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To the Mayor and Council, Cambridge

I read with dismay and incredulity that the Fashion History Museum will not be receiving from the City of Cambridge the full grant amount it needs in order to pay the rent on the historic building it currently occupies.

The rent and facility costs should be covered by the City- particularly since you own this building. It is a building of great significance to Cambridge and I understand that the Fashion Museum has done and paid for much needed renovations to it already. Cities need to support arts and culture!

This museum is a jewel in the City of Cambridge. Fashion history buffs come from all over the world to view the exhibits here, and they don't just spend their money at the museum. They patronize local restaurants, gas stations, hotels and likely other tourist spots, bringing significant revenue into Cambridge. A group of friends and myself (from the Region of Durham ) come to Cambridge on a regular basis, mainly to visit this museum , but it is a day trip so of course we shop and dine in Cambridge as well.

The museum does outreach into the community and holds educational workshops for the public. They maintain a tremendous and valuable collection of historical textile artifacts; their focus on collecting significant Canadian pieces makes them a national treasure.

Please do all you can to review this decision and do the right thing: support culture and heritage in Cambridge by fiscally supporting this amazing museum.

Respectfully,

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