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Community Conversation event asks residents of Rossland to have their say on future of Royal BC Museum

Victoria, BC – What does a reimagined Royal BC Museum look like to the people of this province?

That’s the question being posed to all people in British Columbia during the ongoing Phase 2 of the museum and archives public Community Engagement process.

As part of this process, the Royal BC Museum is hosting an in-person Community Conversation event on March 6, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Rossland Museum and Discovery Centre to hear feedback from the residents of Rossland.

At this interactive event, residents will be asked to share their ideas, thoughts, and perspectives on key issues to the future of the museum and archives. Royal BC Museum staff will be leading the event to answer questions, guide conversations, and receive feedback and recommendations.

The event is one of many taking place throughout the province over the early part of 2024. Information from participants will be documented and then used to help guide the future path of the museum.

“The Royal BC Museum truly belongs to the people of British Columbia, so we’re committed to ensuring people from all corners of the province feel welcomed, included, and represented by their museum and archives,” said Tracey Drake, CEO, Royal BC Museum. “It is so important for everyone to have the opportunity to participate in this process and we’re really looking forward to hearing the thoughts and ideas from people across British Columbia.”

Participants at the event will be asked to share their thoughts specifically on four key themes:

- Buildings, spaces, and facilities: A physical and cultural space that welcomes and reflects all people in BC.
- Indigenous Reconciliation and United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) implementation: Collaborating on Indigenous representation in the museum’s exhibitions and institutional culture, and building on the repatriation and reconciliation processes.
- Diversity and representation: Ensuring all cultural and social perspectives are part of the future, with thoughtful and meaningful representation.

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- Inclusion and accessibility: Making the museum, its facilities, and its programs more inclusive and accessible to all visitors.

Community Conversations are one part of the ongoing Phase 2 Community Engagement process, which also includes information sessions, virtual Community Conversations, interactive tours at the Royal BC Museum's primary site in Victoria, and a province-wide survey running until the end of January 2025.

Phase 2 of community engagement is part of a multi-year, province-wide process to engage with and learn from the public, from key partners, and from First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities on how they envision the future of the museum. The questions being asked in Phase 2 are based on the themes and concerns identified by participants of Phase 1 (January - May 2023).

To learn more and register for the event, please visit: rbc.ca/engage

To take the survey, please visit: rbc.ca/survey

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