From: Sent: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Tuesday, October 08, 2013 12:19 PM

To:

Nigel Clark

Subject:

RE: Letter of Support- Proposed Beach & Howe Development

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Thank you.

From: Nigel Clark

Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 8:51 AM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: Letter of Support- Proposed Beach & Howe Development

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

I am writing you today to express my strong support for Westbank's proposed development on Beach Avenue, under the Granville Street Bridge, designed by Bjarke Ingels. As a downtown resident who neighbours another ambitious mixed-use development, Woodwards, I have seen firsthand how well thought-out, large scale developments such as these can transform a community in a very positive way.

I would like to assume that we all agree the existing sites at Beach Ave + Howe Street, today, do not positively contribute or add value to its surrounding community. I believe this proposed project will help transform the currently underutilized area underneath and around Granville St. Bridge into a vibrant, new focal point for public gathering, local amenities and commerce.

I believe this development will act as an 'anchor' property, attracting businesses that can serve the local community and improve the local economy. As it stands today, residents must get in a car and drive to Yaletown, Kitsilano, or the West End for their daily needs. By creating access to a local grocery store, liquor store, pharmacy, etc, this will therefore reduce vehicle traffic in and out of this neighbourhood by current and future residents.

Lastly, in addition to creating a more lively local space, the design Bjarke Ingels has developed presents a unique opportunity to rebrand our downtown Vancouver's core skyline. Many comment on the similarity of buildings in the area, and the rather monotonous skyline they produce. Beach & Howe, should it proceed, will represent an architectural statement that will hopefully set the bar for future towers in the area.

It is for these reasons I support Westbank's proposed project and I encourage you to approve the application on October 24th. I look forward to the completion of this exciting development.

Sincerely,

Nigel Clark s.22(1) Personal and

From: Sent: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Wednesday, October 09, 2013 9:53 AM

To:

Mark Friesen

Subject:

RE: Written submission - Beach and Howe Rezoning Application

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Thank you.

From: Mark Friesen

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 6:43 AM **To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: Written submission - Beach and Howe Rezoning Application

Please see below a written submission regarding the proposed rezoning at Beach and Howe, for the public hearing scheduled on October 24, 2013.

October 9, 2013

To: Mayor and Council

Re: Beach and Howe Rezoning Application

I am writing to express my excitement and support for the proposed development and rezoning submission at Beach and Howe in Vancouver. This project is in keeping with Vancouver's tradition for cutting edge urbanism, and will activate an area and space in the city that is currently utilized poorly.

I am greatly encouraged by projects such as this because it allows more effective use of the limited footprint available downtown and it does so in a way that encourages diverse, mixed use developments. Developers should be encouraged to find new and innovative ways to meet housing needs with a limited footprint, and this project epitomizes this philosophy. Most of the office space in the downtown core is concentrated closer to georgia street, and it will become more and more competitive and difficult to both live and work downtown as

Vancouver's population grows. The provision of both housing and office space needs to increase in order for up and coming professionals such as myself to continue to enjoy live/work opportunities in downtown Vancouver. Further, the provision of rental housing in this area of the city is very much needed, and increasing both the housing supply and office space is an important part of dealing with affordability challenges in Vancouver.

In most cities, areas under and surrounding overpasses and bridges tend to be underutilized and aesthetically displeasing. The area under and around the north side of the granville street bridge is no exception. I am excited that the developer in this case is willing to attempt to activate the space with public amenities and space. The attempt by the developer to activate such a challenging space should be encouraged, and I hope that other developers will follow suit.

Lastly - this area of downtown Vancouver is sometimes criticized for buildings that are too similar and alike. This unique proposal is an opportunity to complement this area with a building that is completely unique in North America, and will further reinforce Vancouver as a city that welcomes innovations in urban design. For these reasons, I hope that Mayor and Council will approve the rezoning application for this project.

Sincerely,

Mark Friesen

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: Sent:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Wednesday, October 09, 2013 9:54 AM

To:

Bird, Marianne

Subject:

RE: Beach and Howe support

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Thank you.

From: Bird, Marianne s.22(1) Personal and Confidential Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 7:14 AM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: Beach and Howe support

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing you today to give my support to the proposed project at Beach & Howe. I live just a few blocks away from the site in the southern part of Yaletown. Currently, that area is a dead zone in our neighbourhood, with an unattractive streetscape and nothing in terms of amenities.

The proposal that I have seen will do much to improve that part of downtown. As a local resident, I will appreciate the convenience the new amenities will provide, and will be more likely to visit the area as a pedestrian. This is especially true given that the project is set to create a much more attractive public space for pedestrians.

