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Dear Mayor and Council,

Some of you may receive queries about the Hastings Mill Museum. Staff prepared the following response to a media query on Friday and will follow up with more info this week.

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In May, the City made the difficult decision to postpone the grants program that Hastings Mill Museum had applied to until the Fall. As reported to Council on April 16, 2020, the City of Vancouver is facing serious revenue losses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and is taking a series of actions to balance the municipal operating budget shortfall for 2020. For this reason, the report to seek City Council approval of operating budget sourced Cultural Grant recommendations was moved from the Council meeting on 27 May 2020 to the Fall. We understand that this will make it difficult for organizations such as Hastings Mill Museum to further plan and execute cultural activities and that many of the challenges faced by these groups have been magnified by this crisis. The City is working towards a framework, including for our grants programs, that we hope will support community resilience and recovery in the longer term. Arts and culture are vital to the livability of our city and will play a key long-term role in rebuilding and healing Vancouver from the impacts of this pandemic.

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Best,  
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