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2026-07-20	16:08	Modification to Conditions of Approval and By-law Enactment for 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue, 1002 Station Street and 1050 Gore Avenue	Support	Dear City Council, As a lifelong resident of the lower mainland, I believe that the arts can be a pivotal tool for developing Vancouver’s brand. The brand that attracts foreign investment, international events, and tourism - all critical for economic well being. The government is under demand to fund a plethora of initiatives, and when many of them pertain to issues like healthcare and education, it can hard to garner public support to invest in arts and culture. If a private firm is willing to supplement funding, why would we not accept it? I am in favour of the application and hope that City Council can see its imminent value. Thank you, Alina	Alina B		
2026-07-20	18:55	Modification to Conditions of Approval and By-law Enactment for 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue, 1002 Station Street and 1050 Gore Avenue	Support	The \$5 million cash contribution might actually have a bigger long-term impact. A lot of nonprofits and arts organizations in Vancouver are constantly struggling to secure funding, and having flexible funding lets the City support multiple organizations where the need is greatest instead of tying everything to one space. If this also helps unlock 300+ new rental homes, it feels like a win-win.	Olivia Wei	Strathcona	
2026-07-20	19:02	Modification to Conditions of Approval and By-law Enactment for 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue, 1002 Station Street and 1050 Gore Avenue	Support	I support the proposed amendment to the Prior Street project that would replace the planned cultural amenity space with a \$5 million contribution to the City for arts and culture. A financial contribution, rather than a space limited to just a building, this amendment offers greater support for more projects and more creative communities across the city.	Connor Church	Kitsilano	

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2026-07-20	22:21	Modification to Conditions of Approval and By-law Enactment for 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue, 1002 Station Street and 1050 Gore Avenue	Support	Dear Council Members, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed modification to the delivery of the Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) for Prior Place. As a Strathcona resident and volunteer with several not-for-profit arts organizations, I have seen firsthand how challenging the past few years have been for the arts sector. Many artist-run centres and non-profit organizations continue to do extraordinary work but need long-term investment to secure permanent spaces, strengthen their organizations, and build sustainable futures. These organizations are more than cultural amenities. They are where artists develop their practice, communities connect, and Vancouver's cultural identity is shaped. Many of Canada's most significant artists began their careers in these spaces, and investing in them is an investment in the city's future. I believe the proposed approach to the CAC is a strong one. It would put the contribution to work sooner while creating the opportunity to support multiple initiatives across the neighbourhood, rather than a single project, extending its impact across the community. The Strathcona–Chinatown area has long been one of Vancouver's most important creative districts. Its historic warehouses, studios, galleries, and artist-run centres create a unique ecosystem where emerging and established artists work side by side. Supporting this cultural infrastructure is essential to preserving the character, creativity, and vitality that define this neighbourhood. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Alison Meredith	Alison Meredith	Strathcona	
2026-07-21	12:27	Modification to Conditions of Approval and By-law Enactment for 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue, 1002 Station Street and 1050 Gore Avenue	Support	I encourage Council to approve this application and the proposed investment in arts and culture. Committing \$5 million now will deliver immediate benefits to artists and cultural organizations in our community, rather than waiting years for a single studio space to be completed. This funding will strengthen the local arts sector, support a broader range of artists and organizations, and provide the stability they need to continue their work. Thank you for your consideration.	Vanessa Lamb	Arbutus Ridge	

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2026-07-21	12:46	Modification to Conditions of Approval and By-law Enactment for 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue, 1002 Station Street and 1050 Gore Avenue	Support	Dear Mayor and Council, My name is Rohen, and I am writing in support of the staff recommendation for the application at Prior Street. Vancouver urgently needs more purpose-built rental housing, and this project will deliver more than 300 new rental homes in a highly appropriate location beside the new St. Paul's Hospital. Housing near major employment and healthcare centres is exactly the type of development our city should be encouraging. I recognize that it is disappointing, but the original cultural amenity space cannot be move forward as CMHC construction financing insurance is essential to securing the financing needed to build this project. Without it these homes could be delayed or may never be built. Given today's financing environment, that is a reality we cannot ignore. The proposed \$5 million cash contribution ensures the arts community receives a significant benefit while allowing these much-needed homes to proceed, delivering immediate value to the community without putting the housing at risk. As someone who rents, I know firsthand how difficult it has become to find affordable places to live in Vancouver. Every new rental project helps increase housing supply and gives more people the opportunity to remain in the city. For these reasons, I respectfully urge Council to approve the staff recommendation. Thank you for your time and consideration.	Rohen Sarai		
2026-07-21	13:39	Modification to Conditions of Approval and By-law Enactment for 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue, 1002 Station Street and 1050 Gore Avenue	Support	CMHC construction financing is essential to getting new rental housing built, especially in a neighborhood like Strathcona where more housing is urgently needed alongside the new hospital. Construction financing has become increasingly difficult to secure, making this more important than ever. While it's disappointing that CMHC won't provide construction financing for the cultural amenity space, the staff recommendation is a practical solution. It allows the project to move forward, delivering more than 300 new rental homes (that arguably will be for MANY nurses and doctors) while also providing an immediate \$5 million investment in arts and culture.	Alexandra Wei	Downtown	
2026-07-21	15:34	Modification to Conditions of Approval and By-law Enactment for 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue, 1002 Station Street and 1050 Gore Avenue	Support	Attached is a letter signed by Firehall Board President, Chris May and Artistic Producer, Donna Spencer in support of the application.	Donna Spencer		APPENDIX Z
2026-07-21	15:38	Modification to Conditions of Approval and By-law Enactment for 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue, 1002 Station Street and 1050 Gore Avenue	Support	Attached is a letter from Brett Marshall and Antony Scott in support of the application.	Brett Marshall		APPENDIX B

