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Mayor Helps and Council
City of Victoria
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Subject: 1208 Wharf Street – Adding Rental Business as a Permitted Use
Rezoning Application #00647

Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

I am submitting a rezoning application to respectfully propose adding “rental business” as a permitted use to the existing site-specific zone ‘IHF – Inner Harbour Finlayson’, for our building located at 1202, 1208, and 1214 Wharf Street.

A tenant in our building, Ride The Glide, is a small business that currently sells and repairs electric bicycles. They would like to expand their business offerings to include renting electric bicycles to locals and tourists. Their business location is ideal because the new Wharf Street Corridor protected bike lanes will run directly in front of their storefront at our building. Ride The Glide rentals will promote use of the protected bike lanes in addition to offering bicycle repair services to all users of the bike lanes. Please note that the bicycle rentals will occur from within the tenant suite and no rental bicycles will be stored on the sidewalk adjacent to the property.

Rentals of the “U-bicycle” by a competitor currently exist and are common at and around our property. Therefore, renting bicycles is not a new activity to the local area. The opportunity to rent electric bicycles will create more bicycle rental options for locals and tourists that frequent the Wharf Street corridor.

The Victoria Downtown Residents Association Land Use Committee approves of the application and noted that the opportunity of renting electric bicycles would be a positive addition at our location. Local area business owners have offered to write letters of support upon request. Electric bicycle rentals will promote a healthy activity and lifestyle choice for both locals and tourists.

Please note that this rezoning application is only a text change intended to add a permitted use to our existing zoning and does not involve any physical changes to the building.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Shawn Steele
Applicant