

Honorable Ms. Anne Kang
Minister for Citizen Services
Government of British Columbia

Dear Honorable Minister

We take this opportunity to complement and commend the Province of BC for its highly efficient and humane approach to containing the spread of Covid 19 and for extending the best possible support to those affected and to those impacted financially. British Columbia is a world leader and we consider ourselves fortunate to live and work in this Province.

We would like to highlight one development. We have been making use of the Law Courts Inn for its excellent meeting and dining facilities. This is an extraordinary function place; it is probably the only facility of its kind that is located in the premises of Courts of Law which are not usually associated with providing an environment for social events. The architecture is marvellous and is representative of this city's culture of blending the classic with the contemporary. This is also why we chose the Inn as the venue for our daughter's wedding reception.

We have been informed that the venue might not be available following a decision of the Ministry to convert it into an office facility. We appreciate that the Ministry has the larger good of the people in its view and would be interested in making use of the assets of the Province to generate additional revenue streams to support the people . In this perspective, we would request you to also consider the possibility of granting a special reprieve for the facility that is unique in so many ways and offers an extraordinary and socially representative architecture in a setting of high legal practice.

We thank you for your time to read this appeal and congratulate the Province of BC for its global leadership in managing the spread and impact of Covid 19.

With best wishes

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