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2026-07-21	15:43	Modification to Conditions of Approval and By-law Enactment for 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue, 1002 Station Street and 1050 Gore Avenue	Support	Attached is a letter from Cindy Lemaire in support of the application.	Cindy Lemaire		APPENDIX D
2026-07-21	15:45	Modification to Conditions of Approval and By-law Enactment for 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue, 1002 Station Street and 1050 Gore Avenue	Support	Attached is a letter from Elsie Jang in support of the application.	Elsie Jang		APPENDIX E
2026-07-21	15:46	Modification to Conditions of Approval and By-law Enactment for 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue, 1002 Station Street and 1050 Gore Avenue	Support	Attached is a letter from Jackson Washington in support of the application.	Jackson Washington		APPENDIX F
2026-07-21	15:47	Modification to Conditions of Approval and By-law Enactment for 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue, 1002 Station Street and 1050 Gore Avenue	Support	Attached is a letter from Janine Stevenson in support of the application.	Janine Stevenson		APPENDIX G
2026-07-21	15:49	Modification to Conditions of Approval and By-law Enactment for 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue, 1002 Station Street and 1050 Gore Avenue	Support	Attached is a letter from Emily Lord in support of the application.	Emily Lord		APPENDIX H
2026-07-21	15:55	Modification to Conditions of Approval and By-law Enactment for 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue, 1002 Station Street and 1050 Gore Avenue	Support	Attached is a letter from Douglas Welch in support of the application.	Douglas Welch		APPENDIX I

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2026-07-21	16:13	Modification to Conditions of Approval and By-law Enactment for 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue, 1002 Station Street and 1050 Gore Avenue	Support	I strongly support the cash contribution towards arts & culture that this application proposes. I beleive the ability to deploy this \$5m cash into existing arts & cultural facilities today is far more valuable than providing a new facility ~3 years down the line. Vancouver has an existing network of undersupported facilities which would greatly benefit from this contribution.	Milan B	Downtown	

FIREHALL

ARTS CENTRE

July 14, 2026

Mayor Ken Sim and City Council
City of Vancouver,
453 West 12th Avenue,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mayor Sim and City Council,

Re: Modification to Conditions of Approval and By-Law Enactment for 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue, 1002 Station Street and 1050 Gore Avenue

On behalf of the Firehall Theatre Society/Firehall Arts Centre, we are writing to express our appreciation of the City's Community Amenity program and the many artistic and cultural benefits the City of Vancouver has gained since its creation. This forward-thinking program has allowed the city to respond in a very positive way to develop new visual and performing arts production support and studio spaces while it has ensured the arts are an integral part of residential and commercial development within the city.

We are writing in support of the recommendations within the referenced report to allow for the arts and cultural reserve program to benefit from a cash payment from Strand Development. Further, this proposal encourages those funds be specifically used to support capital infrastructure needs for already established arts and culture spaces within the Strathcona, Downtown Eastside, Chinatown area.

Firehall is very supportive of this recommendation as it is exceedingly difficult to find capital infrastructure support for existing arts and culture spaces. It indicates Strand recognizes the value of arts and culture as an economic stimulus and stabilizer for the neighborhood and that investing these funds in this manner will provide additional opportunities for neighborhood residents to engage in and enjoy the value of creative and artistic expression in safe, comfortable and professionally equipped venues.

