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From:Correspondence Group, City Clerk's OfficeSent:Monday, June 09, 2014 5:05 PMTo:Public HearingSubject:FW: False Creek paddling centre and boat house, re: Canoe/Kayak Olympic feeder
program

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From: Lauren Marchak Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 5:00 PM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Cc: FCRCC Flatwater Subject: False Creek paddling centre and boat house, re: Canoe/Kayak Olympic feeder program

Dear Mayor and Council,

This appeal to fund the paddling centre is not on behalf of dragon boating, rowing or recreational paddling. This is on behalf of the #1 paddling sport for Canadian kids in Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia: Olympic Sprint Canoe/Kayak, or Flatwater.

I'm an original member and occasional director of the False Creek Racing Canoe Club (FCRCC). We've long promised and struggled to bring a Flatwater kids program to False Creek as part of our commitment to serving a wider community around Granville Island. We've failed a few times since our first attempt in 1986; it has not been easy to reach critical mass with a paddling program that promises a lot of swimming. But in 2005 we got the kick in the pants we needed as Burnaby City committed to dredging Burnaby Lake as that decision meant that local competitions would return, and we could get on the Olympic bandwagon as feeder club to Burnaby. We have been under pressure ever since, and we haven't wasted the time.

Eight years on we've built out the infrastructure, trained students to coach, and finally reached a participation tipping point for a self sustaining program. It's no coincidence that we've done so just as the city considers a new paddling centre, we've always known Alder Bay at Granville Island would be too small for all but the youngest kids. The east bay of False Creek is as close to a made-to-order space as any city Flatwater program could hope for. It offers about the same total area as Whonock Lake in Maple Ridge, home to BC's largest Flatwater feeder club, and what it lacks in beaches it makes up for in dock frontage. It has adequate wind protection and reasonable visibility, and of course it has transit and the community centre.

Olympic kayak gold medalist Hugh Fisher started our club, and we are excited to finally be ready to bring his sport back home. We are going to be ready to move, and with your support we can bring the sport of Flatwater back to the kids around C.O.V.

Thanks

Lauren Marchak

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Subject:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Monday, June 09, 2014 5:04 PM Public Hearing FW: Community boathouse for paddlers and other water sports in False Creek.

From: Carol Walley ^{5.22(1) Personal and Confidential} Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 4:44 PM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Subject: Community boathouse for paddlers and other water sports in False Creek.

Dear Mr. Mayor & Council

I write in strong support for the potential Community Boathouse for paddlers & water sporters in False Creek. The 1st year I moved from Alberta to Vancouver in 1994 for a promotion in Public Health, I knew no one. Work colleagues had a dragon boat team that I soon joined. And I eventually became captain of one team and have since been on four different teams. I made good friends, learned a lot, maintained & improved my fitness and have seen the transformation of False Creek development, all from my view from a dragon boat while practicing on False Creek. I even have several medals from successful team festival races. I am now retired & still paddle.

I always wondered why such a growing community of paddlers & water sports of all ages, abilities, & walks of life, had no central location or area to support & congregate, or even shelter form pouring rain. Yes we paddle rain or shine.

Originally we had to haul these very heavy boats from land to water & back, in an area with no cover or even washrooms, in all kinds of weather. Eventually we paddled from Granville Island but had to get the boats and paddle them from one dock to another to access. For the past few years we paddled from Creekside that at least had a dock but not enough boats for the fast growing number of teams and no place to congregate but outside.

Our team went to San Francisco a few times for their fabulous festival and because of the comradeship of paddlers, we sponsored two San Francisco teams to come to Vancouver Dragon Boat Festival last year. The festival draws teams from afar. We are a growing community.

I have been paddling here for 20 years now and have just joined a seniors team who are just as fit as a younger team. My husband who used paddle has recently had a stroke and is in residential care. Paddling is healthy both mentally & physically, both socially & individually, and is community capacity building. And a great stress reliever for me!

Please consider this boathouse for paddlers, we have the water, we have the paddlers, we have False Creek, we have growth and passion, we really need a community space & place for boats & paddlers. The need & passion continues to grow.

Thank you,

Carol Walley s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: Sent: To: Subject: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Tuesday, June 10, 2014 9:13 AM Public Hearing FW: IN SUPPORT OF DRAGONBOATING IN VANCOUVER

From: George Draskoy ^{s.22(1)} Personal and Confidential Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 6:56 PM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Subject: IN SUPPORT OF DRAGONBOATING IN VANCOUVER

Dear Major and City Councillors!

I am an 84 years old dragon-boater member of the Falsecreek Grandragons seniors team. I started dragon-boating at age 72 and last Saturday I had my 159 th dragon-boat race.

The average age in our boats is about 72 yrs.

Dragon-boating is a social event and we use the Falsecreek area for training and races. I am not going into the very important health aspects of this sport, I believe it is obvious to everyone.

Our team practices twice a week ten month a year at Alder Bay near the Community Centre.

I **support** the creation of the paddling centre, and a space for future dragonboat races. Last year the Rio Tinto Alcan races hosted over 170 dragonboat teams (approx 3800 racers) and over 600 volunteers. According to the organizers over 100,000 people were in attendance. The paddling centre and surrounding area should accommodate to house these large amount of paddlers, vendors and spectators. This sport is still in its infancy and God knows how it will grow in the future!!

Here is a proof that the dragon-boat races are fun and are very important part of the sport culture of the city. ^{s.22(1) Personal and Confidential}

Respectfully submitted by

George F. Draskóy, Confidential

From: Sent: To: Subject: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Tuesday, June 10, 2014 9:16 AM Public Hearing FW: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility

From: Al Zylstra^{5.22(1) Personal and Confidential} Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 7:47 PM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Subject: Re: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility

Dear Mayor and Council

I am a resident of Vancouver and a long time supporter of the paddling centre proposal before city council. I am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers and rowers in False Creek.

The development of a facility that boaters from throughout Vancouver can have access to has been a long time coming.

When you consider similar or nearby Cities, such as Seattle, Nanaimo and Victoria, Vancouver is sadly lacking appropriate facilities.

This is especially important when you consider how many paddlers there are in the City who take part in dragon boat, kayak, outrigger and rowing. You now have a chance to rectify this lack by approving this development and confirming the CAC for Phase 1 of a boathouse.

I'd also like to add that I believe the visual aspects of the buildings proposed are very attractive. Jim Cheng is a wonderful architect.

