

July 9, 2021

Mayor and Council  
City of Victoria  
#1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

**Re.: Support for upgrades to Canoe Brew Pub**

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce supports investments in active transportation, and in infrastructure improvements that enhance the experience for people visiting our region.

The proposal to revitalize and rebrand the Canoe Brew Pub and restaurant will turn it into an anchor destination for Victoria's Historic District as well as the Rock Bay neighbourhood. The Chamber trusts that city staff will provide thoughtful and considered recommendations for preserving the character and heritage of this area. We know that doing nothing is not the same as preservation, and the stated aim of this project is to help the building improve modern accessibility needs while maintaining significant elements.

The second proposal to upgrade and extend the David Foster Walkway, which is an amenity for residents and tourists, will provide another avenue for people to move through downtown, helping to further disperse visitors and benefiting businesses in more neighbourhoods.

As always, please reach out to me directly if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



Bruce Williams  
CEO, Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce