



VANCOUVER
BOARD OF
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December 19, 2019

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Malcolm Bromley
General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **Jericho Arts Centre Temporary Closure – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

This memo is to advise that the Jericho Arts Centre has been closed until further notice due to serious structural issues that were identified this week during a review by REFM Capital Maintenance staff and a structural engineering consultant. The site has been secured, communications to effected tenants and West Point Grey CCA have been issued, and the next steps for investigation and mitigation are underway.

The Jericho Arts Centre is an approximately 5,000 square foot single storey wood-framed facility built in 1040, on what is now the Locarno Beach permanent park site. The facility was commissioned by the Park Board in 1993 as a 135 seat performance venue. It is operated by the Friends of Jericho Arts Centre Society (FoJACS) under a Park Board managed lease that was renewed in 2017. The event space is next scheduled for use on January 15, 2020.

Prior to recommending access be reinstated, REFM will be reviewing if the space can be made safe for public occupancy with the temporary shoring of wood column and truss supports. A further update will be provided when information on the full scope of the repairs and timeline becomes available.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Malcolm Bromley'.

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

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