

Dear Janet Routledge,

I appreciate your public service. As a North Burnaby constituent who is about to lose his job due to the actions of the Ministry of Citizen Services, I am addressing my plea to you. This is a follow up letter and I ask you to intervene in the above said Ministry's decision not to renew the lease for the Law Courts Inn, but instead to turn this space into offices. Such decision taken without consultation would be unwise and short sighted for the following reasons:

1. 12 full time employees and 25 part time employees will lose their jobs.
2. This architectural gem of a place, designed by Arthur Erickson, will be lost to the public and only belong to the select few lucky to reside in these offices.
3. The Government will have to spend millions on renovations to repurpose something which is already beautiful.
4. The Law Courts Inn has a history of hosting many non-profit organizations, and charity events for various groups – women giving birth in jails, children fleeing gang violence, people without access to justice and many, many more. Some of these have been with us for years and will have to find a new home in the few very expensive for-profit hotels in downtown.

In reference of all the above, I attached letters of support written by many concerned citizens as well as the position of the Law Courts Inn Society and the government's curt response.

Below is the letter Patsy George wrote to the Minister addressing this same issue; she said it much better than I could:

Thank you

Regards,

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