

THE CITY OF VICTORIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Mayor and Council
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Dear Mayor and Council,

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
For Information:

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Two weeks ago I shared the compendium of comments from the presentations made to 12 municipal councils as part of the City of Victoria's outreach to you on the future of the McPherson Playhouse, and subsequently the Royal Theatre.

Now I would like to invite you to participate in the next and final phase of our conversation.

Shortly, a focus group comprised of your representatives and members of the City of Victoria working group (with Royal and McPherson Theatre Society Board Directors and staff, my Deputy City manager and staff, and Councillors Pam Madoff and Marianne Alto) will come together to create a specific plan to guide the theatres' governance and operations

This will take place over six weeks, in three conversations, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday September 19, Tuesday October 3, and Monday October 18. All will begin at 2 pm, last no more than two hours, and take place at Victoria City Hall.

I invite you to identify, or confirm, the councillor(s) you wish to participate.

My colleague Councilor Alto will follow up with you towards the end of August to confirm details and answer any questions you may have about these next steps.

Once these conversations are complete, a penultimate report with recommendations will be shared with you for your feedback, before final recommendations are conveyed to my Council and the Capital Regional District.

This is an exciting opportunity for you to add your voice and wisdom to the future governance of these important cultural assets. I thank you, in advance, for your continued consideration and participation.

Yours truly,

Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor