

December 8, 2015

To: City of Victoria Planning and Land Use Committee
Mayor and Council

Re: Development Permit Application
Vancouver International Marina

As you consider this application, we want to make sure you are aware of a few important points:

- Valid development permits are currently in place for an earlier iteration of this marina. We believe the current version (one building instead of two, a much lower building profile, greater collaboration with/accommodation of other harbour users, etc.) provides a superior outcome in all respects;
- The present marina design provides safe passage for kayaks and other paddle boats between the marina and the shore. As well, an approximately 100-foot channel for safe passage of paddle boats exists between the offshore edge of the marina and the taxiing corridor reserved for float planes. These considerations have been vetted and approved by Transport Canada, the regulator for Victoria's harbor traffic.
- All levels of government have worked closely with us in planning this project. We have acted and continue to act upon all requirements and suggestions of these agencies.
- We have undertaken extensive community and harbour user consultation, including meetings with Royal Quays Strata Corporation (incl., current and past council members), Vic West CALUC, several paddlers, three leading paddle companies, interested citizens, representatives of City Council, all levels of government, communication through several newspaper and direct mail updates, and continued communication with our First Nations partners. While we have not been able to satisfy the desire of those who simply don't want to see the marina, we have worked diligently to amend our plans to satisfy almost all harbour users and stakeholders.
- We have completed extensive engagement with the Vic West CALUC, even to the degree of communicating several minor changes requested in the last several days by the city Planning Department.

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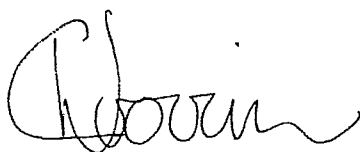
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- We look forward to undertaking the marina project (there is strong market interest in these berths evidenced through numerous slip-reservations), and anticipate making a solid and significant contribution to the Victoria economy.

All of us associated with this project hope the marina project merits your support and approval of this development permit application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Norris", with a large, stylized initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

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