

Dear friends:

You could be a part of preserving some of Hope's history and creating a cultural space for Hopeites (young and old).

There is a group of Hope residents (past and present) who are asking the District to hold off on the demolition of the Hope Station House. All this group is asking is to be given more time to explore any last-ditch options, especially in light of the grant that was recently secured for the Boston Bar Station House. You may be familiar with the petition and hopefully have signed it, but conversation with Heritage BC and our MLA representative suggests that personal letters are much more impactful.

I have been asked to share the attached letter template and if you are willing you can use it and add your information to personalize it. Alternatively, you can handwrite your own letter from scratch. The template that is provided is intended only to make it easier for you.

Some combined advice the group got from Heritage BC and our MLA's office about the letter:

- Address the letter to the Mayor and Council
- **Desired outcome:** state your desired outcome or "ask" (e.g., "I am writing to you to request a stay of demolition of 6 months for the Hope Station House.")
- **Body of the letter:** describe what the Station House means to **you**, your family/parents/grandparents/etc, to the community, and why you think it's important to save it. Describe, if you can, how it identifies with Hope or how it is a symbol of Hope. The more **personalized** the letter, the better!
- **Finish with identifying information:** your name printed and signed (if hard copy); whether you're a current resident or previous resident and how long you've lived or previously lived in Hope, or if you're a visitor how often you visit; provide your mailing address, phone number and email address.

The group needs your letter back by Tuesday, Feb 2 so that they can hand deliver the package to the District Hall on Wed Feb 3rd before noon. They have asked to be scheduled as a delegation on the Feb 8th Council meeting via Zoom.

If you choose to write a letter, can you please email it back to [savethehopestationhouse@gmail.com](mailto:savethehopestationhouse@gmail.com) by noon on Tues Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you handwrite your letter, you can either scan and email it or send a picture. Should you wish further information, please don't hesitate to reach out by phone (408-728-3515 or 604-869-1432) or by email ([savethehopestationhouse@gmail.com](mailto:savethehopestationhouse@gmail.com)).

Thank you for your help!

Coalition for the Preservation of the Hope Station House