

# Community Engagement Summary

## Phase 1: Dialogue Sessions

### Completed Dialogue Sessions

Date	Session Type	Location	Number of Attendees
<b>Thursday, January 12, 2023</b>	General public, members, donors	RBCM	31
<b>Tuesday, January 17, 2023</b>	General public (day)	RBCM	63
<b>Tuesday, January 17, 2023</b>	General public (evening)	RBCM	28
<b>Friday, January 20, 2023</b>	Business community	RBCM	15
<b>Wednesday, January 25, 2023</b>	Business community	RBCM	14
<b>Thursday, January 26, 2023</b>	General public (day)	RBCM	74
<b>Thursday, January 26, 2023</b>	General public (evening)	RBCM	28
<b>Tuesday, January 31, 2023</b>	General public	Virtual	30
<b>Friday, February 3, 2023</b>	General public	Virtual	39
<b>Monday, February 6, 2023</b>	General public (day)	Surrey	19
<b>Monday, February 6, 2023</b>	General public (evening)	Vancouver	12
<b>Tuesday, February 7, 2023</b>	General public	Richmond	7
<b>Wednesday, February 15, 2023</b>	General public	Nanaimo	27
<b>Friday, February 24, 2023</b>	GLAM* partners	RBCM	17
<b>Tuesday, February 28, 2023</b>	General public	Virtual	21
<b>Total attendees</b>			<b>425</b>
<b>Total sessions</b>			<b>15</b>

\*Galleries, libraries, art galleries and museums

### Common themes raised by participants and discussed in-session

- The importance of the museum as a place to hold history, and to facilitate learning and storytelling.
- The importance of integrating a greater diversity of cultures into the stories that reflect BC's history.

- Clarity on the future of the third floor (including Old Town), with confirmation from the Royal BC Museum at each session that Old Town had not been demolished and the community would be invited to help reimagine the space in the future.
- The Royal BC Museum's model for admission fees, and how the museum could be more accessible.
- Repatriation and the relationship between the museum and Indigenous communities.
- The importance of including diverse opinions and multicultural voices, as well as the ongoing role of engagement.
- How the current climate crisis might be reflected through a reimagined Climate Change gallery (in the Natural History gallery), one that is more reflective of current research, knowledge and action.
- Funding models to support the Royal BC Museum's growth and infrastructure needs.
- The importance of ensuring the Royal BC Museum has strong and supportive relationships with other cultural organizations and groups across the province.
- The importance of Cultural and diverse communities as well as partnerships (i.e., Youth Advisory Council, UVIC, LGBTQ2S+)
- School access to the museum, while free, how to handle cost of transportation.
- How to become more involved, via volunteer programs and career opportunities.
- The importance of having more interactive exhibits for younger audiences.

## Upcoming Dialogue Sessions

### March 2023

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • <b>Métis Nations BC—Richmond</b>    | March 3–5, 2023                  |
| • <b>Public Session—Kelowna</b>       | March 8, 2023   6:00–8:00 p.m.   |
| • <b>Public Session—Prince George</b> | March 10, 2023   6:00–8:00 p.m.  |
| • <b>Educator Session—Victoria</b>    | March 27, 2023   12:30–2:00 p.m. |
| • <b>Public Session—Nelson</b>        | March 29, 2023   6:00–8:00 p.m.  |
| • <b>Public Session—Cranbrook</b>     | March 30, 2023   6:00–8:00 p.m.  |

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