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Your Worship and Members of Council:

Colin and I joined Theatre Workshop upon our arrival in Prince George in 1966. We were excited to join in the construction of the Prince George Playhouse soon after and contributed through Blood Sweat and Tears(!) and later with financial support through the years. Colin later freely managed the Playhouse for the City to ensure the maintenance of an excellent performing arts facility. Of course we also enjoyed decades viewing and performing Theatre along with the citizens of Prince George and Region.

Because of the Pandemic, we have not been out much during the past year, and we were unaware of the attached \*PG Citizen article in February, 2021, indicating the storm damage to the Fly Tower in December, 2020, which apparently was left unattended and caused much more damage. As the damage to the Fly Tower is to the west of the Playhouse, I am sure very few people were aware of this problem as they drove Hwy 16. Now with the erosion of the Playhouse Parking Lot as adjacent lots are sold, our beautiful Prince George Playhouse is left bereft of care and attention, and for the rest of us the lack of possible future enjoyment.

Another tragedy emanating from Covid has been the inability for our community to enjoy and value the performing arts. With the possibility of a future with Theatre again, this pent-up demand can now become a reality. But **WHERE**?

As soon as the official report on the state of the Prince George Playhouse is provided to Council, we will all look forward to knowing the full extent of the overall damage sustained, and the costs involved in repairing the original excellent performing arts facility.

We understand the necessity of practical considerations to be made by Council. However we ask that you will consider the importance of the Performing Arts to our City and commit to there **ALWAYS** being a home for the Performing Arts, either in a totally repaired Prince George Playhouse (a preferable, cheaper option) OR in a Performing Arts Theatre Building constructed in an alternate location in our City so that citizens can continue to participate in enjoyable, exciting and interesting performing arts events far into the future.

Thank you.

Colin and Judy Dix

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https://www.princegeorgecitizen.com/local-news/photos-wind-storm-reveals-extensive-rot-to-prince-george-playhouse-exterior-3367229