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To: "Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"

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Subject: Repurposing the Former Emily Carr North Building

Dear Mayor and Council,

Tom Lancaster, Granville Island General Manager, has informed us that this week they are publishing the Request for Expressions of Interest concerning the repurposing of the former Emily Carr University of Arts and Design North Building on Granville Island.

I'm sharing with you here CMHC Granville Island's approach to this, for your information. This information is not confidential.

- The 125,000 square foot former Emily Carr University of Art + Design North Building is currently vacant. An RFEOI will be issued in order to identify experienced organizations that can renovate and re-purpose the building from its existing form and operate it as an Arts and Innovation Hub under a lease arrangement.
- The RFEOI will close at end-2024, and in CMHC Granville Island will most likely move to a formal, binding RFP process thereafter, with an emphasis on completing the project and securing occupancy as soon as possible.
- The Arts and Innovation Hub will build on and enhance Granville Island's reputation as a leading centre for arts and culture by providing a mix of production, presentation, and learning spaces for artists, as well as opportunities for public engagement, inspiration, and celebration. This initiative was identified as one of the key recommendations in [Granville Island 2040](#).
- It is envisioned that the HUB will provide a mix of spaces with diverse uses, including affordable spaces for artists and makers. Other potential uses for the Arts and Innovation Hub will complement the arts uses, as well as the overall character of Granville Island. These could include:
 - Arts and creative industry education
 - Gallery and exhibition spaces
 - Performance venues
 - Event spaces
 - Publicly-accessible shared arts studio or workshop space
 - Food and hospitality services
 - Co-working/maker space
 - Indoor/outdoor public space and public art
 - Pop-up retail and incubator space for new ventures
 - Arts-related retail
- This project will help to address the ongoing loss of artist and creative spaces throughout the city and the region, and as such, efforts will be made to keep as many affordable spaces for artists on Granville Island as possible.

Thanks,

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