

Keyano Theatre & Arts Centre is evolving to meet Fort McMurray's growing educational and community needs. We understand that changes can bring questions, and we are committed to ensuring continued support for our arts and theatre community.

Below, we have answered key questions about the upcoming adjustments for clarity and reassurance.



What will happen to the current user groups and businesses operating from the Arts Centre?

To accommodate the transition, the Arts Centre will close for renovations starting in July. While the Arts Centre does not hold long-term leases, we recognize the impact on our user groups. The five most affected groups have been offered alternative spaces at their existing rental rates, ensuring continued access to suitable facilities for dance, music, and arts education.



Will Keyano Theatre's usage change?

Keyano Theatre will remain dedicated to theatrical performances and community productions. To support these activities, additional spaces on the Clearwater Campuses – such as rehearsal and holding areas – will be made available to ensure seamless operations.



What additional spaces will be available, and how can they be accessed?

The following spaces will be available to support theatre and community events:

- Lecture Theatre (formerly the Recital Theatre)
- Elements Conference Room
- Renovated Classrooms

Groups requiring additional space can coordinate with the Theatre's Facilities and Events Coordinator to determine the best fit for their needs.



What will happen to costumes, props, and instruments used by Keyano Theatre?

Keyano Theatre's essential costumes, props, and instruments will be safely stored and accessible. Minor renovations and space optimizations will ensure continued support for productions and performances.



What is the staffing situation at Keyano Theatre?

Keyano Theatre will continue to be staffed by a dedicated team of full-time professionals, contracted artists, and support staff. Our team remains committed to producing high-quality community productions and supporting visiting artists, schools, and organizations.



Keyano Theatre & Arts Centre remains committed to fostering creativity, performance, and community engagement. While changes are on the horizon, we are dedicated to working closely with our community to ensure a smooth transition.

For any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Eugene Carnegie, director of Keyano Theatre & Arts Centre, at eugene.carnegie@keyano.ca.