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From: Sam Vekemans [REDACTED]
Sent: March 13, 2019 3:58 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1181) No. 19-025: - 700 Government Street (

Dear City of Victoria,

I'd like to express my OPPOSITION to the proposed bylaw amendment to allow for larger outdoor seating at Milestones.

Also note that there is no attached map in the PDF

https://www.victoria.ca/assets/Default/700%20Government%20Street_Mailout.pdf

The reason for the objection is that i feel that the space is very underutilized. If it were a full service cafe - on the lower level, and open from say 6 or 7am to offer visitors with a great view of the / on the harbour. While it's closed for most of the year, the current setup where staff need to put out the tables/chairs and temporary fixtures is just fine - and hosts too many private functions. If it was a cafe - open longer, and cater to a wider clientele (not just upscale) then it would be ok as the fixture would be used all year round. And could have a covered patio like 10 Acres Kitchen down the street. However, this place should be open early and stay open late in order to be a permanent fixture. Every year thousands/lots of vistors pass by it - so the walking space is valuable. More planters should actually be in/near the space as that corner its a great photo spot. Public art & seating could be even better.

While I don't live in the area, I do work at The Bay Centre and see the space daily. If it was a cafe, I would probably go to it once in a while. (It would be nice if it was a bicycle themed cafe & allow for bicycles to access it - an idea for the owners) :)

Thank you
Sam Vekemans
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&
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Victoria (Songhees), BC Canada

(please make my email address hidden from public record)

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From: Public Hearings
To: Jeff Bray
Subject: RE: 700 Government Street: Rezoning Application No. 00654

From: Jeff Bray [REDACTED]
Sent: March 14, 2019 3:59 PM
To: Public Hearings <PublicHearings@victoria.ca>
Subject: 700 Government Street: Rezoning Application No. 00654

Re: 700 Government Street Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor Helps & Council:

The Downtown Victoria Business Association has reviewed this application for the patio on the lower causeway. We are in support of this application.

The patio on the lower causeway adds a positive activation within both our downtown core, and the hub of our downtown tourist area. In fact, this patio has been in successful operation for many years, and its loss would be felt by the restaurant, customers, tourists and locals. The DVBA supports an increase in these types of daytime and evening activations that animate downtown and add to the vibrancy and a suitable local economy.

I am happy to provide any additional input if required.

Yours truly,

Jeff Bray
Executive Director
Downtown Victoria Business Association

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A PROUD MEMBER OF





February 28, 2019

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

Sent via email: mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca

Re: 700 Government Street (Milestone's) Rezoning Application & Public Hearing

Dear Mayor & Council:

On behalf of Victoria Harbour Ferry Co. Ltd., I wish to record our support for Milestone's rezoning application along the Causeway. We understand the application has been made to regularize the longstanding, and well operated restaurant patio space.

Operating in the Inner Harbour for the past 30 years we have witnessed the growing presence of iconic 'destinations' surrounding the harbour. Milestones has become a marker in our world renown harbour. In as much as the Empress Hotel (an operating business) is a both a hotel and a destination for locals and tourists, so is Milestones. Over the years I have observed thousands of guests photograph the Milestones location, both inside and outside the facility. Victoria Harbour Ferry is itself an iconic part of our harbour. Our Captains and staff view Milestones as a significant contributor to the flavor of the harbour. The footprint requested in the rezoning application when approved will serve to enhance another harbour experience.

We very much support the application to remedy an apparent anomaly in the zoning boundaries. It is only fair that Milestones is able continue operating the patio as it has done for such a long time, offering customers a great place to enjoy a world class Inner Harbour experience.

Sincerely,

Barry Hobbis
Partner, VP Operations
Victoria Harbour Ferry Co. Ltd.