I also am excited for the potential greenway that will be built on the Granville St Bridge, as it will make crossing the bridge as a cyclist or pedestrian much safer (I am a cyclist). It is my hope that the city will continue with the new greenway and approve the proposal at Beach & Howe to vastly improve the pedestrian experience in the southern part of downtown.

I hope you will agree with me that the project at Beach & Howe will be a big improvement and is needed in the south part of downtown and hope you will approve this project.

Thank you.

Marianne Bird | s 22(1) Personal and Confidential s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

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October 9, 2013

City of Vancouver 453 W 12th Ave, Vancouver, BC

Attention:

Mayor Gregor Robertson

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to register my support for the redevelopment of the lands under the Granville Street Bridge at Pacific and Howe Street, as proposed by Westbank. In my opinion, this area today is currently a 'dead' city space in a prime downtown location that should be developed to better serve both the immediate and greater community.

This building will not just be another 'condo tower' but rather a much needed and well-planned, mixed-use development that will include market rental units and retail/ office space to the downtown area. The project will also create new, outdoor (conveniently sheltered under our Granville Street Bridge) community space for both social and cultural events; which I believe will become a strong community asset.

The proposal will achieve a green building standard of LEED Platinum which is excellent. Also, this unique architectural design will certainly be an excellent addition to our beautiful downtown skyline.

I hope you receive many more supportive comments, similar to mine, and that this project receives the municipality's full endorsement.

I address this letter to you both as a professional who currently is employed in the BC development industry and also as in individual born and raised on the Northshore and who currently resides in downtown Vancouver.

Adam Goluboff/ s.22(1) Personal and Confidential	1.	/ *	
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From:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Sent:

Thursday, October 10, 2013 9:27 AM

To:

Mica Wong

Subject:

RE: Proposed rezoning at Beach & Howe

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Thank you.

From: Mica Wong

s 22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 12:09 AM **To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office **Subject:** Re: Proposed rezoning at Beach & Howe

October 9, 2013

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing today to provide my support Westbank's project located at Beach & Howe. As a current resident of Yaletown not far from the site, I feel this project will be a significant contribution to our neighbourhood and the city as a whole.

This new building possesses a unique form of architecture that is desperately needed in this city. Having lived in Yaletown for many years, I am very familiar with the look and character of new buildings in my neighbourhood. The Beach and Howe project will help break the mold by offering something unique to our skyline. I have travelled all over the world and seen beautiful and unique buildings; Vancouver simply does not have anything matches anything close to what I have seen elsewhere in terms of architecture.

This new building will finally bring something of significance to Vancouver. Combined this with the amazing new street scape that will be created underneath the bridge, and you have a project that will set the bar in this neighbourhood and hopefully all of Vancouver.

This proposed rezoning could represent a key moment for our neighbourhood and the city. I hope you will agree, and will support this project.

Thank you, Mica Wong

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From:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Sent:

Friday, October 11, 2013 10:40 AM

To:

Dean Malone

Subject:

RE: Rezoning Application for 1412-1460 Howe Street, 1410 and 1429 Granville Street, and

710 Pacific Street

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Thank you.

From: Dean Malone 5.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 9:03 AM

To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: Rezoning Application for 1412-1460 Howe Street, 1410 and 1429 Granville Street, and 710 Pacific Street

To: Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my support for the rezoning application for 1412-1460 Howe Street, 1410 and 1429 Granville Street, and 710 Pacific Street. This area has been underutilized for many years and this development includes appropriate land use with needed housing for north false creek and will also serve the local residents well through the commercial and public benefits included in the proposal and city staff recommendations.

In particular, the most compelling reasons to support this rezoning include:

- The 95 residential units (market rental) in an area that has been primarily developed as strata condominiums in the past, which supports the City of Vancouver rental housing targets. Staff have recommended that 10% of these units be allocated as "family" units.
- The market strata portion of the housing, includes a total of 189 two-bedroom and 45 three-bedroom units. Two and three bedroom units are very rare in the downtown core, particularly in new construction, and the inclusion on this site will add much needed units for families wanting to live and work in the downtown core.

- The inclusion of 6-storey buildings providing retail and office uses which will add vibrancy to the area and the potential for local serving jobs.
- Complement the commercial activity of Granville Island by their proximity to each other.
- Much needed improvements to the public realm both in the immediate area and in the West End as the Community Amenity
 Contribution from this rezoning is being allocated towards public realm improvements associated with the Granville Bridge
 Greenway and Davie Street Village, and the completion of the Southeast False Creek theatre production facility.

I encourage you to approve this rezoning application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dean Malone

From:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Sent:

Friday, October 11, 2013 10:54 AM

To:

s.22(1) Personal and

Subject:

RE: Public Hearing October 24, 2013.

