



# Vancouver arts hub update

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## Agenda









#### **Building**

Facility Work to Date

#### **Access**

Initial Activation Plan

#### **Communication**

Informing the Community

#### **Get Involved**

Hands-on Ways to Help



## **Facility Update**

#### Creating a space for initial activation

- Building assessment completed; required updates identified and initial occupancy guidelines established
- City contracted the ARTS centered to oversee facility operations and community use during the initial activation period
- Some areas are ready to use with chairs and tables for small meetings and classes; a dance and movement space with floating dance floor and Marley surface; and restrooms
- Discussing a budget strategy for roof replacement and key life and safety improvements in 2025-2026



### **Access Update**

#### Building a framework for initial activation

- theARTScentered is meeting with artists, community partners, and arts and culture organizations to learn about their needs and how the arts hub building can be a resource in its current condition, as well as in the future
- Since May, the building has hosted several groups for rehearsals and meetings
  - o FUN FACT: In May, the arts hub building welcomed artists ages 6 to 82 years old
- An online interest form will be available to the public in July; the form will be an entry point for artists and help us track potential use for future planning



## **Communication Update**

#### Inviting the community to participate in the initial activation

- Be Heard engagement page will still be used for community engagement activities related to future planning for the building design
- New webpage on the City's website to provide information about initial activation of the building
- An interest form for building use will be open July 5
- Sharing this update with City Council and PRAC this week; information going out to the public starting June 17



#### **Get Involved**

#### Hands-on ways to help

#### Save the Date: July 5 First Friday

Get a sneak peek inside the building and learn about initial activation uses

Enjoy art and performances by Vancouver Arts & Music Festival artists

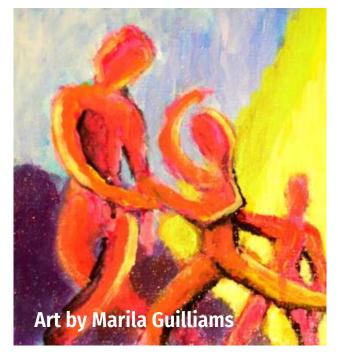
Kick-off the next phase of community engagement for the project

#### Join a Building Project

Volunteer time to lend a hand with building improvement projects organized by the ARTS centered









# Thank You



