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Maritime Museum of BC Focused on the Future

At the recent AGM held by Zoom on February 25, 2021 the membership of the Maritime Museum of BC Society voted to expand the board in a concerted effort to advance the search for a permanent home for the museum. The newly elected board includes Jamie Webb (President), Wendy Moreton (Vice-President) Ian Poyntz (Interim Treasurer) Rhian McKee (Secretary) and Directors Rob Abernethy, Clay Evans, Angus Matthews, Bill Noon and Bonnie Stacy.

The board has appointed Brittany Vis as the new Executive Director of the museum. Ms. Vis is an English and History graduate of the University of Victoria and holds a Master's of Library and Information Science degree from Western University. Museum President Jamie Webb said "Brittany has been involved with the museum since 2012 and has created remarkable exhibits and experiences, drawing from the museum's collection of over 35,000 artifacts. We are fortunate to have such a talented and experienced leader to continue the museum's work as the custodian of our maritime history on the coast."

In 2014 the museum was required to vacate the iconic heritage building in Bastion Square that had been its home for almost 50 years. The Province of BC, which owns the building, determined this was necessary due to concerns about the building's structure. Securing a suitable permanent location for the Maritime Museum is the top priority for the museum board.

The City of Langford is very supportive of the Maritime Museum and offered land for a new museum in a proposed cultural complex. Given the uncertainty generated over the past 12 months the board is carefully assessing this option. The dynamics of potential locations in downtown Victoria in proximity to the historic harbour are constantly changing. The board has established a working group to actively explore all viable options.

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