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Thank you.

Correspondence Group City Clerk's Office City of Vancouver

Email: mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca

From

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rrom:

Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 10:47 AM **To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office **Subject:** Public Hearing October 24, 2013.

Regarding the above Public Hearing to consider amendments to the Zoning and Development Bylaw of lots 1412-1460 Howe, 1410 and 1429 Granville, and 710 Pacific Streets; I would like to register my support of the proposal as constituted (including the height). As a property owner in this neighborhood, I consider the Development a welcome addition. A similar project for the City-owned lots west of Hornby Street to the Burrard Bridge and south of Pacific Street to the lane, would also be a good future project. Thank you.

Michel Fontaine

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Dear Mayor Robertson & Council,

Please accept my comments of support regarding the Westbank | Bjarke Ingles Group proposal to redevelop the land parcel on Beach, Howe and Pacific Avenue in our downtown.

For 12 years, I lived in the southern end of Yaletown with my wife and young family (we just moved 3 days ago to Kits), and we followed the discussion in the media and in the community about this development proposal and it's internationally renowned architect. I had intended to address you in person at Council, but unfortunately have been called out of town for work on the 24th.

I trust you all agree that what is being proposed is a far better use for this area than what currently exists. Furthermore, I am pleased to see the plan includes a variety of uses, not strictly condominiums. In my opinion, this part of the downtown has been long neglected when it comes to commercial uses, specifically retail. This area desperately needs the basic amenities every neighborhood should have, specifically, a grocer, pharmacy and a liquor store. These uses act as anchors for further residential and commercial growth as well as foster further infill of complimentary retail uses such as restaurants and basic service providers. I think this area will see a new surge of activity which will make it a more desirable place to live and visit. I also see real benefit including office space in the development mix which will help keep the ground level animated during business hours.

I like what the design team has proposed for the new public space under the Bridge. In a city that rains as much as Vancouver and with a population that loves the outdoors, I think it's brilliant to take advantage of the existing bridge infrastructure to provide covered outdoor space. I like the idea of creating a seasonal beer garden at this location, perhaps like The Standard in New York, and hope to see it happen.

Finally, I congratulate the developer and architect for not sacrificing architectural design in order to conform to challenging lot shapes, and bridge setbacks. I encourage you to support this application and look forward to its completion.

Sincerely,

Dave Morris

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

From:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Sent:

Friday, October 11, 2013 1:19 PM

To:

Trevor Boudreau

Subject:

RE: Westbank Proposal for North False Creek

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Thank you.

Correspondence Group City Clerk's Office City of Vancouver

Email: mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca

From: Trevor Boudreau

22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 12:29 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Westbank Proposal for North False Creek

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

I understand that the rezoning application for the development proposed near the north end of the Granville Bridge, in the North False Creek area, will be discussed at a Public Hearing on October 24.

I am a homeowner and downtown resident in this area and would like to register my support for this project. Below are my specific comments.

Overall, this mixed-use project is an interesting development and would be a nice welcome to the downtown core when coming across the Granville Bridge. I'm excited by the prospect of a Bjarke Ingels designed building, which will bring a fresh and iconic architectural statement to Vancouver, while revitalizing a forgotten area with much potential.

In my view the plans to utilize and enliven the areas underneath the bridge are thoughtful and will contribute to greater neighbourhood engagement. This area is unique, but in desperate need of rejuvenation. I'm heartened to see that the developer has included new public and social gathering spaces in the proposal.

I love the idea of having features like food trucks, art installations, and areas for public gatherings which will make the area an attractive destination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback on this project. This development would be a great addition to the community and I hope that you will vote to approve it.

Sincerely,

Trevor Boudreau

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

From:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Sent:

Tuesday, October 15, 2013 9:25 AM

To:

Erich Herchen

Subject:

RE: 1412 1460 Howe St 1460 Howe St

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Thank you.

From: Erich Herchen

Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 8:59 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: 1412 1460 Howe St 1460 Howe st

and 1410 Granville st.

I have received a yellow card and reviewed the application documents online. I feel that these buildings will be a welcome addition to downtown. A lot of though has been put into making the buildings part of the local ambiance, and I appreciate that. These buildings will provide homes and offices for jobs. Please put me in the strongly in favor camp on this issue.

thank you

From:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Sent: To:

Tuesday, October 15, 2013 11:30 AM

Kristy Kerr

Subject:

RE: Beach & Howe

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Thank you.