I look forward to hearing of your decision. Yours truly

Al Zylstra

From: Sent: To: Subject: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Tuesday, June 10, 2014 9:21 AM Public Hearing FW: Dragon Boats

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From: Sydney Spraggs ^{s.22(1)} Personal and Confidential Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 9:31 PM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Subject: Dragon Boats

Our dragon boat team Off Balance, a team of paddlers for people with Multiple Sclerosis and their friends and/or family, we support the future plans for a boat house and club house on False Creek. Paddling for us is an essential part of our lives allowing us to stay fit and emotionally healthy while living with a chronic illness.

Sincerely,

Sydney Spraggs .22(1) Personal and Confidential Cindy Ferrie

June 9, 2014

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council;

Re: Letter of Support for Re-zoning Application for 998 Expo Boulevard

One of my clients, Urban Impact Recycling. Ltd., is a proud corporate sponsor of the Rio Tinto Dragon Boat Festival. For the past four years, Urban Impact has provided recycling Zero Waste services to help the Festival go green by reducing waste.

As someone who has helped the Festival go green, I am writing to voice my support of the Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers in False Creek. The Dragon Zone Paddling Clubs provides thousands of people with the chance to get out on the water every year, regardless of their financial situation.

This community amenity will provide a legacy for paddlers and a focal point for people taking part in this growing sport and will keep paddling on False Creek.

I really urge the City to support this initiative. One day soon the City will have a great community facility available to not just Dragon Zone and dragon boater paddlers, but to lots of other paddling clubs and individuals who just want to get out on the water and experience paddling at its best.

Thank you for your consideration,

and Terrie

Cindy Ferrie

From: Sent: To: Subject: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Tuesday, June 10, 2014 9:22 AM Public Hearing FW: Letter of Support for 998 Pacific Boulevard.

From: Alexis Gall ^{5.22(1)} Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 10:30 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Letter of Support for 998 Pacific Boulevard.

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility

I'm writing to express my support of the above rezoning. There has been a demonstrated need for a community boathouse in False Creek for many years. I thought you'd be interested in seeing what sort of past activity has happened. Paddlers have been lobbying for a non-motorized paddling facility for a couple of decades, and while support has been voiced by a number of past Mayors and Councils, we hope that this time you will put action behind words by ensuring, finally, that there will be a paddling facility in Vancouver, now and in the future. Please make this legacy project a reality. It's incredibly important to me, dragon boaters, the False Creek Community, the larger paddling community in Vancouver and the City of Vancouver at large.

Yours truly,

Alexis Gall

Vancouver resident, lover of the water & of dragon boating

History of dragon boat paddling in Vancouver

1986 Dragon boating introduced to Vancouver as part of Expo 86, continued as only a Dragon Boat event in 1987 and 1988. Started with 26 teams.

1989 Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society was formed by Founders David Lam and Milton Wong to bridge understanding between cultures. This was the first Dragon Boat Festival outside of Asia featuring dragon boat races and culinary, visual and performing Arts. Event took place at Plaza of Nations, at the time owned by Concord Pacific.

1990 ODP of NEFC area contains a reference to an amphi-theatre like feature in the park to be used by Dragon Boat Festival. East Bay Boathouse Committee formed to develop community boathouse in False Creek.

1990 - 2007 DB Festival location changes multiple times, from Coopers Park before it was a park, to Plaza of Nationss, back and forth using either of the empty lots on each side of the Plaza. Moved to Creekside Park in 2007.

1996 Vancouver hosted the first World Championship Dragon Boat Festival outside of Asia. 120 Teams took part.

1997-1998 Dragon Boat started taking part in community workshops for SEFC with boating community (paddling and rowing) and residents. East Bay Boathouse and Dragon Boat Society members took part.

1999 (October) City of Vancouver approved SEFC Policy Statement that included the following:

- - The waterfront should be designed to be publicly accessible and a principal amenity space for both SEFC residents and for the city as a whole.
- - Active, water-oriented recreational opportunities in SEFC should be
- - encouraged through provision of a pier along the waterfront, as well as facilities, possibly associated with a community centre, to accommodate non-motorized craft, such as kayaks, dragon boats, native canoes and small sailboats.
- - The waterfront opportunities identified by the City's Blueways committee should be considered, including opportunities for smallboat industry, small non-motorized boat moorage, storage for handpowered craft and others.

2003 Dragon Boat began taking part in community workshops with boating community and residents for NEFC planning purposes.

2004 Moved trailer and container to SEFC (present site) for dragon boat practices.

2006 The provision of dragon boat related items were included in the plan for the extension of Creekside Park (area 9) in the original concept plan for the park following three years of community workshops. The plan included picnic areas, non-motorized boat docks, dragon boat docks and boat storage, race viewing areas and other boating related features.

2006 Dragon Boat began taking part in community workshops with boating community and residents for SEFC planning purposes.

2007 Festival moves to Creekside Park.

2007 April, Approved ODP of SEFC includes one community centre in the waterfront vicinity of area 2A, having a floor area of at least 2 790 m2, and including a non-motorized boating facility providing a meeting room, washrooms, showers, and boat storage space for non-power recreational boating users for boats such as kayaks, canoes, dragon boats, and small sailboats;

2008 Dragon Boat told that present activities operated by Society "too big" for new Community Centre to be built in SEFC (Creekside).

2009 Dragon Boat docks were referred to in the NEFC Directions for the Future, passed by Council and then amended by Council in (November 2013).

2009 In October 22, 2009 report, CoV Planning presented the City's own research to Mayor and Council that showed that 82% of the residents supported the holding of large scale events such as dragon boat festival for the new public spaces proposed in NEFC. The report also stated that next steps would include:

"resolving the location, size and function of marinas, including provisions for dragon boaters;"

2010 Dragon Boat Festival Society started using Creekside Community Centre for staging practices and held festival in June 2010. 2010 survey results showed that more than 1.4 Million tourist dollars are generated over the 3 day event, by the approximately 1500 visiting paddlers alone.

2010 Started robust inner city school program for elementary school children. 1100 children categorized as "at risk" took part in first year.

2010 One West, practicing from Dragon Zone, won World Club Crew Championships

2011 Dragon Boat Festival partnered with City of Vancouver Youth Week, by supplying stage and production for entertainment, sanitary (portables) and dragon boat racing activity.

2011 Began kayak rental program. 2500 kayak rentals took place. Continued inner city school program.

2011 Began Supported Junior Program and supplied free of charge to 4 City of Vancouver community centres. 120 Juniors (12-18 year olds) took part in multi-session school programs in partnership with community centres.

