

June 17, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: Support for a new museum in North Vancouver

On behalf of the North Vancouver Board of Education, I am writing to express our support for a new museum in North Vancouver at West Esplanade and Carrie Cates Court. A new museum will help reinvigorate and transform the community's waterfront area and provide educational, cultural, historic, and tourism benefits to the community. The Museum is being planned as a lively gathering place that is both educational and entertaining. Located in an accessible location, it will draw visitors from throughout the region – including students, teachers and class field trips.

The North Vancouver School District has a well-established relationship with the North Vancouver Museum and Archives. Our students and teachers benefit from many NVMA services and programs, including the annual Sea to Sky Regional Heritage Fair. Spring Break and summer programs for youth at the NVMA enrich and complement the school curriculum and give students hands-on and interactive experiences in local history. The expanded opportunities for teaching, play-based learning and exploration in a new museum hold great promise for learners of all ages.

For these reasons, the North Vancouver Board of Education believes that the proposed museum is an important community project worthy of both governmental and private support.

Yours sincerely,



Christie Sacré
Chair, North Vancouver Board of Education

cc John Lewis, Superintendent of Schools