





## The Prince George Regional Heritage Center, Inc.

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To Our Supporters and Friends: An Update

2020 has been quite a year! We sincerely hope that you and your family are well and safe.

As most of you know, the Heritage Center closed on March 15 due to the pandemic. At the same time, tourism as we had come to know it, stopped and so did our budget of 7.5% of the Lodging Tax (Transient Occupancy Tax). Sadly, we let our one employee go, canceled all events and programs, closed our doors, and dodged the virus. So far, our contingency funds have allowed us to pay for the ongoing expenses of security, telephone, and insurance. A re-opening date has not been established but the likelihood is Spring 2021 after Covid is under control and visitors feel safe once again.

The good news is that during this downtime both the River Gallery and the Fire and Emergency Crew Museum are being worked on. While this is an extremely difficult time to raise money for cultural projects, we are fortunate that donors had contributed to both projects prior to Covid and that restricted funding from those supporters is allowing us to work on these projects now. The search for additional monies is ongoing but we do expect that a Phase I version of the River Gallery will open in 2021as part of our re-opening. On the Fire and Emergency Crew Museum, the architectural drawings are complete, and we are ready for demolition to resume on the interior of the Old Jail. The next step will be as much restoration as we can financially support.

Thank you for your continued support and help in these difficult months. We are looking forward to welcoming our friends and visitors again soon.

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