



January 10, 2023

Dear survey participants,

On behalf of the BC Arts Council, I would like to acknowledge the report 'Community Feedback: BC Arts Council 2022 Operating Assistance Application,' prepared by the Greater Vancouver Professional Theatre Alliance. We want to thank the GVPTA for developing the survey and those organizations who offered input through their responses.

When we launched *Extending Foundations: Action Plan 2022-2024* in April 2022, we committed to forging a more equitable and socially just role for public arts funding in the province through real action and renewal. We heard from the sector that this should be our priority. Through this survey report, we understand that recipients continue to express broad appreciation for our intentions to change our processes and procedures to be more equitable and increase access.

As we are changing, we also recognize the need to move forward together. We see the report findings as an opportunity to continue to listen and engage with arts and culture practitioners as we take further action on new ways to strengthen processes and procedures.

In response to the report, we will address challenges experienced by community members, with particular attention to program applications and organizational profile updates, including communication and timing. We will continue to enhance our web resources and outreach efforts to support transparency and accessibility.

It is important for me to stress that *Extending Foundations*, and the work to date, is only the beginning. We will conduct an evaluation of our programs and processes to further understand what impact these changes are having.

As we look ahead to support a renewed vision for arts and culture for 2024 and beyond, I encourage you all to participate in the strategic vision engagement process which will begin later this year. All of the details will be posted to our website and social media channels.

I look forward to connecting with you and the broader community to discuss the report and deepen opportunities to engage on our shared goals for reconciliation, equity, diversity, inclusion and access.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Chung'.

Dr. Sae-Hoon Stan Chung
Chair, BC Arts Council