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**Subject:** Mayor's Arts and Business Coalition Task Force

***Sent on behalf of Chairperson Agtarap and Vice-Chairperson Knowles.....***

Dear Task Force members,

Thank you all for a great first meeting. The energy and ideas you all brought to the table are appreciated and I know those ideas will help us collectively move forward on overcoming the barriers we identified in the SWOT.

Our next meeting is May 17 (agenda to be sent out the week before). While the agenda is not yet finalized, we are anticipating two presentations, plus some brainstorming work on our vision of the community.

In the meantime, we are asking for you to collect ideas from other cities around the world that inspire you. Please identify approximately three ideas or photos that demonstrate connections between the arts and business communities. These ideas can be related to policy or programs, streetscapes, an example of a "vibe" we'd like to cultivate, or anything else you think is useful and relevant to our discussions.

One major concern we (and we are sure others) have for our community is the affordability of spaces to create art (production, rehearsal, creation) and as our city grows, I believe we need to keep this front of mind. Two recent articles outline the challenges that Vancouver area artists (and we imagine, artists throughout our region) are currently experiencing.

- <https://www.straight.com/news/vancouvers-art-scene-is-in-arrested-development?>
- <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/vancouver-risks-becoming-a-city-without-art-as-studio-spaces-become-harder-to-find-artists-say-1.6813142>

Send your photos, ideas, links etc. to me ([sagtarap@portmoody.ca](mailto:sagtarap@portmoody.ca)) by **May 10** so I can incorporate them into any presentation or discussions in our next meeting. Additionally, if you are aware of examples of cities that have found creative ways to keep production spaces (fabrication, theatres, studios, etc.) in an evolving city, please send those along too.

We look forward to our future discussions,  
Samantha and Kyla

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