From: Kristy Kerr

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 2:18 PM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: Beach & Howe

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing you to express my support for the project proposed by Westbank at Beach & Howe. Having a Masters Degree in Public Health, I have a keen interest in how we create urban environments that promote the physical and social wellbeing of citizens in this city. I am a strong believer in ensuring we do all that we can to encourage people to lead healthy, active, social and creative lifestyles. A great way to make it easy for people to do this is by developing environments that promote active and social lifestyles, encouraging people to enjoy the outdoors, to walk as their method for travelling to their day to day activities, and increase positive social interaction.

The project proposed at Beach and Howe has the potential to reinvigorate a part of downtown that is in no way inviting to the pedestrian, let alone for social interaction. The new public realm improvements, combined with the potential addition of basic goods and services like a grocery store and restaurants, will revitalize this space, to the benefit of both local residents as well as residents of Yaletown and perhaps even the West End. I am quite happy to see the developer is proposing to use the space under the bridge to create opportunities to close the street and have community events. I would be very disappointed if this component were removed, as the city is in need of more space for community events, especially ones with rain cover, and I would expect to see free activities held in this space.

I am also pleased to have learned there will be nearly 100 rental units, as well as a mix of housing types in the form of 2 and 3 bedrooms. Healthy communities have a mix of singles, families, and seniors, and it is great to see that potential in that area of downtown. I would hope to see some lower rent units included in this development – if Vancouver is to be considered a healthy city we need to remember that safe and affordable housing is a component of health.

I believe the significant public realm components, in combination with the potential for community gathering events when closing the streets, are exactly the type of thing we need to see more of in Vancouver. Social support systems and a sense of community are key to a healthy population. As such, I hope you will support this project, and use it as an example for future developments in Vancouver.

Thank you,

Kristy Kerr, MPH-HP

From: Sent:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Wednesday, October 16, 2013 9:46 AM

To:

Subject:

RE: BIG tower project

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Thank you.

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From:

Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2013 9:43 AM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: BIG tower project

To: Vancouver Mayor and City Council

I am a downtown resident of Vancouver and have been following the BIG tower project proposed for the south end of our Downtown along Beach Avenue under the Granville Bridge by Westbank. I have had a chance to review the plans put forth for this site and I am very pleased to submit my support for this application, and ask that you do the same.

There are few sites left in our downtown that are large enough to build something exciting that will really transform an area. I believe the design put forward by the applicant team combines local services that will serve the immediate existing and future residents, while also building a new architectural landmark that will appeal to all travelling into our downtown from the south.

I applaud the design team for their creative approach to enliven the area under the Bridge, which is currently a dead zone. I look forward to sitting on a patio at a future restaurant here, or a beer garden! In a city that rains most of the year, I think it's a great idea to take advantage of the natural canopy provided by the Granville Bridge and create public space that can be active all year round. I promise, it will get used!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments. I trust you will all make the right decisions and green light this great proposal.

Sincerely,

Jesse Agassiz



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Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Wednesday, October 16, 2013 9:47 AM

To:

Subject:

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Thank you.

From: Helene Perndl 5 22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2013 9:46 AM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: Beach and Howe Project

Dear Mayor and Council,

As a long-time downtown Vancouver resident I would like to support the development proposal for Beach and Howe Street. Please accept this letter as I will not be able to attend the public hearing. It's time for Vancouver to elevate its architecture! What a coup to have a Bjarke Ingels design at the gateway to downtown. I hope it inspires our local architects to innovate, start thinking outside the box and challenge each other. Too many buildings look the same in the city. I also am in support of the revitalization of dead space under the Granville Street Bridge. Although there are many residential buildings in that area of downtown it is really lacking shops and public spaces. I think the entire concept is a much needed addition to downtown.

Best regards,
Helene Perndl

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To Mayor Robertson and Vancouver City Council,

My name is Christine Shepherd. I'm a recent graduate of UBC, where I earned my BA in Geography, with a minor in commerce. I currently work in the real estate appraisal field, and I am passionate about future development in this city. I'm writing this letter because I support the project proposed for the Beach and Howe area by the Granville Bridge, which is a great example of the type of new and unique development that I'd love to see in Vancouver.

I am a renter and currently live downtown in Coal Harbour. I love the north False Creek area around the Granville Bridge, however the main reason I wouldn't currently live there is because it's not convenient for me as I do not own a car. With very little community level retail or services in the area, simple everyday errands such as grocery shopping require a car, something that doesn't work with my lifestyle.

Westbank's project would bring new retail into the neighbourhood and proposes to finally put the area under the Granville Bridge to good use by turning it into a new, vibrant mixed-use centre. The idea of bringing in a new grocery store, restaurants, and an open area where people could come together is very appealing to me. I feel the area would benefit from a very good cafe, bakery and brunch spot.

I also appreciate that the building will include purpose built rental units, another component that is very much missing from the area.

