



November 20, 2021

**Mayor and Council
City of Kelowna
1435 Water Street
Kelowna, BC V1Y1J4**

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am a member of Kelowna Newcomers Alumni Club which is comprised of over 430 active members who have chosen to move to the Okanagan from across Canada and the world. There are many advantages to living in such a beautiful place that offers so much to its residents.

What has been a disappointment is the state of the local Community Theatre. Small cities across our province and our country have better theatre facilities – one only needs to look to Vernon or Penticton. As a result, many people leave the city to enjoy world class performances elsewhere.

I feel that a larger modern Performing Arts Centre would also encourage or provide better opportunities for local performers across the Arts to hold events in our City. A new theatre would allow Kelowna to attract more performers and artists to come here.

A new Performing Arts Centre is desperately needed and should be a city priority. It was very disappointing to learn that Kelowna City Council has delayed this project too far into the future.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter to you.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Hancock

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Kelowna Newcomers Alumni