As you are aware, the Firehall Theatre Society has been working for years with the City of Vancouver elected officials and staff to secure the resources required to upgrade the 120-year-old city-owned heritage firehall building and to ensure it is physically accessible for patrons and artists. As an arts centre and theatre, it has for over forty years stood resolutely at the corner of Gore and East Cordova watching the difficult and challenging transition of the neighborhood. It is certainly feeling the wear and tear of those years and needs physical accessibility upgrades and more to remain viable. We understand there is the potential \$10M to be allocated from the City of Vancouver's Capital Plan to undertake a

great deal of the construction needed to achieve physical accessibility and proper public amenities for the building. Additional investment into the already very tight budget for the facility's Physical Accessibility Upgrade would assist (along with funds raised by the Firehall Theatre Society) in ensuring the work undertaken will bring the facility to a level of excellence the City of Vancouver can be proud to acknowledge.

Situated in the epicenter of the Downtown Eastside/Strathcona/Chinatown neighborhoods, the city owned facility, the Firehall Arts Centre has long been identified as being in serious need of upgrades as outlined in the eight-year-old city generated **Making Space for Arts & Culture, Vancouver Infrastructure Plan** from September 2019.

"Firehall Theatre Renewal and Accessibility

The Firehall Arts Centre, a key theatre venue that serves Vancouver and the Downtown Eastside community, requires urgent renewal to improve its functionality and address serious accessibility issues."

The facility currently produces and presents approximately two hundred performances per year and is in operation year-round. Over twenty different arts and community organizations utilize the theatre, rehearsal space, administration and public areas each year. The small ill-equipped gallery hosts visual arts exhibitions whenever possible.

A fully renovated, enhanced, and expanded facility will allow the Firehall to maximize capacity while creating a vibrant arts and culture space for generations to come. The opportunity for the City to utilize Cultural Amenity Contribution funds in addition to the proposed \$10M being identified to fund Physical Accessibility Upgrades to the Firehall will allow for a greater response to the overall needs of the building.

An additional investment by the City's Community Arts and Cultural Amenity program into this project could allow for the creation of an exhibition/gallery/multi-use space within the expansion; could allow for sound proofing between the rehearsal and performance area with-in the existing building; could ensure the bar/concession area in the public amenity area has proper storage and preparation areas; could ensure the installment of a HVAC system that provides heat and cooling throughout the whole building; could include additional storage space for re-cycling/garbage; could ensure updated alarm and fire safety supports (upgrade to sprinkler system) are completed and the list goes on. The Firehall is, also, fund-raising to cover off the installation of new seating, new theatre equipment, an improved technical booth as well as a staff kitchen and other additions to the administrative area.

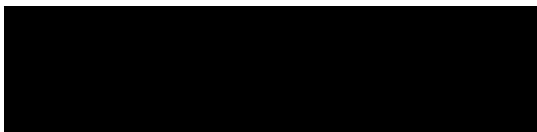
Should the decision be taken to invest some or all the proposed Community Cultural Amenity fund provided by Strand in addition to the COV's capital investment into the Firehall space we would work with City of Vancouver staff to define where additional funds should be focused to ensure the success of this project.

Thank you so much for your consideration of the proposal being put forward in this report and by the development company for this investment into our community. We have attached an additional addendum for your information with regard to benefits of investing in existing arts and cultural spaces. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 604-689-0691.

Yours sincerely,



Chris May,
Firehall Board President



Donna Spencer
Artistic Producer

Re: Strand Development Community Amenity Contribution in the Downtown Eastside/Strathcona

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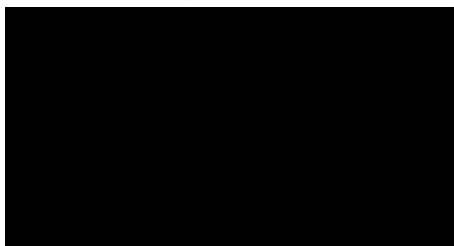
We whole heartedly support this request. It is a wonderful opportunity to provide support to the long-neglected soul of this neighborhood, while recognizing the value of arts and culture as an economic stimulus and stabilizer.

We are also avid supporters of the Firehall Arts Centre, a stable and well managed arts and culture institution that has stood solid at the corner of Gore and E. Cordova for over 40 years. As a patron I am aware of the accessibility challenges and the fact that a lack of investment over the years has resulted in a very worn, out of date, and, in some cases unsafe facility. We understand that a potential \$10 million will be allocated from the City's Capital plan to undertake some of the needed physical accessibility work. However, construction costs are increasing and if some or all this Community Amenity Fund could be invested in the Firehall, the City would be in a better position to address more of the needs of this building upgrade and renovation ensuring when the renovation is completed the Firehall will be in a position to maximize its capacity while creating a vibrant arts and culture space for generations to come.