Finally, another reason I really like this project is the design of the building. I feel the majority of buildings in Vancouver are boring and we need a new iconic building.

As a young renter living without a car, if this type of mixed-use development goes forward, people like me could finally have the opportunity to live in this neighbourhood. I think this development will be great for the area and there should be more projects like it in the city. I hope that you will consider voting in favour of this project.

Regards,

Christine Shepherd

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October 15, 2013

Mayor Gregor Robertson and Vancouver City Council City of Vancouver 453 W 12th Ave Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Subject: Rezoning of 1412-1460 Howe Street, 1410 and 1429 Granville Street, and 710 Pacific Street from BCPED (B.C. Place/Expo) and FCCDD (False Creek Comprehensive Development) Districts to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District

Mayor and Council,

The purpose of this communication is to provide the DVBIA's support for the Rezoning Application of 1412-1460 Howe Street, 1410 and 1429 Granville Street, and 710 Pacific Street from BCPED (B.C. Place/Expo) and FCCDD (False Creek Comprehensive Development) Districts to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District.

The proponent's consultant, Brook Pooni Associates Inc., kept us apprised of the proposal through its many variations, met with us on numerous occasions and invited us to a number of open houses to share information and seek our input. Their efforts, in our opinion, sets the bar high for others in the development industry when it comes to being open, transparent and willing to listen.

After careful deliberation, we offer our support for this rezoning application for the following reasons:

- The current site is under-utilized and the density proposed is appropriate for the neighbourhood that is primarily high density residential;
- 2. The new residents will live in a neighbourhood rich in amenities (i.e. nearby parks, Seawall, transit, shops) thereby encouraging active transportation and reducing their need to own and operate a vehicle;
- The project has a mix of purpose-built rental and condominium ownership, and will include commercial/retail uses; and,
- 4. The introduction of a new architectural feature that will add variety to the downtown's skyline especially at a gateway into the downtown.

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We ask that Council give utmost consideration to requesting that the developer improve the pedestrian environment/experience from Pacific to Drake along Howe and Seymour streets (along the bridge structure) since this will be the most direct route for access to the transit service for the future residents of the proposed development, at least in the mid-term. These improvements may include adding lighting, replacing the sidewalks and commissioning artwork on the walls of the bridge structure.

In closing, the DVBIA is pleased to support projects that will increase residential density in the Downtown South District where choice of use is allowed and, conversely, to only support projects that increase job space in the Central Business District. This balance will help grow job space in a concentrated area that has the best public transportation in the Metro Vancouver region whilst providing a mix of housing options within easy walking distance of employment opportunities.

Sincerely,

DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Charles Gauthier, MCP President and CEO To whom it may concern,

As a Downtown resident, and a licensed realtor in this area for the past 5 years, I have been following the Westbank/ Bjarke Ingles proposal to redevelop the land underneath and around the northern end of Granville Street Bridge with great interest, and I am pleased to finally see it come forward to Council for consideration, and I certainly hope for approval.

I commend the design team for looking at these underused, awkwardly shaped lots, and creating an exciting new neighbourhood destination that will breathe new life into this current dark, derelict pocket of the community. I have helped put friends and colleagues in new homes in the immediate surrounding neighbourhood – many of whom expressed disappointment with lack of daily shops and services. This new development will bring much needed amenities to the area such as a full-scale grocer, a drug store, and more.

I am pleased to see new office space included in this project as I believe office uses, in addition to retail, really help to create and maintain vibrancy in a predominantly residential neighbourhood during the typical working hours.

In closing, the architecture is spectacular.

I urge Council to support this application and I look forward to a new neighbourhood destination in a few years time.

Regards,

Tyler McDonald
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From:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Sent:

Thursday, October 17, 2013 9:22 AM

To:

Arash Ramin

Subject:

RE: Beach & Howe Development Proposal

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Thank you.

From: Arash Ramin

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Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2013 7:03 PM **To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office **Subject:** Beach & Howe Development Proposal

Mayor Robertson and Council,

Please accept this letter in support of the proposed development at Beach Avenue and Howe Street. Not only do I appreciate the look of the building but I am also excited about the plans for the area under the Granville Street Bridge. I am a Yaletown resident and over the years I have considered moving further west or Marinaside Crescent. One of the points against the area around the foot of the Granville Street Bridge has been, in my mind, the distance to stores and services. Bringing buildings that will have shopping as well as office spaces seems like a much needed addition to an area that already has a lot of residential.

I support this project, and this development certainly would encourage me to move into the area!

Arash Ramin

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From:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Sent:

Thursday, October 17, 2013 2:16 PM

To:

Ken Manning

Subject:

RE: Beach and Howe Development

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Thank you.