2011 One West dragon boat team wins multiple medals, including Gold, at Pan Am Games

2012 Total economic impact of event and supporting activities estimated at just under \$4 million dollars in 2012.

2012 Continued and expanded inner city school, Junior and kayak programs.

2012 Started Intro to Dragon Boat sessions. 984 adult new paddlers too part in first year of program

2013 Dragon Boat Festival celebrated 25th Anniversary with 220 Teams registered, approximately 6000 paddlers.

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2013 June 26

Mayor and Council approved a budget of up to \$125,000 to be used to undertake a Project Definition Report for phasing in the establishment of a permanent home for the Greater Vancouver paddling community to ensure a timely and efficient process to meet both immediate and future needs, to be completed no later than 2013.

2014 Six Dragon Zone adult paddlers on Team Canada Dragon Boat Team will be competing in China of June this year.

2014 Eye of Dragon and One West Dragon Boat Teams from Dragon Zone competing in World Championships in Italy in September of this year.

2014 Still no permanent home for Dragon Boat and paddling community in Vancouver.

You can change this ending.

Alexis Gall s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Tuesday, June 10, 2014 9:23 AM Public Hearing FW: Boathouse Proposal

From: Adele Jury ^{s.22(1) Personal and Confidential} Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 10:35 PM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Cc: ^{s.22(1)} Personal and Confidential Subject: Boathouse Proposal

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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Adele Piroshco and I am a current dragon boat member of Eye of the Dragon (EOTD). EOTD is a visually impaired dragon boat team that paddles out of dragon zone, and has paddled on False Creek for the past 21 years. This year EOTD has the opportunity to compete at a World Club Crew Level, which is something many team members never thought possible. Over the course of 12 years I have seen how being part of such a community has helped people re-establish their confidence socially whilst having the opportunity to participate in a sport that is all inclusive and at large, competing successfully against sighted teams.

What I love about dragon boating is the sense of community. It's a community accepting of everyone, we have a saying on our boat "it's not the disability you bring to the team, it's your ability".

One thing that is lacking is a space for all water sport athlete's to meet and come together and to encourage one another. To have all water sports under one roof in a place that is easily accessible to the community just makes sense to me.

I recently became a Canadian Citizen after 12 years and for all my time in Vancouver dragon boating has played a large role in my life. When I arrived in Vancouver I didn't know anyone. I was introduced to dragon boating, met my husband and gained a family of 26. The times I love the most is when I'm out on the water on a summers evening paddling with my friends, we let the boat run and all you have is the calmness of the water with the city as the back drop. It never gets old for me.

I'm unfortunately unable to attend the public hearing however wished to express my full support for the Boathouse development.

Regards Adele Piroshco s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: Sent: To: Subject: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Tuesday, June 10, 2014 9:25 AM Public Hearing FW: Support of a Community Boathouse

From: Orrie Babiuk ^{5.22(1) Personal and Confidential} Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 11:49 PM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Subject: Support of a Community Boathouse

Dear Mayor Robertson and Vancouver City Councillors,

I wish to express my support for a community boathouse for paddlers and other water sports in False Creek. It would be a tremendous asset for the community to provide an opportunity for all ages to enjoy water sports in such a beautiful, safe environment in Vancouver.

As we wish to encourage our younger generation to be more involved in fitness, this is certainly a project that would be most beneficial. Such a project would help to attract young people to sports such as dragon boating which definitely helps to increase fitness as well as to build team spirit Paddle boarding, kayaking, canoeing, and sailing are definitely sports that would become more popular with a community boathouse in an area close to transit.

As a paddler with Abreast In A Boat , I enjoy paddling in False Creek with its sheltered environment and accessibility. Hopefully, a community boathouse will be approved.

Sincerely,

Orrie Babiuk

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Mayor Robertson and Council Vancouver City Hall 453 West 12th Avenue Vancouver BC V5Y 1V4

June 9, 2014

Re: Re-zoning Application for 998 Expo Boulevard and Boating Facility

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council

I am a resident of Greater Vancouver, a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society, past Chair of the Society for 13 years and a fellow paddler. As such, I have firsthand knowledge of the contribution and positive impact – both culturally and financially – to the City of Vancouver. I am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers and rowers in False Creek.

The development of a facility that boaters from throughout Greater Vancouver can access is the natural progression of 25 years of dragon boating events and activities in the City of Vancouver. A community facility for water sports fits within *Vancouver's Healthy City Strategy* as it integrates environmental, economic and social needs of a growing city. Furthermore, the *Vancouver Sport Strategy* that was created through community consultation presents six strategic goals. A community boathouse on False Creek, and the network and opportunities it presents, aligns with each of these six strategies.

Finally, I'd also like to add that I believe the visual aspects of the buildings proposed are very attractive.

I look forward to hearing of your decision.

Yours truly

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Tuesday, June 10, 2014 9:26 AM Public Hearing FW: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility

From: Derek Tam^{2.22(1) Personal and Confidential} Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 12:10 AM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Subject: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility

Hello Mayor Robertson and Council,

I am a dedicated Dragon boater that paddles out of False Creek and have been paddling for over 5 years. I am part of One West which is a highly competitive team, and we are currently ranked as Canada's fastest dragonboat team. Last year the National Dragonboat championships was held in Victoria, which we attended, battled our way to the top and came out victorious.

A lot of our teammates are either working, or students. We are a fairly young team truly dedicated to the sport and to the community. A lot of our members coach other dragonboat teams, or volunteer there time freely to support and grow the sport. Our training schedules are quite rigorous which include up to 5 days a week on the water and 2 gym sessions, all while attending school or working. We don't get paid to do this, its purely passion.

To me (and i know for my teammates) a dedicated boat house would change a lot of how people perceive the sport and really help grow the community, and help accelerate our training program further. As mentioned previously our training is quite intensive and having a place to call home would be amazing and lighten the stress of our training. Our team has competed all around the world, including Hong Kong, Tampa Bay, San Francisco, Montreal, and this year we are competing in Italy for the Club Crew World Championships. Our team's philosophy is to create a welcoming environment where individuals become teammates and get a feel of competing at a higher level. Currently the West coast lacks a lot of highly competitive teams versus teams out in the east (of Canada) where they train at a much higher level and have a larger pool of competitive teams due to all their facilities. One West is working hard to put us on the map, and we've already made a huge impact in the Dragonboat world, and having a facility to help support this growth is crucial to grow the sport.

