

Planning and Land Use Committee Report For the Meeting of January 28, 2016

To:

Planning and Land Use Committee

Date:

January 7, 2016

From:

Jonathan Tinney, Director, Sustainable Planning and Community Development

Subject:

Development Permit Application No. 000454 for 1006 Wharf Street

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit Application No. 000454 for 1006 Wharf Street in accordance with:

- 1. Plans date stamped December 14, 2015.
- 2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements.
- 3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution."

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

In accordance with Section 489 of the *Local Government Act*, Council may issue a Development Permit in accordance with the applicable guidelines specified in the *Community Plan*. A Development Permit may vary or supplement the *Zoning Regulation Bylaw* but may not vary the use or density of the land from that specified in the Bylaw.

Pursuant to Section 491 of the *Local Government Act*, where the purpose of the designation is the revitalization of an area in which a commercial use is permitted, a Development Permit may include requirements respecting the character of the development, including landscaping, siting, form, exterior design and finish of buildings and other structures.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present Council with information, analysis and recommendations for a Development Permit Application for the property located at 1006 Wharf Street. The proposal is to construct a storage shed which would support a kayak rental business. The following points were considered during the analysis of this Application:

- The proposed building design is consistent with the applicable the Buildings Signs and Awnings Advisory Design Guidelines.
- The size of the proposed shed is modest and will have a minimal impact on the surrounding area.

BACKGROUND

Description of Proposal

The proposal is for a storage shed for maintenance equipment and service supplies in support of a kayak rental business at 1006 Wharf Street. The building would be located on an existing dock.

Sustainability Features

The applicant has not identified any sustainability features associated with this proposal.

Active Transportation Impacts

The applicant has not identified any active transportation impacts associated with this Application.

Public Realm Improvements

No public realm improvements are proposed in association with this Development Permit Application.

Existing Site Development and Development Potential

The subject site is in the IHM Zone, Inner Harbour Malahat District, which allows for a wide range of marine-related uses in addition to offices, retail and restaurants.

Community Consultation

This Application does not propose any variances and, therefore, in accordance with the Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) Procedures, the Application has not been referred to the Downtown Residents' Association Land Use Committee.

ANALYSIS

The following section provides a summary of the Application's consistency with the relevant Design Guidelines.

Development Permit Area and Design Guidelines

The Official Community Plan (OCP) identifies this property as with in DPA 9: Inner Harbour. The Buildings Signs and Awnings Advisory Design Guidelines are applicable and the proposal is consistent with these Guidelines in the following ways:

- the design of the building is similar to other sheds located in the vicinity
- the Application proposes the use of durable materials such as wood and corrugated metal
- the building would not obstruct views of the waterfront.

CONCLUSIONS

The Application proposes a storage shed to support a kayak rental business. The proposed building is relatively small in scale and is considered acceptable in terms of design. Staff recommend that Council approve this Application.

ALTERNATE MOTION

That Council decline Development Permit Application #000454 for the property located at 1006 Wharf Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Wilson

Senior Planner – Urban Design Development Services Division Jonathan Tinney, Director