From: Ken Manning s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2013 12:32 PM **To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office **Subject:** Beach and Howe Development

Dear Mayor and Council,

I write to provide you with my written comments on the above referenced development proposal. I am the owner of two condos in the area. I live at and I rent out my second property at

I regularly use the seawall route which passes under the Granville Bridge and I fully support the proposal to transform this unused dead zone into a vibrant community gathering space. I think this development would have a major positive effect on this area. I think the stunning architectural design would make an excellent addition to the city skyline.

Speaking as a landlord and owner of my own home in the area who is concerned with property and rental values, I strongly support the proposed development plan.

Sincerely,





390 Main St Vancouver BC V6A-2T1 GARRY JOBIN, SENIOR COORDINATOR

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October 9, 2013

RE: Westbank Projects Corp Rezoning Application – 1400 Howe

To Mayor and Council,

It is without hesitation that I write this letter of support for Westbank Projects Corp's rezoning application to redevelop 2 sites in North False Creek in creation of new housing, new local amenities and new public social space.

BladeRunners is an internationally-recognized award winning program that helps street involved youth build careers in the construction trades. Westbank has demonstrated for many years to be one of Canada's most passionate community builders by working with communities on projects such as the Woodward's redevelopment in the Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, which created 200 units of safe affordable housing for families and singles. Eighteen BladeRunners youth worked on the construction phase of Woodward's and many of them are still working in meaningful trade jobs today.

BladeRunners has also partnered with the City of Toronto's Hammerhead Program to place at risk youth on Westbank's Shangri-La Toronto project, once again providing opportunities to youth to change their lives for the better.

Most recently, we have partnered with Westbank on the construction of their Comox & Broughton project with Bladerunner clients beginning this past August, as well as their 70^{th} + Granville project. I visited the site on 70^{th} just recently to see one of our Bladerunners who is a single mother of five working as hoist operator, as well as one of our senior Bladerunners working as crane operator! Not too long ago, these individuals were without work and without much hope; today they are earning a steady income and contributing in a positive way to their greater community.

We wish the best to Westbank Projects Corp on this project.

Thank you,

Garry Jobin
Senior Coordinator Vancouver BladeRunners

From:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Sent:

Friday, October 18, 2013 1:09 PM

To:

Jeff Park

Subject:

RE: In Support of Westbank's Beach and Howe Project

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Thank you.

From: Jeff Park

Sent: Friday, October 18, 2013 12:12 PM

To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: RE: In Support of Westbank's Beach and Howe Project

To the Mayor and Council,

I wanted to write to you to express my support for Westbank's proposed project at Beach and Howe. As someone who's lived in a mixed-use development for the past 3 years and works in the new construction industry, I personally know how such a development project could impact the surrounding community in a powerful and positive way.

The Beach and Howe area as it is now is highly under-utilized. Introducing a mixed-used building is exactly what the area needs to change that. Not only would it bring more people to the community but with the retail/commercial space that is proposed, the area would see a significant boost in its economy, on the microlevel, as new businesses start to come in and cater to the surrounding neighbourhood. Furthermore, tenants in the area will no longer have to go to other areas of the downtown core for basic amenities and needs. More business means more jobs which would also bolster Vancouver's economy on a macro-level.

Additionally, a building being designed by Bjarke Ingels is exactly what the city of Vancouver and its skyline needs. As we move closer to becoming more of a metropolitan city, innovative and unique architecture is one thing that will set our city apart from the rest of the pack. There's a certain prestige that comes with buildings that look "cool" and I'd say it's definitely a way to attract big business and industry to our city. Look at New

York and Dubai for example. The Beach and Howe project is what I hope will be the first of many architecturally stunning buildings that will grace our skyline in the years to come.

These are some of the many reasons why I strongly support Westbank's new project and I encourage you to approve the rezoning application for the project to continue along its path. Thank you.

Best,

Jeff Park 3.22(1) Personal and Confidential



Oct 17, 2013

City of Vancouver

Dear Mayor and Council.

I am writing this letter to pledge my support for the rezoning and redevelopment of the property located at Beach Ave and Howe Street. I live at oughly 2 blocks east of the proposed development. I have been a homeowner here for two plus years, and being self employed I also have a home based office. I believe this development would greatly enhance my neighborhood and Vancouver as a whole.

First, I would like to point out the benefits to the False Creek North neighborhood and the Beach Avenue/Crescent area in particular. The idea of having a good selection of retail and restaurants in this immediate neighborhood is very appealing. It seems right now that this little section of downtown is void of walking accessible shopping. Although Yaletown offers services, it seems like they are just far enough away that it takes too much time to walk and I often end up driving for groceries, to the liquor store, or for banking. My close friends and sister live near Beach and Hornby and we have had numerous conversations about a cold beer and wine store being a real business opportunity for the area. Also, a meeting place for socializing over a cup of coffee or dining and having a drink blocks from where we live is an exciting prospect. I believe having these immediate conveniences are the reason we choose to live downtown Vancouver, and sometimes I feel like this neighborhood would be greatly improved with a few more options.