Right now the current facilities lack resources, such as showers and space, due to the fact it is a community center and we need to share. Each team has over 20 paddlers, and with over 10 teams training at a time, there is already 200 people stuck in a small community center struggling for shower stalls. And this is at any given time.. there are hundreds of dragonboat teams. Also at Granville island, small boat launching is not the easiest thing to do, as people have to carry boats where kids play, down a steep ramp and into the water.. some are not even capable of carrying a boat that far. With a facility right on the water it would make life a lot easier.

I truly think, a boating facility right on the water would benefit the community IMMENSELY. The community will grow, and includes the benefits of the city becoming more active. The facility is also non intrusive due to the fact it is located on the water. We have a beautiful creek that leads to the ocean. Vancouver is known for its amazing natural surroundings. We should solidify that and make this the even more so the best city to live in, in the world.

Thank you for hearing a dedicated Vancouverites point of view, Derek Tam Jennifer Fang

June 9, 2014

Mayor and Council City of Vancouver 453 West 12th Avenue Vancouver, BC V5Y1B4 Or by email: mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca

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I hope that you will approve this application and make the paddling facility a reality. We've been waiting a extensive amount of time.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Fang

Jimmy Truong s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

June 9, 2014

Mayor and Council City of Vancouver 453 West 12th Avenue Vancouver, BC V5Y1B4

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<u>Re: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling centre)</u>

I am a paddler and am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers in False Creek. I'm a paddler, coach and volunteer. I love to paddle one of the kayaks and discover Vancouver from the water. It provides me with a whole different perspective. The Rio Tinto Alcan Dragon Boat Festival has grown from its roots as a showcase for multiculturalism in 1986 to a vibrant, large, much-anticipated annual event on the city's waterfront. Several years ago it became – and remains - the largest dragon boat festival outside China. Paddling is a great sport for individuals of any age. I would like to keep dragon boating on False Creek. A community boathouse is a wonderful way to make this happen. This community amenity will provide stability and a focal point for people taking part in this growing sport and will keep paddling on False Creek. I started in high-school and four years later I'm still paddling. Over 70 dragon boat teams practice at Dragon Zone, meaning that about 2800 people regularly use the make-shift facilities now. I would like to keep dragon boating on False Creek. A community boathouse is a wonderful way to make this happen.

Yours-sincerely, 5.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Jimmy Truong

Lisa Liang

.22(1) Personal and Confidential

June 8, 2014

Mayor and Council City of Vancouver 453 West 12th Avenue Vancouver, BC V5Y1B4 Email: mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council:

<u>Re: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling centre)</u>

I am a paddler on the Strathcona Youth Dragon's team and am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers in False Creek.

Recently, I found out that the Dragon Zone Paddling Clubs provides thousands of people with the chance to get out on the water every year, regardless of their financial situation. They also hold special events for children at inner city schools to try dragon boating. The number of paddlers continues to increase; proving that dragon boating is becoming a more popular sport in the community.

I believe that a facility that will make paddling more accessible would be a wonderful addition to the community and the city. It will provide stability and a focal point for people taking part in this growing sport and will keep paddling on False Creek. Paddling is environmentally friendly, causing minimal impact to the environment and is a great sport for individuals of any age.

I hope that you will approve this application and make the paddling facility a reality. We've been waiting a long time.

Sincerely,

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Lisa Liang

From: Sent: To: Subject: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Tuesday, June 10, 2014 9:29 AM Public Hearing FW: Letter of Support for 998 Pacific Boulevard

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From: mark9^{5.22(1) Personal and Confidential} Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 12:40 AM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Subject: Letter of Support for 998 Pacific Boulevard

Dear Mayor and Council

Re: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility

I am a long time dragonboater and am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers and rowers in False Creek.

I really owe my good health to this sport. When I was younger, I could easily go to the gym and work out about 2 to 3 times a week. Now that I'm in my mid-fifties, I am not as motivated as before so I've stopped going to the gym but luckily for me, dragonboating has taken its place. I'm currently on a competitive team, practicing 2 to 3 times per week and getting all the workout I need.

Realizing how much this sport of dragonboating has given me, I've been telling myself that I should someday give back to it. That day came about 3 years ago. My friend, who happens to be a principal in the Burnaby School District, asked if I could help him out...as his co-coach was a teacher and because of the teacher's strike, was unable to come out to practice. I said yes and it has quickly turned into 3 years.

Initially, I thought I was teaching the kids just how to paddle. But quickly, I realized I could teach my kids much more than that. Dragonboating is a great team sport. To be successful, all 22 people on board has to cooperate and work together as one. So the kids learn the value of teamwork.

Successful teams also have committed paddlers. Through practice and through entering regattas, the kids learn what commitment is all about as they see first hand what it takes to compete at a high level.

And finally, as they come down to Dragon Zone to practice each week, I see the bond between my kids grow deeper and deeper...it's the camaraderie that you'll hear almost every dragonboater say is what keeps them in this sport.

I especially take pride in knowing that not only am I teaching these kids how to paddle but to be good students, good teammates, and good citizens as well. The future is bright with all the dragonboat kids I see down in the halls of Creekside Community Centre. It will be even brighter with the approval of the re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility. Please vote yes.

Yours truly, Wing Mark s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Tuesday, June 10, 2014 9:32 AM Public Hearing FW: Re-zoning of 998 Expo Boulevard

From: Ann Phelps^{2.22(1) Personal and Confidential} Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 7:12 AM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Subject: Re-zoning of 998 Expo Boulevard

Dear Mayor and Council,

Tonight you will be listening to the public voice their thoughts on a rezoning application that includes a community amenity contribution for a paddling facility in False Creek. Here are a few reasons to approve the application that includes the CAC towards a boathouse.

WHY PADDLING?

It's green - Paddling has negligible impact on the environment.

It can be the beginning of a lifelong love of sport and the outdoors - Children who begin paddling young are introduced to a sport that they can do for the rest of their lives.

Accessibility/Cost – It's reasonably priced.

For instance, Junior paddlers at Dragon Zone pay anywhere from \$0 to \$150 per year, depending upon their ability to pay.

Adult paddlers paddle for between 0\$ to \$375 per year, depending upon their financial resources.