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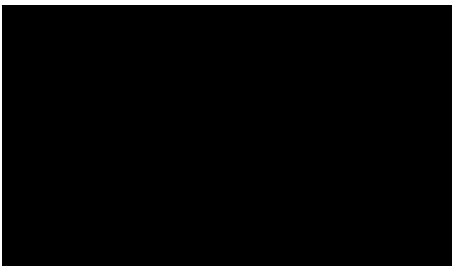
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July 18, 2026

Dear Mayor Sim and Members of Vancouver City Council,

Re: Strand Development Community Amenity Contribution in the Downtown Eastside/Strathcona

I have recently learned of Strand Development's request that the Community Amenity Contribution from its development at 456 Prior Street remain within the community and be dedicated to supporting arts and culture in the Downtown Eastside/Strathcona neighbourhood.

I wholeheartedly support this request. It represents a unique opportunity to invest in the long-neglected cultural heart of this neighbourhood while recognizing the vital role that arts and culture play in strengthening communities, stimulating local economies, and creating vibrant, inclusive public spaces.

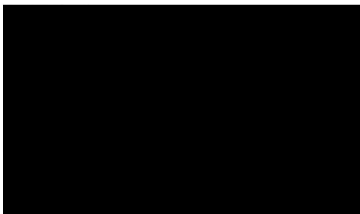
As both an enthusiastic supporter and a Board Member of the Firehall Arts Centre, I have firsthand knowledge of the accessibility challenges the building faces. Years of underinvestment have left the facility outdated, worn, and in some areas, unsafe. I understand that up to \$10 million has been identified in the City's Capital Plan to address essential accessibility improvements. However, with construction costs continuing to rise, additional funding will be critical to ensuring the project achieves its full potential.

If some or all of this Community Amenity Contribution could be directed to the Firehall Arts Centre, the City would be in a much stronger position to complete a comprehensive renovation that not only addresses accessibility but also modernizes the facility for future generations. This investment would enable the Firehall to maximize its capacity as a welcoming, accessible, and vibrant cultural hub in the historic heart of Vancouver.

Thank you for considering this request. The Firehall Arts Centre has been an invaluable part of Vancouver's cultural landscape for more than 40 years, and I am excited by the possibility of seeing it transformed into a renewed community asset that will serve artists, audiences, and the neighbourhood for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Cindy Lemaire



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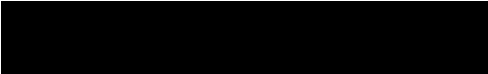
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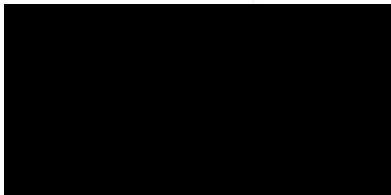
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Jackson Washington



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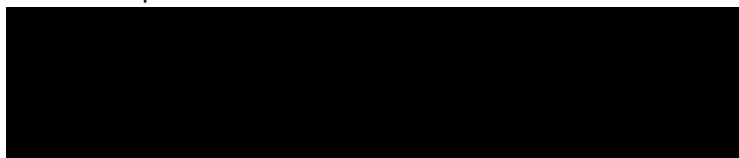
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Sincerely *Janine Stevenson*

Name, address and phone #



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I am also a passionate supporter of the Firehall Arts Centre and have had the privilege of serving on its Board of Directors for the past three and a half years. Through this role, I have seen firsthand the profound impact the Firehall has on the Downtown Eastside, Strathcona, and the broader Vancouver community. For more than 40 years, the Firehall has been a vibrant cultural anchor, bringing people together through arts, dialogue, creativity, and community engagement.

As a Board member, I am also aware of the significant accessibility and infrastructure challenges facing the building. Years of underinvestment have left the facility worn, outdated, and in some cases unsafe. While I understand that a potential \$10 million has been identified through the City's Capital Plan to undertake critical accessibility improvements, construction costs continue to rise. If some or all of this Community Amenity Contribution could be invested in the Firehall, it would help the City address a greater portion of the building's renovation and upgrade needs.

This investment would ensure that once the renovation is complete, the Firehall Arts Centre is positioned to maximize its capacity and continue serving as a vibrant and inclusive arts and cultural hub for generations to come. Having witnessed the organization's impact on artists, audiences, local residents, and the neighbourhood as a whole, I can confidently say that this would be an investment not only in a building but in the social and cultural vitality of our community.

Thank you for your consideration. I love the Firehall and am excited by the prospect of what it can become in the historic heart of our city.

Sincerely,

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Emily Lord

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I am excited at the prospect of what the Firehall Arts Centre can become in the historic heart of Vancouver and encourage you to support this additional funding.

Sincerely yours,



Douglas Welch

Vancouver, BC