

Mayor and Council,
City of Prince George

May 26, 2021

To: Mayor Hall, Councilor Everitt, Councilor Frizzell. Councilor Krause, Councilor McConnachie, Councilor Ramsay, Councilor Scott and Councilor Skakun,

Upon driving past the Playhouse this week, I was quite shocked to see the parking lot gone and the building fenced off. I also noted that the tarps etc. that were put up in December are still in place.

As a long-time resident, I am very concerned about the future of the Playhouse. It is the only performing arts venue that is provided by the City of Prince George and hosts a variety of both local events and visiting productions. I'll note here, three locally produced and performed sold out performances: The First Waltz, 2015, Caledonia Sings, 2017 and For The People, 2018.

Numerous productions find The Playhouse their venue of choice with musical theatre, symphony concerts, comedy shows and film festivals, among others, finding a home at The Playhouse.

The Playhouse is the only venue that can accommodate productions like these and many others that occur at The Playhouse. The Playhouse and those who perform there, contribute to the social health and well-being of the citizens of Prince George.

I know that the repairs to the building are being assessed and I sincerely trust these will be completed in a timely fashion and the parking lot will also be relocated and paved. I am sure as we come out of the pandemic, possibly as early as the fall of 2021, there will be an increased demand for performance space.

I think the citizens of Prince George and the Arts Community need to have any and all information as to the future plans for The Playhouse. Hopefully this information will be forthcoming very soon.

Thank you for your prompt attention and communications to follow,

Nancy Spensley

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