By comparison, the average cost of a children's competitive hockey program for ten weeks is \$1100.00 (http://jrsteelers.com/training/)

Social - Paddling dragon boat is social, encouraging personal interactions, important in this day of so much electronic communication.

There are Paddlers who began in high-school are now still paddling with their friends 15-20 years later.

WHY A PADDLING CENTRE/BOATHOUSE IN FALSE CREEK

Proven need -2800 visits per week in DZ alone during spring, summer, expanding by 15% per year. The users are here now. You won't have to do anything to encourage usage.

Accessible/Transportation - The east side of False Creek is close to skytrain, giving participants from throughout Vancouver and beyond easy access to programs. Location in downtown means people can paddle where they work and live.

Accessibility/Diversity – Dragon boat paddling is available to anyone, regardless of age, sex, culture, religion, sexual orientation, mental or physical abilities, or ability to pay. In a dragon boat race, no-one is left behind.

Healthy - Paddling is great exercise. Paddlers don't get concussions from their sport, unless someone hits them over the head with a paddle.

Immediate - A boathouse can be built now. No wait for the viaduct studies, re-zoning or master plans, or any other delay. If the application is approved this week, phase 1 of the docks can be built and ready to be showcased by next year's paddling season and dragon boat races.

Overall – In this day and age of competition for green space, there is still lots of blue space for people to take part in activities and sports, both recreational and competitive.

Competitive: Vancouver is the home of the most medaled dragon boat paddlers in the world.

Meeting the needs of the community: What began as simply a three day festival to encourage cross cultural understanding is now a world-class dragon boat festival. The Festival is supported by year round paddling activities that is welcoming to all who wish to take part.

Success - Given our successes so far, think what we can do with a real facility,

I hope you will approve this rezoning application, and make a boathouse a reality.

Yours truly, Ann Phelps Helen Law 22(1) Personal and Confidential

June 09, 2014

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council:

Re: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling centre)

I am a paddler and am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers in False Creek.

I am in high school and I have reached that grade where we are required to do our own physical activities. Thanks to joining a dragon boat team, I get to exercise at least twice a week at Dragon Zone. After joining a dragon boat team, my team has become my family and I have gained many more important people in my life.

I hope that you will approve this application and make the paddling facility a reality. We've been waiting a long long time.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Law

Carol Leung

May 29, 2014

Mayor and Council City Of Vancouver 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1B4 Or by email: <u>mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca</u>

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

RE: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling centre)

I am a paddler and am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers in False Creek.

Dragon Zone has been part of the False Creek community for a long time. I remember it limited to a small green trailer by the dock ramps and watched it grow into the bustling facility today. I started the sport 7 years ago in high school and knew nothing about sports. If it weren't for paddling, I would never have adopted the active lifestyle I have today. Similarly, because Dragon Zone holds special events for inner city schools, underprivileged children in the community are also able to share the sport I am so passionate about.

Anyone who passes by Creekside Community Centre on any given weekday evening will realize that Dragon Zone has very much outgrown the facility it is currently housed in, much like how it outgrew the little trailer it started in. The paddling community is in need for new docks and a dedicated boathouse. This new facility will make paddling more accessible and would be a great addition to the community and the City. It showcases the beautiful False Creek that is unique to our city.

I hope that you will approve this application and make the paddling facility a reality.

Yours sincerely, s.22(1) Personal and Confidential Carol Leuing Mike Wang 2005 – 7328 Arcola st. May 30, 2014

Mayor and Council City Of Vancouver 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1B4

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

RE: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling centre)

I am a paddler and I am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers in False Creek.

I am currently a student that studies at Langara collage, studying is very hard, and I dragon boat on my free time to get my mind off of school and other stressful things. I started dragon boating about 1 year ago and I absolutely fell in love with the sport. Adding the new boathouse would be absolutely amazing for the dragon boating community, it would be more accessible for all the paddlers.

I hope that you will approve this application and make the paddling facility a reality. We've been waiting a long, long time.

Yours sincerely, s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Mike Wang

Karl Castillo

May 28, 2014

Mayor and Council City Of Vancouver 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1B4 Or by email: <u>mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca</u>

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

RE: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling centre)

After at least half a decade, I have witnessed dragonboating change significantly; from being in the elusive green trailer to being inside the Creekside Community Center, I have seen the positive impact of this sport in the lives of many individuals.

Having a new dock that will be more pleasing to see and to use will not only attract many people, and possible even more young people into the sport. With people - especially young people - getting more and more sedentary, it will be an excellent idea for the City of Vancouver to provide young people an easy and welcoming sport to get into. As a paddler that started in high school, I know how of a positive force this sport can be, and more people are getting into the sport.

Due to its popularity, the current dock is not only getting more crowded due to lack of space, but it's also getting dangerous due to the large number of boats that are docked way too close to each other.

By having a bigger dock available, it will make the sport safer and more fun for everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Karl Castillo

Mayor and Council City Of Vancouver 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1B4

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

RE: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling centre)

I was new in town when I first started paddling. I immediately met many friendly people. Now my team is my family away from home and I've found a community of friends. I live in the neighbourhood and would love to have a local paddling centre. I am a paddler and am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers in False Creek. It is very important that we get a new dock here at Dragon Zone the reason being that our facilities are old, outdated, and need a huge improvement. Over 70 dragon boat teams practice at Dragon Zone, meaning that about 2800 people regularly use the make-shift facilities now. Dragonboat a sport I truly enjoy and I believe that everyone here would be in full support of the new zoning project.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Vuong

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council

I am writing this letter to express my support for the establishment of a community boathouse on the east side of false creek. I joined my school, Prince of Wales Secondary's dragon boating team at the beginning of the year and it has been an enriching and life changing experience for me. I have made many new friends and become more deeply connected to my community, I am in better physical shape than I have ever been in my life, and I have learned new skills that will aid me for the rest of my life. Sadly our community has out grown our current boathouse, as well, much of our equipment such as our docks and paddles are starting to succumb to the rigors of time and are in need of replacement. I hope you will agree to our community's request, I would hate to think that in the future others would be unable to have the experiences I have had due to a lack of proper facilities and equipment.

Sincerely

Liam Mell-Cobb

Member, Prince of Wales Secondary Dragon Boating Team

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2014-05-23

Mayor and Council City of Vancouver 453 West 12th Avenue Vancouver, BC V5Y1B4

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council:

Re: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling center)

I am writing regarding the re-zoning of 998 Expo Boulevard including the support of the community boat house on the east end of False Creek. It is an amazing experience competing at False Creek Regattas and I enjoy very much the atmosphere of the paddling events held there. I hope these events continue long into the future.

