

January 8, 2019 (revised from June 22, 2018)

Mayor Lisa Helps & Council City of Victoria 1 Centennial Square Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Re: 700 Government Street Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor Helps & Council:

Strongitharm Consulting, on behalf of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA), is pleased to submit this application to rezone the property located at 700 Government Street (Milestone's Restaurant Causeway Patio), which adjoins the restaurant property at 812 Wharf Street.

Background

Milestone's (Causeway Restaurants Ltd.) has been a popular fixture along the Inner Harbour Causeway for more than 30 years, and is an important part of the Inner Harbour milieu, serving visitors and locals alike. It has recently been discovered by Milestone's that the zoning (IHP-R, Inner Harbour Parks and Causeway Restaurant District) for the restaurant's Lower Causeway patio area is slightly smaller than the lease area that has been in place for many years – first with the City, and subsequently with the GVHA. The intention of the rezoning is to correct this anomaly.

As a result of recent conversations and agreement with the landlord (Greater Victoria Harbour Authority) and City staff, the original area of application has been slightly modified to allow for more convenient entry to the patio and improved pedestrian traffic flow along the Lower Causeway. A site plan indicating the revised area of application is attached.

The Proposal

The purpose of the application is to align the IHP-R zone with the slightly revised restaurant patio configuration, as discussed with City staff and the GVHA. The area of application is now 52' x 17' (15.8 m x 5.2 m). A small entrance area at the east side of the patio is included in the proposed zoning.

CALUC Meeting

A CALUC meeting was hosted by the Downtown Victoria Residents Association on June 13, 2018. No members of the public attended.

In Conclusion

This rezoning is intended to correct an historical discrepancy, and align the Zoning Bylaw with the long term patio lease area at 700 Government Street (now as amended and described above). The use of the area is not changing, there will be no additional seating, and the pedestrian passageway along the Lower Causeway will be improved.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned (250-889-1862 or, dstrongitharm@cityspaces.ca).

Yours truly,

Deane Strongitharm, MCIP, RPP

Attach. Proposed Patio Rezoning Site Plan, December 2018

Johanna Ward, Causeway Restaurants Ltd. CC: Sonterra Ross, Greater Victoria Harbour Authority

