

January 27, 2021

District of Hope City Council
PO Box 609
Hope, B.C. V0X 1L0

Re: Planned Demolition of the Hope Station House in March 2021

Dear Mayor Robb and Councillors:

I would like to respectfully request a stay of demolition of the Hope Station House for at least six months from its currently proposed demolition date of March 2021. I propose that the community, in partnership with the District of Hope, use this time to explore alternative uses, locations, and funding for preserving this important part of Hope's history and cultural identity.

The Hope Station House is one of the handful of buildings and places with which I identify Hope. It's the first thing I see when I get off the highway on my visits home to spend time with my mother.

I think the Station House holds an important place in the hearts of many members of the community as evidenced by the passion of emotion it stirs. I personally have some very fond memories of volunteering for fundraising dinners and music events at the Station. I think it could be revived for a similar purpose to act as a focal point for arts, culture and heritage and serve to activate the community, which it desperately needs.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my request and for giving me the opportunity to tell you why the Hope Station House means so much to me and why I think it should be saved.

Sincerely,

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