I paddle for skinny fish and there are always problems regarding finding boats to paddle in, and at times we have to do boat movings which takes away our practice time and the energy to have a better practice. I feel like having the boat house would help out all the paddlers with more efficiency and energy for their practices and times in water. It would be great to see the new renovations to motivate paddlers for more time in water.

Sincerely,

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Shayan Askarpour

2014-05-23

Mayor and Council City of Vancouver 453 West 12th Avenue Vancouver, BC V5Y1B4

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council:

Re: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling center)

I am currently a paddler at Dragon Zone paddling out of Creekside Community Center. Paddling has become a big part of my life and a good source of my daily physical activity and exercise. I not only dragon boat but I also participate in various other types of paddling activities.

The boat houses are a good idea because it helps strengthen and build a stronger paddling community and I am 100% in full support for the new boathouses at False Creek. The new boathouses can benefit not only myself as an individual but also various other residents as well such as seniors. Dragon boat is not only a sport for adults but it is also for juniors all the way to seniors, women, corporate teams and everyone who wants to connect with others as well as exercise.

The boat house is a worthwhile investment and should be followed through.

Please take into consideration helping install this new boat house for the paddling community, thank you!

Sincerely,

.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Angie Tang

2014-05-23

Mayor and Council City of Vancouver 453 West 12th Avenue Vancouver, BC V5Y1B4

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council:

Re: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling center)

I am writing regarding the re-zoning of 998 Expo Boulevard including the support of the community boat house on the east end of False Creek because I am a paddler who likes to compete at False Creek Regattas and I enjoy the atmosphere of the paddling docks there very much. It's been an amazing experience so far paddling with my community and I wish to keep it up for the years to come.

I started paddling dragon boat for fitness and health and I have kept doing it because it makes me feel good. Dragon boat helps me because it provides me with a couple hours of physical activity each week and it keeps me healthy.

I have met wonderful friends because of Dragonboat. The community is great and I have formed many friendships.

One of the problems I face with the present facilities is too small and we need more space. The containers are overcrowded and retrieving outriggers and paddling gear is sometimes very difficult. In difficult weather conditions, most of the time raining because of Vancouver climate, it becomes very dangerous to remove material to and from the docks and the containers and the small space does not help our paddling needs. A new boat house would make it more convenient for thousands of paddlers in our community.

I would like to keep dragon boating on False Creek. A community boathouse is a wonderful way to make this happen. It can bring joy to a wonderful paddling community and is greatly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,

Chrissy Lam

Jenny Brice s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

May 28, 2014

Mayor and Council City Of Vancouver 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1B4 Or by email: <u>mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca</u>

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

RE: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling centre)

I am a dragon boat paddler and am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers in False Creek.

After a long term relationship that didn't end well and not keeping/making many friends through the time I was with him, I felt extremely alone and was unable to find things to do that would stimulate my interest and boost my self confidence. When I was introduced to dragon boating through my current boyfriend, I learned many new skills, overcame my fear of getting into a rocking boat, and have been on a steady rate of reducing my weight. I have made many new friends who are all wonderful, fun, encouraging people and I am happy to say that I am now leading them at the front of the boat. I wouldn't have been able to come this far athletically or emotionally without my team and other paddlers that join us from time to time.

I truly believe that if you approve this application and make the paddling facility a reality, you will be changing not only my life for the better but also the lives of the estimated 2800 paddlers that come to False Creek, from ages 15 to 80.

Yours sincerely,

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Jenny Brice

Mayor and Council City Of Vancouver 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1B4

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

RE: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling centre)

I am a paddler and am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers in False Creek. I paddle because it provides me with a connection to my Chinese heritage and honours my Chinese community and family. It brings me great honor to help keep hold of the traditions of my Chinese Heritage.

I hope that you will approve this application and make the paddling facility a reality. Paddling is one of the only things that bring me a great joy in life and it is exciting as well as rewarding. Please make this paddling facility happen. I would greatly appreciate it.

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Yours sincerely.

Casper Zhang

Mayor and Council City Of Vancouver 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1B4

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

RE: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling centre)

I am a paddler and am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers in False Creek. It is very important that we get a new dock here at Dragon Zone the reason being that our facilities are old, outdated, and need a huge improvement. Our paddling community needs a giant improvement because tons of paddlers city wide come together to paddle and work together as a team. Come to our paddling club, Dragon Zone at Creekside, any afternoon or evening and the crowds, noise and activity will demonstrate how popular the sport of dragon boating has become. It's a sport I truly enjoy and I believe that everyone here would be in full support of the new zoning project.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Schultz

Mayor and Council City Of Vancouver 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1B4

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

RE: Re-zoning application for **998** Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling centre)

A boathouse would be greatly beneficial to the dragonboat community of Vancouver. By building these facilities, the potential of growth for paddlers will increase as well as the size of our community. Training in the winter will also become easier with the indoor training. I believe these new facilities will be a great addition to our already expanding community of dragonboaters.

Yours sincerely, s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Kevin Thet

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

I am writing in support of the community boathouse on the east end of False because I am a dragon boater.

I started paddling dragon boating 6 years ago and I have kept doing it because it represents Vancouver well and I love the health side of it. It is also a fantastic way to bring people together in a fun environment. My family loves coming down every year to watch me race.

I have been on several teams over the years and love watching the sport grow.

One of the problems I encounter with the present facilities is it is too small to accommodate the growing interest. We need room to help enhance the sport and improve the opportunities for teams to grow on and off the water.

I want to keep dragon boating in False Creek. A community boathouse is a wonderful way to make this happen and is a terrific way to add value to this area and Vancouver itself.

Sincerely, s.22(1) Personal and Confidential	\sim	
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Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

I am writing in support of the community boathouse on the east end of False because I am a dragon boater.

I started paddling dragon boat and outrigger in high school for fitness, to meet people, and to compete. I have kept doing it because it has had such a positive impact on my life, I find it rewarding, and I have seen how it brings together people from all walks of life. It is huge for this community.

I have met some truly incredible paddlers, coaches, and everyone who helps to make this scene what it is.

One of the problems I encounter with the present facilities is that they get overcrowded during peak times – we simply do not have the space we need to house all the gear for the number of paddlers we are trying to support. Dragon boat is a sport that has grown exponentially since its introduction in 1986, when boats were sent over from Hong Kong as a gift to Vancouver for Expo.

