

Grandview-Woodland Area Council  
Britannia Community Centre  
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Hon. Kevin Kreuger,  
Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts  
Room 301, Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC  
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CC: Hon. Gordon Campbell, Premier  
CC: Hon. Rich Coleman, Minister of Housing and Social Development

Dear Minister:

The directors of the Grandview Woodland Area Council are deeply concerned about recent and proposed cuts to funding of libraries and of arts and culture. Artists and their activities are vital to the well-being of our community and its economy. As we're sure you know, the east side of Vancouver contains the largest concentration of artists, many in live-work studios, in the city. At every community event in Grandview Woodland you will see artists and their work represented.

We're also sure that you know that most artists live and work on very low incomes. These incomes are made up of sales of their work and, of great significance, small grants from all levels of government. Cuts to arts funding not only creates unwarranted hardship for our artists but also send a negative message to the public regarding artists, arts, and culture in general.

The library at the Britannia Community Centre is the heart of our neighbourhood. If you were to visit at any time, you would see a room alive with concentration and activity. There would be clusters of students engaged in research for their homework, teenagers working at computers, seniors absorbed in reading, and over in the children's section you would see a parent-volunteer reading stories to a rapt group of small children. There is also a small gallery which shows, in monthly rotating exhibitions, the work of local artists.

If the government truly believes, as it claims to, that widespread literacy and culture are among our highest goals, we ask you to restore the funding that brings life to these crucial activities.

Sincerely yours,

Brenda Koch  
for  
Directors of the Grandview Woodland Area Council  
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