

To: Mayor and Council
City of Whitehorse

Re: MacBride Museum – Property Tax Status

Date: September 07, 2019

Dear Mayor & Council,

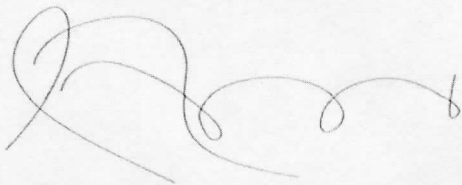
It is our understanding that since the completion of the recent addition to the MacBride Museum, the City has revised its decades old policy of forgiving property taxes for this not-for-profit institution. The decision will compromise the ability of this key cultural facility to continue providing valuable service to the community and visitors to the Yukon.

Our collection of Whitehorse-based companies employ over 60 Whitehorse residents, own key commercial buildings, and have had a direct impact on the economic well-being and built infrastructure of Whitehorse.

The newly imposed tax burdens will adversely affect the financial well-being of the organization. There have been suggestions, for example, that MacBride be sold to the Yukon Government. However, under Government ownership, it would be impossible to continue in its current innovative, creative, and low-cost manner.

I urge the City to reconsider its decision to charge MacBride a property tax as it will present hardships that will impact its future viability. The organization is too important to let this happen. If we want to see MacBride continue and grow within the downtown core as an important cultural institution, a full property tax discount is necessary.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Antonio Zedda', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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