I would like to continue dragon boating on False Creek. A community boathouse is a wonderful way to make this happen.

Sincerely,

Bridget Barker

Amanda Chan

May 29, 2014

Mayor and Council City Of Vancouver 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1B4

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

RE: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and paddling center

I am a resident of Olympic Village, subcontractor for the City of Vancouver (as a personal trainer at Creekside Community Center), avid dragonboat paddler and weightlifter, and am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers in False Creek.

My girlfriend Jen and I met through dragonboat. I joined her team on a cold evening in February 2008. We are now going to get married in August 2014 at Creekside Park overlooking the water, and will have a "Celebration Regatta" where all of our guests will race 100m on dragonboats. Our entire lives, together and apart, are founded on the sport of dragonboat, and will be with us for the rest of our lives. There are few other sports who outwardly respect and appreciate everyone regardless of gender, race, sexuality, age, and skill. There is a team for everyone and all newcomers feel welcome to the warmth and friendliness of dragonboating.

As well, my company Ares Training is entirely based on personal training for dragonboat paddlers. It is a growing sport and we as Vancouverites have the potential to make this sport even bigger on the world stage. In short, we absolutely support the building of this boathouse.

I hope that you will approve this application and make the paddling facility a reality. It would mean the world to Jen and I, and the entirety of our paddling community.

Yours sincerely.

Amanda Chan

Alice Liang .22(1) Personal and Confidential

May 30, 2014

Mayor and Council City Of Vancouver 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1B4

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

RE: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling centre)

I am a paddler and am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers in False Creek.

I started during high school with paddlers from different high schools. We came together and created a team and now we are one big family. I joined because I wanted to meet new people, become fit and try out a new sport. Dragon boat has gave me many new opportunities and new experiences. I'm not the athletic type but thanks to paddling I'm working out more often now. I believe that a facility that will make paddling more accessible would be a wonderful addition to the community and the City.

I hope that you will approve this application and make the paddling facility a reality. We've been waiting a long, long time.

Yours sincerely,

Alice Liang

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Theodore Hui 22(1) Personal and Confidential

May 30, 2014

Mayor and Council City Of Vancouver 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1B4 Or by email: <u>mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca</u>

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

RE: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling centre)

I am a paddler and am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers in False Creek.

I started in high-school and ten years later I'm still paddling.

I hope that you will approve this application and make the paddling facility a reality. We've been waiting a long, long time.

Yours sincerely,

Theodore Hui

.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

I'm writing this letter in support of the community boathouse in the area of False Creek.

I have been a dragon boater for 4 years now. I began this incredible journey at the age of 15. Dragon boater has promoted my health and that of my fellow paddlers. Heres is an activity where people of all ages, genders and cultures meet to reach a common goal of success. We learn discipline, commitment and a sense of team work. I am grateful to god for introducing me to dragon boating. I have mades friends that will last a lifetime. When people work hard and stick together teams become families.

This boat house will help all future generations of people interested in activities like dragon boat, kayak, cance and outrigger. This boat house will provide a safer area for us to continue this amazing activity; no more slippery decks, no more lack of space, no more one way entry to the docks. I believe we have shown everyone that the dragon boat community is going strong and growing. In the near future our competitions will get bigger and more recognized. As of right we have a few international teams come here to race. I wouldn't be surprised if more came. We would love to have a more presentable area for them to recognize the amazing work all of you do in the community. It will also crate a better name for all the people locally as well.

I hope this letter can help us make this dream come true. I believe that people have more power than they think. we we come together or when we work hard to achieve something, that something becomes possible. Anything is possible and we will fight for this dream to become our really. I believe we can!

Sincerely, Jorge Escobar Flores

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Mayor and Council City Of Vancouver 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1B4 Or by email: mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

RE: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling centre)

I am a paddler and am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers in false creek.

I have been paddling for a few years and have seen how busy the docks at Dragon Zone can be. Due to its popularity, the current dock is getting more crowded due to lack of space, and getting dangerous because of the number of boats that are docked way too close to each other. Collisions sometimes occur which damages not only the boats but everything around them as well.

Paddling is really enjoyable and with a boathouse, it will increase the popularity of water sports that I love and provide a safer environment for paddlers like myself.

Please approve this application and make the paddling facility a reality. We have been waiting for a long time.

Yours sincerely,

Christina Chan .22(1) Personal and Confidential Mr. Larry Pahl s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

May 28, 2014

Dear Mayor Robertson and City Council,

This letter is regarding the upcoming re-zoning application for **998 Expo Boulevard** and to voice my support for this application and the list of community amenities included as part of the re-zoning.

As a long time resident of Vancouver, I've have always been disappointed by the lack of accessible facilities for paddling and rowing. Given Vancouver's location next to the Pacific Ocean, with the water almost surrounding the city, it is a perfect setting for such healthy and environmentally friendly activities. All over the world paddling and rowing are growing in popularity, yet because most of Vancouver's access to boating is only available through memberships in costly clubs, the City has long been challenged to keep up with this continuing growth.

The proposed development of 998 Expo Boulevard by Concord Pacific provides an unmatched opportunity for the City to realize a community amenity contribution for a False Creek community paddling facility. This game-changing community development would accommodate the growing demands of the diverse mix of recreational paddling in Vancouver and provide paddlers and rowers of all levels a place to enjoy events and on-water activities, experiences, events and races, regardless of their financial resources.

I hope you will approve this re-zoning application and provide a lasting legacy to the city and its residents.

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Yours truly, Larry Pahl, Personal and

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

We are writing in support of the community boathouse on the east end of False because I am a dragon boater.

We started paddling in dragon boat because we wanted to feel a sense of greater community and I have kept doing it because it is an exhilarating sport, even though our team is so embarrassing, we love the dragon boat family nonetheless.

Through this, we have met many amazing people and because we are both Asian, we feel like we are getting touch with our roots.

One of the problems we encounter with the present facilities is the need to bail the boat and having everything always be damp is a hassle.

We would like to keep dragon boating on False Creek. A community boathouse is a wonderful way to make this happen.

Sincerely,

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Mikayla Hong and Nancy Ha 😊

we & dragon boating

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

I am writing in support of the community boathouse on the east end of False Creek because I am a community member and professional that partners with Dragon Boat BC.

