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Mr. Gorman Lee
Development Manager, Workplace Development Services, Real Property Division
Ministry of Citizens' Services, Government of British Columbia
Victoria, BC

Dear Gorman,

The Stewardship Council of the Arthur Erickson Foundation has been approached by the Lawyers Inn Society, stewards and operators of the **Law Courts Inn**, with a request for the AEF's support in an issue that has arisen concerning their lease with the landlord, the Ministry of Citizens' Services.

Here is the background. The Lawyers Inn Society has informed us that the Ministry has decided not to renew the lease when it expires on September 30, 2020. The Society has been operating the Inn on this site since 1984 and, not surprisingly, does not want to leave. The Inn is well known to the AEF. We enjoyed the opportunity a few years ago to work with you and your colleagues on the renovations to the entrance and we have always appreciated the public access into an extraordinary and otherwise inaccessible part of the complex that the Inn provides.

We would like to participate in this discussion, but we are not aware of the reasons for the termination of the lease or the intentions of the Ministry with respect to the space that will be liberated. We do not believe that we can intervene without this information, and would therefore appreciate some background on the Ministry's decision and plans for the space before we involve ourselves in this conversation.

We do not know if it is *Workplace Development Services* or another unit in the Real Property Division, for example, *Accommodation Management* (John March, Director, Leasing Services), that is responsible for this type of lease. We would be grateful if you could direct us to the appropriate unit and, if possible, the person to whom this letter should be addressed.

On behalf of the AEF, I would like to express our deep appreciation to you and your colleagues for your constant support of the mission of the AEF and for your continuing commitment to the responsible stewardship of one of Canada's most significant public buildings.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Phyllis Lambert'.

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