



ATTN: Miko Betanzo

Senior Planner – Urban Design Sustainable Planning & Community Development
City of Victoria

Dear Miko,

After a thorough consideration and risk assessment, we at Orca Spirit Adventures Ltd would like to officially withdraw our support of the new proposed development by Nicholas Van Buren at 700 Government Street. Our office location at 950 Wharf Street (adjacent to proposed barge at Ship Point North) would be directly affected. We do not support the proposed development for the following reasons:

- i. Inability to pick up passengers with our larger covered vessels at our 950 Wharf Street Harbour Air office location due to insufficient water space between proposed barge and seaplanes
- ii. The distance between the proposed barge and the seaplanes docked would be too narrow for our whale watching boats to safely come and go with guests onboard
- iii. We risk interrupting not only our operation, but Harbour Air Seaplanes operation if our vessels were not the appropriate distance away from a docked seaplane
- iv. The height of the proposed barge completely blocks view of our office location and eliminates all possibilities for advertising to walk by traffic and for our guests to easily locate us. We have been tenants on this dock since 2015, and pay premium moorage and lease rates exactly for these reasons
- v. Insufficient space for dock maintenance, etc. without interrupting our operation
- vi. We would lose the ability to potentially move our larger covered vessel business downtown and to utilize the entire dock on the Northside of Ship Point

Please take our letter seriously as we are the closest business and most affected to this proposed development. If you require any additional information, please reach out to me directly at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Thank you,

John Douglas

Owner/GM of Orca Spirit Adventures

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