

**MacSween, Liam**

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**To:** Sebastien Labelle  
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Hi again Liam,

Here's a brief overview of our presentation. Let me know if you need any additional information.

Facing the sale of the properties over which it operates, the Bus Stop Theatre Cooperative will present an overview of their Business Plan to ensure the survival of this essential cultural and community space on Gottingen Street. For 15 years, the Bus Stop Theatre has provided affordable and accessible space to a wide range of artistic and community interests and become one of the most exciting cultural hubs in Halifax. Numerous arts organizations have become dependent on its existence and many community organizations make use of its services to develop programs for their clients - in many cases, from vulnerable or marginalized populations. Facing closure in the context of a desperate need for additional creation and performance space in the arts community, the Bus Stop Theatre Cooperative proposes a five year project that will entail the purchase of the properties in question, as well as the expansion of its facilities to include a new second performance space, two new rehearsal/gathering halls and new office space for arts organizations and non-profits. This project will require funding support from all levels of government and the private sector. The first and critical phase of this project is the purchase of the properties before the end of this year.

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