Sustainable Planning and Community

Development Department

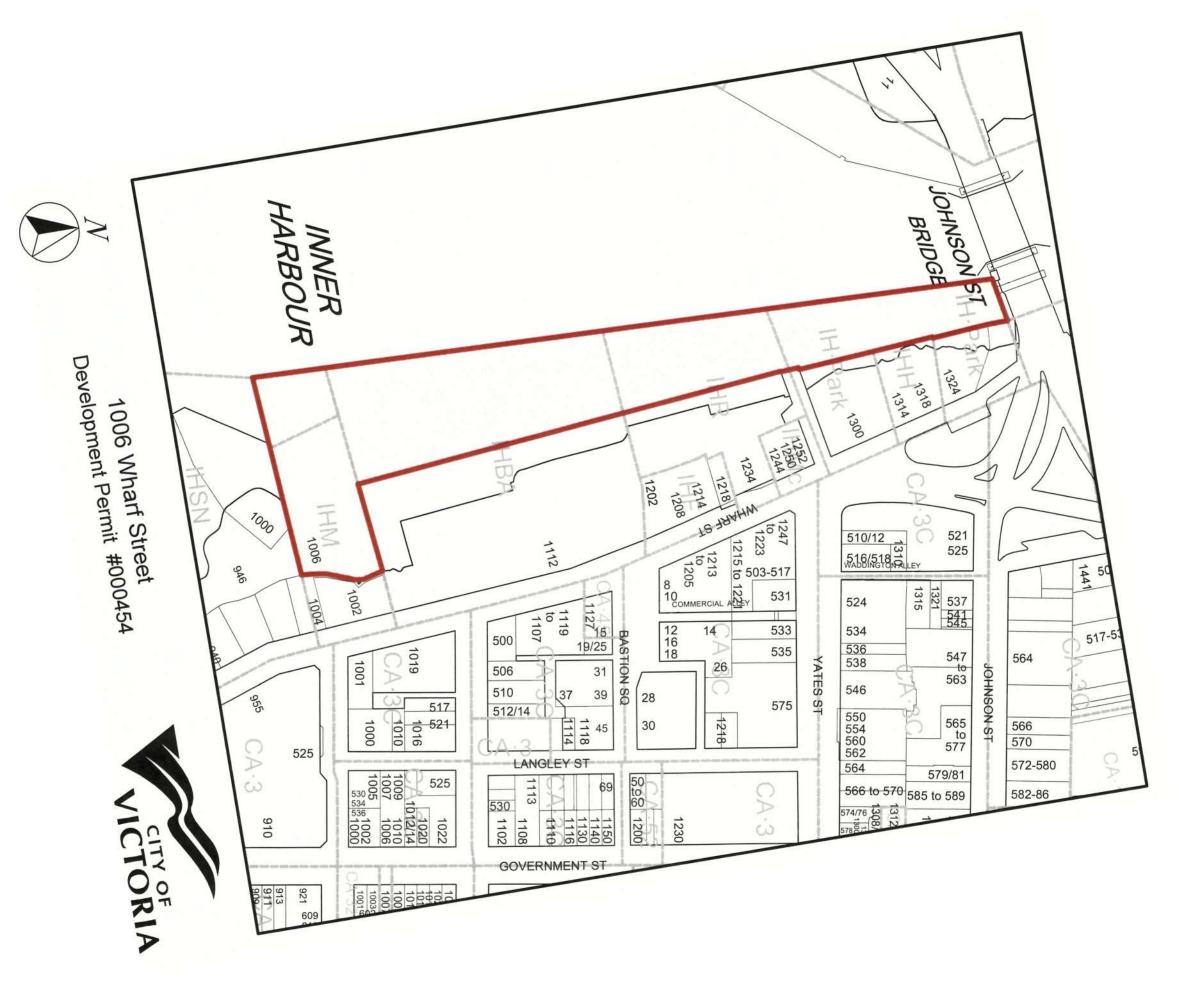
Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

Date:

Jan. 19,2016

List of Attachments

- Zoning map
- Aerial map
- Letter from applicant dated December 14, 2015
- Plans dated December 14, 2015.







1006 Wharf Street
Development Permit #000454



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3 December 2015

Her Worship Lisa Helps Mayor of the City of Victoria 1 Centennial Square Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Dear Madam Mayor and Council,

This letter is a request for your approval to relocate our float from Harbour Air Floatplane Dock to GVHA Broughton Street Wharf on 1 February 2016.

Victoria Kayak Tours & Rentals Ltd. has been operating in the Inner Harbour since 1996. We are currently located at the Harbour Air Floatplane dock at 950 Wharf Street. Due to the expansion and restructuring of Harbour Air we will be moving to the GVHA Broughton Street Wharf location adjacent to Red Fish Blue Fish at 1006 Wharf Street on 1 February 2016.

Our business consists of a low profile 5.48m x 9.14m dock on which is attached a 2.43m x 2.43m storage shack and a 1.52m x 2.43m kayak rack.

Our look is West Coast contemporary. We have done our best to design a structure that blends with our neighbours at Red Fish Blue Fish and the new terminal design for Harbour Air. We have chosen materials such as wood, metal and glass, and a small splash of colour that is all our own.

We are a green company as much as possible. Our very nature, people powered kayaks, encourages all our staff and clients to get out on the water, breath fresh air and exercise. We capture solar energy to recharge our cell phone with a portable solar panel. We collect rain water straight from the sky into a garbage can to wash the salt off our kayaks and gear and let the sun and wind dry them. Our employees walk, bike or bus to work.

Our company prides itself on welcoming locals and tourists alike and introducing them to our unique vantage point of the city. We offer guided kayak tours and self-guided rentals of kayaks so that clients are able to see the sights, encounter nature and learn the history of the Inner Harbour and Gorge Waterway.

We look forward to receiving your approval so that we may continue to offer our fun and healthy brand of entertainment to the residents and visitors of Victoria.

Sincerely,

Joanna Twa Owner/Operator Victoria Kayak Tours & Rentals Ltd.

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