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Submitted with permission and on behalf of Richard Carswell

Dear Mayor and Council;

I support Massey Theatre Society in its request to Council for a permanent event driven liquor license. There are many steps, checks and balances needed before such a license can be realized but the motivation for such I entirely understand. As a previous long time director and President of Arts Council New West, I saw how debilitating and time wasting procurement of special one time event permits can be to the work of the arts in New Westminster.

As Massey Theatre Society pushes forward with its renewal and plans for an even greater arts presence in our City the basics must be "tied up" and the time consuming work of special events licenses being removed from the operations of MTS daily or monthly time budgets would be an excellent step. I urge Council to lend its support for this initiative and help this renewed vision of arts in our City with the procedural certainty of a permanent event driven liquor licence.

Finally, having attended so many events at Massey over the years I can strongly accept that the continuing work of Massey Theatre Society will operate under the guidelines of a permanent liquor license with respect and control of each and every event.

Richard Carswell
Citizen of the Arts