I also believe that the developers have done a great job of creating a unique building which would be very recognizable and memorable given all the current glass architecture Vancouver has an abundance of. The pictures I have seen of the proposed 52 story high rise are absolutely breathtaking. The idea of transforming a current run-down city block into a world-renowned piece of architecture is very appealing from my point of view.

Lastly, are the economic benefits a development of this magnitude will bring to the City. The jobs created across many sectors and the taxes generated from both the construction and the ongoing residency and commercial aspect would be a great benefit to the city of Vancouver.

In conclusion, I strongly support this development proposal and would be excited and happy to have these benefits in the neighborhood where I live.

Sincerely,

Andrew John.

Mayor and Council City of Vancouver 453 West 12th Avenue Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of Swissreal Investments Ltd. I would like to express my support for the development proposal at Beach Avenue and Howe Street by Westbank Projects.

Swissreal are the local ownership group of 475 Howe Street, the Old Stock Exchange building which was recently rezoned to allow for the addition of a commercial building on the property. It was important to us to use this development opportunity to purse excellence in architectural design and deliver something unique to Vancouver's skyline. Bringing a Swiss architect to Vancouver who would push the envelope and challenge Vancouver architecture was one of our goals.

Westbank has done the same by introducing Vancouver to Bjarke Ingels. His design for Beach and Howe is the perfect anchor at the foot of Granville Street - an iconic building at a major entry point to downtown. Securing a talent like Ingels who designs world-class projects wherever he goes is something Westbank should be applauded for.

I hope sincerely that council will approve this project. Vancouver can only benefit from its addition.

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Franz Gehriger
Swissreal Investments

From:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Sent:

Friday, October 18, 2013 4:25 PM

To:

Brian MacLean

Subject:

RE: 1400 Howe street Development

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Thank you.

From: Brian MacLean

Sent: Friday, October 18, 2013 3:26 PM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office **Subject:** 1400 Howe street Development

To whom it may concern:

My wife Susan Ferguson and I are long term residents of the False Creek North area and live at Confidential

We would like to voice our support for the above noted development. We have for along time wanted to see something happen below the bridge in this area as it is currently run down and a very unpleasant area to walk through.

Our only concern is traffic flow and would suggest we have a left turn going west on Beach Cres. It is currently now only a right turn and also a delayed green light on the left turn off Pacific onto how. also if possible it makes sense to have the 1 block bike lane from Beach to how removed during construction

We think this development would be a positive for our Area

Thank you for listening

Yours truly,

Brian MacLean and Susan Ferguson



From: Sent: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Friday, October 18, 2013 4:38 PM

To:

Subject:

FW: Beach + Howe

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Thank you.

From: anne | vancouver special

Sent: Friday, October 18, 2013 3:44 PM **To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: Beach + Howe

Hello Mayor Robertson and Council,

I am writing to express my support for the Bjarke Ingels designed tower at Beach + Howe.

As a former architect and graduate of the UBC School of Architecture, I cannot express how strongly I feel this tower is a step in the right direction in terms of the architecture of the city. The proposed facade of the building, which is more solid than void, is a welcome contrast monotony of the glass facades currently dominating the downtown skyline. I am also impressed by the building's structure and form, which is a unique solution to the small footprint of the site, and a smart way to add density at higher floors. I think the building has the potential to become iconic and for Vancouver to be recognized worldwide for a truly spectacular piece of architecture.

Sincerely,

Anne Pearson, M.Arch
Owner, Vancouver Special
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October 21, 2013

Mayor and Council

Vancouver City Hall

Dean Mailey



RE: Beach + Howe Public Hearing - Thursday, Oct. 24

My name is Dean Mailey. My wife and I live at vancouver two years ago because we wanted an urban lifestyle experience.

I attended both Open Houses on this application before you and I am here to speak in favour of it. Overall, we believe this mixed-use project will bring a new vibrancy to the area and we welcome the new amenities.

Currently, this site is an eyesore in our community. It is not a particularly nice property to walk around any time of day or night

We were very pleased that Westbank's proposal was not just a condo tower, but that it includes other uses that will benefit our community. Our neighbourhood is underserved by retail shops and services. The convenience of a local grocery store, drug store, wine store, within easy walking distance is appealing to us.