As Education Manager at the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, having the opportunity to offer youth of all backgrounds the chance to learn about a cultural tradition and participate in a healthy, team-building activity that has deep connections to the civic roots of this city is meaningful on so many levels. We have partnered with Dragon Boat BC for many years now, and continue to build a relationship where locals and visitors can engage in inter-cultural understanding. Every year, almost 10,000 school students (both local and international) visit the Garden – the combined offering of learning about the cultural history of the Dragon Boat Festival in Chinatown and then actually coming down to False Creek where they follow Vancouver's quintessential skyline to learn the proper techniques and teamwork of dragon boat paddling is an amazing experience for these children and youth.

I am in support of improving and increasing the capacity of the facilities so that we can continue to offer these experiences. A community boathouse is a wonderful way to make this happen.

Susan Ma Head of Education Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden

Sincerely,

Cleo Liew

May 29, 2014

Mayor and Council City Of Vancouver 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1B4

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

RE: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling centre)

I am an active paddler and am writing to earnestly appealing to your in support of the above rezoning application that is such a significant contribution to a community facility for paddlers on False Creek.

I'm a new immigration from Hong Kong about 19 months' ago and fortunately, the False Creek CC has been a crucial part of my new life here in Vancouver. It has provided me a sense of 'Home', belonging and amazing friendships! I gladly drive 35km/way three to four times a week, since the second month I moved here, to the FCCC so I can be part of the Big Family! It's astonishing how the CC had constantly improved their services and activities to the entire community! I'm hoping the new facilities will provide more lockers, shower rooms and washrooms to the thousands of members here!

Your approval of this re-zoning application and make the paddling facility a reality will provide great benefits in terms of healthy-lifestyle promoting, multi-nationals/cultural interactions and economy stimulating of the areas!

Yours sincerely.

Cleo Liew

Alex Teoh

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June 5, 2014

Mayor and Council City Of Vancouver 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1B4

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

RE: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling centre)

I am a paddler and am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers in False Creek.

My wife and I moved to Vancouver about 19 months' ago and the FCCC had played an important role in helping us adapting to a new life! FCCC had provided an opportunity to continue paddling the second month we arrived and since then, the 3-4 times per week routine had been a big part of our lives! We'd made many new friends, maintained a healthy lifestyle with the many activities the FCCC provided and enjoyed the amazingly beautiful outdoors on the False Creek!

The current facilities of the FCCC have much limitations especially during the peak periods where thousands of people have to share the few lockers, washrooms and shower rooms! There are already many incidents that personal belongings were stolen when they arrived to find no lockers were available and had no choice but to leave the stuffs on top of the lockers!

Your approval of this application and make the paddling facility a reality will be much appreciated. We've been waiting a long, long time.

Yours sincerely, 5.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Alex Teoh

Akina Lam .22(1) Personal and Confidential

May 29, 2014

Mayor and Council City Of Vancouver 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1B4 Or by email: <u>mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca</u>

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

RE: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling centre)

I am a paddler and am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers in False Creek.

I love to paddle. I come to Creekside twice a week to paddle with my dragon boat team. It is my only form of exercise and because I am part of a team I am more motivated to come out as my teammates rely on me. Paddling is healthy and environmentally friendly, causing minimal impact to the environment. Many Aquabus riders wave to us and cheer us on. Paddling is a great sport for individuals of any age. On my team, we have paddlers from their 20s to paddlers in their 60s.

I hope that you will approve this application and make the paddling facility a reality. We've been waiting a long, long time.

Yours sincerely,	
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Akina Lam	\rightarrow

June 5, 2014

Mayor and Council City Of Vancouver 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1B4

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council,

RE: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility (or boathouse, or paddling centre)

I am a paddler and am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers in False Creek.

I started dragon boating this year and really enjoy it. I've met so many people at my school and people from other schools that I'd normally never talk to. Dragon boating brings people together through a unique, and competitive experience. With the addition of new boathouse facilities, we could improve and grow the community for us, and for future generations.

I hope that you will approve this application and make the paddling facility a reality. We've been waiting a long, long time.

Yours sincerely,

Cameron Chong

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Tuerlings, Leslie

From: Sent: To: Subject: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Tuesday, June 10, 2014 10:45 AM Public Hearing FW: Letter of Support for 998 Pacific Boulevard proposed

From: G Wong^{5.22(1) Personal and Confidential} Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 10:43 AM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Subject: Letter of Support for 998 Pacific Boulevardproposed

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Re-zoning application for 998 Expo Boulevard and boating facility

I am a resident of Vancouver and am writing to voice my support of the above noted re-zoning application that contains a contribution to a community facility for paddlers and rowers in False Creek.

The development of a facility that boaters from throughout Vancouver can have access to has been a long time coming. When you consider similar or nearby Cities, such as Seattle, Nanaimo and Victoria, Vancouver is sadly lacking appropriate facilities. This is especially important when you consider how many paddlers there are in the City who take part in dragon boat, kayak, outrigger and rowing. You now have a chance to rectify this lack by approving this development and confirming the CAC for Phase 1 of a boathouse.

I'd also like to add that I think the visual design of the proposed buildings are very attractive. Jim Cheng is a wonderful architect.

I look forward to hearing of your decision. Gweny Wong

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A Classical Chinese Garden

June 10, 2014

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

Dear Mayor Robertson and Councillors:

Re: Rezoning Application for 998 Expo Boulevard

As part of the rezoning of 998 Expo Boulevard, Council will be considering a condition which would see the transfer of the applicant's property at 58 West Hastings Street to the City.

The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society is writing in support of the Vancouver Chinatown Foundation, which would like to be given the opportunity to develop the site at 58 West Hastings and include self-contained social housing for current Chinatown SRO residents. We understand that the Foundation's plan would then facilitate the restoration of the Chinatown Society buildings, which provide SRO housing, and which are among the most significant heritage buildings in the historic district.

The proposal by the Vancouver Chinatown Foundation provides an excellent opportunity to further the revitalization of Chinatown, both socially and physically. As a cultural and economic anchor in Chinatown, the Garden supports innovative proposals such as this one.

The CACs that Council negotiates as part of rezoning provides Chinatown and the Downtown Eastside with important new opportunities. The Garden would like to continue to be considered for an allocation of \$700,000 in Community Amenity Contribution funding from North East False Creek. These funds are earmarked for restoration of the pond which straddles the Garden and adjacent Park.

Sincerely,

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Jeannette Hlavach, President

cc : Vancouver Chinatown Foundation