

Mr. Dhaliwal, Mr. Azam, and Ms. Kang,

Please accept this email as a record of my dismay of and opposition to the Ministry of Citizens' Services decision to not renew the lease of the Law Courts Inn to the Lawyers Inn Society. I would request that you carefully reconsider this decision, and act to renew the lease on this highly regarded and well-used public facility, which has served Vancouver for 40 years.

This beautifully designed facility was purpose-built by Vancouver's own Arthur Erickson, for public use. The restaurant/event space coupled with the stunning reflecting pond is a one-of-a kind facility in Vancouver. I have had the pleasure of both attending and hosting events at the Law Courts Inn, and know first-hand that this space is not like any other. The gracefulness and openness of the space embodies the spirit of Vancouver, and cannot be replicated by generic ballrooms/restaurants. It is a privilege that we, as BC residents, have access to such a treasure.

The fact that this stunning, peaceful, useful space serves both the Law Courts community and the greater public is unmatched. I am grateful to the initial government decision that deemed that this architectural masterpiece be accessible and used by the public at large. To take away the original intent of this space from the Law Courts community and the public would be a stain on the Ministry, and a permanent, negative impact on the Vancouver public.

I respectfully request that lease to the Lawyers Inn Society for the use of the Law Courts Inn be renewed, and that the Arthur Erickson-design public space remain a part of Vancouver functioning heritage.

Regards,

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