

Maritime Museum changes hands

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The fate of the financially storm-ridden Maritime Museum is in the hands of the provincial government.

Following a proposal from the city of Victoria the province has made an offer to the city — which the city has accepted — to buy the Old Courthouse building in Bastion Square which houses the museum.

The city originally offered the building to the province for \$1 plus

full taxation. The province's successful counter-offer was for the same \$1 purchase price but with a grant of 15 mills in lieu of taxes.

A spokesman for Minister of Travel Grace McCarthy — responsible for purchasing the building — said the fate of the museum is uncertain.

"We don't know what will be done with the building — as far as

the Maritime Museum remaining there we'll just have to take it step by step."

A museum spokesman said they are hopeful that the province will let them stay in the building.

"We have a lot of plans and projects waiting on shelves until we can find out just what our status will be in the future."

The museum has been allowed to occupy the building without any tax burdens by the city.