

Keelhaul Productions Inc

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Dear Councillor Carroll:

I am writing on behalf of Keelhaul Productions Inc. to enthusiastically support Toronto Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) funding request for Black Creek Pioneer Village (soon to be renamed The Village at Black Creek). Our collaboration with Black Creek Pioneer Village on performances during special events has proven invaluable in engaging and entertaining thousands of community members in an underserved part of the city. More funding is required for this community impact to continue.

For several years, Keelhaul Productions Inc. has had the privilege of working closely with Black Creek Pioneer Village, creating unique and entertaining performances that captivate audience members of diverse ages and backgrounds. The colourful and fun programming we provide at the museum, whether as Sherlock Holmes and Watson helping visitors solve mysteries or as pirates and magical creatures transporting audiences to an imaginative fairy-tale world, offer a spark of imagination. They entertain, foster empathy through engaging with the stories of unique characters and bring people together to create a shared sense of community.

Additionally, our collaboration has served as a catalyst for professional development, offering the emerging theatre professionals we employ valuable opportunities to showcase their talent and refine their skills. We firmly believe that funding support for the museum is essential to sustaining and expanding these impactful programs that inspire joy and creativity for so many visitors. I urge you to support Toronto Region Conservation Authority's funding request for Black Creek Pioneer Village. By doing so, you contribute to the cultural richness of the community.

Sincerely,

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