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Mayor and Council,
City of Prince George,
1100 Patricia Boulevard,
Prince George, B.C. V2L 3V9

May 12, 2021

Dear Mayor Hall and Councillor Everitt, Councillor Frizzell, Councillor Krause, Councillor McConnachie, Councillor Ramsay, Councillor Sampson, Councillor Scott, and Councillor Skakun,

One particular source of our enthusiasm for Prince George is that such a large part of the community so greatly enjoys and values the performing arts. This knowledge comes from having produced and presented 75 professional theatre productions for the city. After limited to no access to the performing arts for over a year, the pent up demand is now unprecedented and growing with each passing month. People are constantly telling us how eagerly they are looking forward to the time when they will be able to attend live performances once again, which would include at the Prince George Playhouse.

We are concerned about the damage that was discovered at the Playhouse on December 4, 2020. There is further concern that five months later there have been no repairs undertaken or information provided to the community about any plan for repairs. These concerns are compounded by the removal in April of the main parking lot. All this is leaving many arts supporters very uneasy.

We are seeking City Council's reassurance that the damage to the Playhouse will be taken in hand shortly, along with the replacement of the parking lot.

The Playhouse is the only facility for the performing arts provided by the City of Prince George. As such we believe it is important that every effort be made to have it ready and waiting for the community to use as soon as health officials declare it is safe to do so. Is this a goal City Council can endorse?

On the other hand, if there are considerations the arts community is unaware of that are delaying repairs or even bringing into question the future of the Playhouse, we request that the community be informed as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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cc. Walter Babicz- Acting City Manager, Ian Wells- Acting Deputy City Manager

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