We applaud the design team for their innovative approach to reactivating the space under the Granville Bridge. In a city where it rains 8 months of the year, I think it's brilliant to take advantage of the existing Bridge infrastructure to create public space that will be

sheltered from the weather. I understand Westbank intends to commission public art for this area which I think will be critical to the success of this public space.

Finally, we couldn't be happier with the overall aesthetics of the proposal – from ground level landscaping, and unusual retail spaces, to the twisting tower in this is a beautiful design.

Although construction will come with its pains, we think the final product will be well worth the temporary inconvenience. I would encourage council to consider some temporary traffic changes in the neighbourhood during construction – if you approve this application – to mitigate the ingress and egress from our community – which is already extremely congested during afternoon rush hour periods.

Yours truly,

Dean Mailey

Resident



From:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Sent:

Monday, October 21, 2013 10:54 AM

To:

David Riley

Subject:

RE: Beach & Howe project

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Thank you.

From: David Riley 5.2

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Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 9:24 AM **To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: Beach & Howe project

Mayor and Council,

I am emailing you to provide my support for the Beach & Howe project proposed at the north end of the Granville Bridge. I currently live on the south end of the bridge, and I am excited about the fact that this new building will finally bring a unique building to my view of the downtown skyline. In my opinion, Vancouver is in need to more unique, and interesting buildings -- like Arthur Erickson's Waterfall building. I have visited cities like Dubai where each building is distinctive, making for a far more interesting and enjoyable environment. I hope that this proposal, should it be approved, will be a catalyst to break the trend of the same, cookie cutter buildings we find downtown, and raise the bar for future building designs.

I also am very pleased to see the promise of a significant public art component under the Bridge by Westbank. During the Olympics, Vancouver was full of interesting public art installations which I believe contributes to the overall energy and vitality of a City. Through this combination of public art, retail and landscaped outdoor space, this current dark and empty site could become a new destination not just for the new residents above but for the community.

I hope you agree Vancouver could use this unique architectural statement and will approve this project.

Thank you.

David Riley s 22(1) Personal and Confidential

From:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Sent:

Monday, October 21, 2013 11:33 AM

To:

mark cavers

Subject:

RE: 1400 Howe street

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Thank you.

-----Original Message----From: mark cavers 5.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 10:33 AM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: 1400 Howe street

As this project is going to council this week I wanted to email my support for it. I encourage and hope the city support this project. Personally I would allow it to go higher. However, I would hope given its height as is that council ensure that the materials used is of high quality. le no painted concrete and spandrel please!

Also I am pleased to see a development finally make use of the space under the bridge. This could be a great unique space in the city!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sent:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

To:

Monday, October 21, 2013 12:20 PM Kevin Pellerin

Subject:

RE: 1400 Howe

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Thank you.

-----Original Message-----From: Kevin Pellerin

Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 12:04 PM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: 1400 Howe

I just wanted to voice my support of 1400 Howe development. This type of daring and refreshing architecture is what many Vancouver residential projects are missing. When a project comes along like this and is supported by the city, this shows the premiere architects worldwide that Vancouver is open to new and daring designs. The reverse is true, if a high quality project like 1400 Howe is shot down by the city, world class architects will not bother designing projects for Vancouver because there is very little chance that it will even get built.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Hildebrandt, Tina

Sent:Monday, October 21, 2013 1:52 PMTo:Correspondence Group, City Clerk's OfficeCc:List - Vancouver Heritage Commission

Subject: VHC: Motion re: Public Hearing - October 24, 2013: Item No. 1

Importance: High

To Mayor and Council -

At its meeting on October 21, 2013, the Vancouver Heritage Commission approved the following:

THAT, subject to approval of the rezoning application for (a) 1412 - 1480 Howe Street, 1429 Granville Street, 710 Pacific Street, and (b) 1410 Granville Street, the Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the transfer of heritage density to the site.

Tina Hildebrandt Meeting Coordinator Legislative Operations City Clerk's Department tel: 604.873.7268

fax: 604.873.7419

From:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Sent:

Monday, October 21, 2013 5:29 PM

To:

Sebastian Zein

Subject:

RE: 1400 Howe Street

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Thank you.

From: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

On Behalf Of Sebastian Zein

Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 5:07 PM **To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: 1400 Howe Street

Hello all,

Since the 1400 Howe proposal is going before council in a few days, I just want to make clear that people from across the region (such as myself, from Port Coquitlam) are enormously excited by one of the boldest proposals for Vancouver in decades. The Downtown Core is the only place in all of greater Vancouver where proposals of this magnitude and quality are likely to appear, so we're counting on you to ensure it lives up to its potential by letting the project proceed as envisioned.

Many thanks,

Sebastian Zein Port Coquitlam, BC

UBC Economics student