helps
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
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Dear Mayor Helps:

Thank you for your letter addressed to Premier John Horgan on August 11, 2017, regarding the City of Victoria's position on the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria (AGGV). He has asked me to respond on his behalf.

I appreciate the fact that the City of Victoria supports plans to modernize and expand the AGGV. Cultural tourism is an important contributor to our provincial economy, providing employment for residents and remarkable experiences that draw visitors to British Columbia. In addition, cultural institutions such as the AGGV provide an important service to our communities, making them vibrant places to live and reminding us of our strong arts and cultural sector.

I wish you and the other parties involved the best of luck as you move forward with your plans.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Tessa Graham
Executive Lead

Enclosure

pc: Honourable John Horgan
Premier