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Mayor Lisa Helps & Council
City of Victoria
#1 Centennial Square
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Dear Mayor Helps & Council,

Re: Investigation of financial partnership opportunities for service delivery at Fisherman's Wharf

Since the City of Victoria completed improvements to Fisherman's Wharf Park there has been a significant increase in its public use and enjoyment. Similarly, the GVHA has invested significant capital into Fisherman's Wharf infrastructure and its public amenities. The combined results are a positive, destination experience for neighbours, the community and visitors.

While Fisherman's Wharf Park and Fisherman's Wharf are under separate ownership, there are many aspects of each facility that complement the other. Both facilities provide services and enjoyment to residents and visitors and contribute to the social and economic wellbeing of the community.

While Fisherman's Wharf has seen increased visitations, the success of the Park has contributed to the strain and deficiency in public washroom facilities at Fisherman's Wharf.

Because of the synergy between Fisherman's Wharf and Fisherman's Wharf Park, senior staff from the City and GVHA have discussed the merits of investigating opportunities for service and maintenance partnerships, serving common constituents that would ideally improve service at a better cost structure.

GVHA seeks approval for Senior City Staff and GVHA to undertake a feasibility assessment leading to a possible financial partnership arrangement for the provision of new/more public washroom facilities.

We propose targeting February, 2017 to complete the initial analysis and provide conclusions that could be forwarded to Council and the GVHA Board, in time for inclusion in the 2017/2018 work plan.

We look forward to reviewing the presentation with Mayor and Council and are pleased to answer questions you may have about the contents of the presentation.

Sincerely,

Ian Robertson, Chief Executive Officer
Greater Victoria Harbour Authority

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