

Dragnea, Irina

From: Steven John Turner s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 5:04 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 750 Pacific Blvd

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to express my sincere hope that the City of Vancouver will build a new much- needed is rink ASAP! I am a parent of 2 kids and am keenly aware of the need for more rink-space (and better ice times for minor hockey).

As the city moves forward, please consider another rink for the 750 Pacific Blvd site, Sincerely, Steven Turner

Sent from my iPad

Dragnea, