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From: Anna Bunce [REDACTED]
Sent: January 12, 2023 9:55 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Jan 12: HAVN Sauna Hearing

Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to strongly support HAVN Sauna's proposal. I'd like to note I have no relation to anyone associated with this project, but am a citizen who has seen first hand the positive impact of a very similar business in downtown Montreal called [BotaBota](#). BotaBota (a ferry boat converted into a floating spa) opened in Montreal's Old Port which is a historic neighbourhood along the St. Laurence popular with tourists and community members alike and is quite similar to downtown Victoria. BotaBota turned an underused and honestly derelict area of the waterfront into a used and beautiful space. The spa was wonderful and priced at a point where it was affordable for me to enjoy during the 8 years I was living in Montreal as a student and young professional. I watched it grow and 13 years later it has expanded and continues to be an incredibly popular business that I visit whenever I'm able to visit Montreal.

This is a business that will be enjoyed by community members and tourists alike. It's unique to the West Coast and the floating boat will offer gorgeous views of the inner harbour. I'm excited to see this developed in our community and uses space creatively without taking up land that could be used for housing.

I am fully in support of this and hope it will be approved by Mayor and Council. If it is I'll be one of the first people on board, bathing suit and towel in hand.

Thank you for your consideration,
Anna Bunce

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From: Alex Nagel [REDACTED]
Sent: January 12, 2023 1:40 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: HAVN Sauna support

Hi there,

I'm Alex Nagel and we relocated to the City of Victoria from Toronto in 2014. I run a tight-knit industrial design firm on Fort St downtown and wholeheartedly support efforts to better utilize our waterfront.

Projects like HAVN's proposal that promote wellness and increase foot traffic in the harbour are vital attractions to support local businesses and show off what makes Victoria a unique world-class city.

This is not only the city we decided to start our design firm in 2018, but where my spouse and I have started a family. We love this city and the vibrancy of our downtown, but there are lots of untapped opportunities in the inner harbour.

As a local business owner, I am in full support of the petition to rezone bylaws to permit the use of docks for floating saunas and recreational use. The potential for increased tourism and revenue makes this a smart move for the city!

Thank you,
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Alex Nagel
ANCORD Design Co | <https://ancorddesign.co>

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From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: January 12, 2023 11:42 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Rezoning No. 00813 - HVAN

From: Bob June [REDACTED]
Sent: January 12, 2023 11:21 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>; Development Services email inquiries <DevelopmentServices@victoria.ca>
Subject: re: Rezoning No. 00813 - HVAN

Application Rezoning No. 00813 must be declined.

The usage does not fall within the established parameters, Part 8.15 of IHSS Zone which are primarily temporary structures or docking. This is not temporary and reduces public or commercial docking access.

The IHSS Zone is to provide public and commercial docking giving ambience and vitality to the inner harbour, activity support local business, and provide a clearly nautical ambience. Other activities are clearly defined as "temporary".

The building will block viewscales.

If the project is not successful there is the danger of having a large derelict scow abandoned in the inner harbour with potential difficulty in finding appropriate avenue for removal.

Bob June
1310 Manor Road.

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From: Chad Neufeld [REDACTED]
Sent: January 12, 2023 10:03 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Public Consultation on Harbour Rezoning

To whom it may concern,

My name is Chad and I live in Calgary. I intend to travel to Victoria and would like to express my support for Havn Saunas to be in the Victoria Harbour. I strongly support the rezoning of the dock so Havn can moor the barge in the harbour. An aesthetically beautiful space that can create small business jobs and provide a new experience for locals and tourists seems significantly more positive for Victoria than utilizing the dock for the private yachts of the rich. A wellness business of this kind will be beneficial for locals as well as for tourism.

Thank you for your consideration,



Chad Neufeld | Sr. Product Marketing Manager | [Benevity, Inc.](#)

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he/him | Personally situated on Treaty 7 territory | [Help Change the World](#)

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From: Doris Murphy Dunlop [REDACTED]
Sent: January 12, 2023 10:04 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: HAVN supporter

To whom it may concern,

My name is Doris Murphy Dunlop and I live in Calgary, AB. I intend to travel to Victoria and would like to express my support for Havn Saunas to be in the Victoria Harbour. I strongly support the rezoning of the dock so Havn can moor the barge in the harbour. A wellness business of this kind will be beneficial for locals as well as for tourism.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dmd

January 11, 2023

Legislative Services,
#1, Centennial Square,
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6
publichearings@victoria.ca

RE: Public Hearing re Zoning Regulation No. 22-094 and Development Permit No. 000616

Dear Victoria City Council,

I am writing **in support** of the rezoning of the IHSS Zone to allow for “recreational use” and for the development permit of a floating sauna, called **HAVN Saunas**, at Ship Point.

I have lived in the Capital Regional District for 8 years and have been visiting Victoria for over 50 years. As a **professor of sustainability and sustainability education**, I have taught at various universities across Canada, and now am an Honorary Professor with the Institute of Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney (Australia). I have been working on the citizen’s committee for Climate Action in association with the municipality of the District of Sooke for the past two years, including a focus on climate education.

In my teaching and writing, I am always looking for examples of **innovative practices and designs that achieve synchronous sustainability ends**: including community economic development with walkable and engaging public spaces; promoting the blending of social/mental/physical health and wellbeing with attention to inclusion, access, and safety; generating jobs and attracting year-round tourism that involve secondary small, local businesses on an ongoing basis; refurbishing existing or found materials to create a circular and low carbon economy; and celebrating and protecting the ecology of the beautiful CRD including adding green cover while ensuring a low impact operation. In studying the HAVN proposal in detail, **it is clear that HAVN Saunas meets all these synchronous ends**.

I am familiar with Mr. Van Buren’s **craftsmanship** and his **aesthetic design capability**. From what I see, the renderings likely do not do justice to the beauty of his design and workmanship, particularly in wood, and his commitment to energy and water efficiency and conservation as well as other aspects of sustainability. I love the location in Ship Point and only see it enhancing all current businesses and local events in the area. For these reasons, **I highly support** the changes in zoning and the development permit to enable the addition of this unique floating sauna for Victoria’s inner harbour.

Dr. Elizabeth A Lange, PhD
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From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: January 12, 2023 10:35 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Sauna Barge

From: Lynne Hill Ferguson [REDACTED]
Sent: January 12, 2023 10:29 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Sauna Barge

Dear Mayor Alto and City Councillors,

I am unable to attend the public hearing this evening on the proposed Sauna Barge for the inner harbour. I can see no valuable contribution to be made to the inner harbour by this structurally monolithic, narrow scope concept.

Please ask yourselves the following questions:

Will this structure enhance the inner harbour, or will it be visual pollution? No amount of greenery on its roof can alter the basic monolithic structure that it is.

Do saunas really address the larger population and its interests?

Is there perhaps not a more appropriate development possible? Perhaps a floating maritime or historical museum? Or perhaps a large permanent floating platform, that could be used for music performances?

While development of the inner harbour, by necessity, involves on going economic factors, surely the city can opt for some patience and wait for a project that is more creative and aesthetically appealing, than a floating sauna.

As a city, Victoria is blessed with one of the world's most accessible and beautiful harbours. I sincerely hope the city does not approve this Sauna Barge, which would be a bight on it.

Yours truly,

Lynne Hill
Victoria

Sent from my iPad

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From: Lisa Lackmanec [REDACTED]
Sent: January 12, 2023 10:17 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Victoria harbour

My name is Lisa and I live in Calgary, Alberta. I intend to travel to Victoria and would like to express my support for Havn Saunas to be in the Victoria Harbour. I strongly support the rezoning of the dock so Havn can moor the barge in the harbour. A wellness business of this kind will be beneficial for locals as well as for tourism.

Thank you for your consideration,
Lisa

Lisa Lackmanec she/her 🌻

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From: Lauren Scott [REDACTED]
Sent: January 12, 2023 10:34 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: HAVN Saunas / dock re-zoning

To whom it may concern, My name is Lauren Scott and I live in Victoria. I would like to express my support for Havn Saunas to be in the Victoria Harbour. I strongly support the rezoning of the dock so Havn can moor the barge in the harbour. A wellness business of this kind will be beneficial for locals as well as for tourism. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,
Lauren Scott
Victoria, BC
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From: Matthew BusbyOconnor [REDACTED]
Sent: January 12, 2023 9:32 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: f1 jan 12

Hi I;m just emailing in my support of F.1 for Jan 12 and the floating recreation development in the Inner Harbour. I think it will greatly benefit the city.

F.1

700 Government Street: Rezoning Application No. 00813 and Development Permit Application No. 000616

THanks

Matthew Busby-O'Connor

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From: Noal Balint [REDACTED]
Sent: January 11, 2023 5:54 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Support for Havn Saunas

Hello,

I can not be at the session tomorrow, so I am writing to express my support for Nick and his Havn Saunas project.

I live in Victoria and have met Nick on occasion. His sauna debut in Oak Bay is an object of local lore and admiration. This next project is even more ambitious and grand and (best of all) public, and would be a huge benefit to the cultural wellbeing of Victoria (which is currently in decline, I would say)

Thank you,
- Noal

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From: Nasir Chaudhry [REDACTED]
Sent: January 12, 2023 2:00 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: HAVN Saunas Public Hearing - Written Comments Submission

Dear Council,

My name is Nas Chaudhry and I would like to begin by stating that I support HAVN Saunas.

I think HAVN is a very unique idea for a health and wellness establishment. For someone who lives in Gordon Head and loves to spend time downtown, having an establishment like HAVN is the perfect motivator to get out when you are tired of all the alternatives. To be Frank, Victoria is severely lacking alternative things to do.

Furthermore, having a health and wellness facility situated in Victoria's inner harbour is the perfect location as the serenity of our city's waterfront will add to the therapeutic experience of HAVN. In addition, HAVN would be accessible to many people from all neighboring communities. Having a health and wellness center should not undermined as mental health issues are rising in our society.

I think HAVN will be a great for our community and the unique nature of this establishment will also be attractive to tourists.

Sincerely,

Nas Chaudhry

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From: Saskia Knight [REDACTED]
Sent: January 12, 2023 12:52 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Havn Saunas

Hi there,

My name is Saskia Knight and I live in Calgary. My parents live in Victoria and I visit them often. I would like to express my support for Havn Saunas to be in the Victoria Harbour. I strongly support the rezoning of the dock so Havn can moor the barge in the harbour. A wellness business of this kind will be beneficial for locals as well as for tourism. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Saskia

Saskia Knight
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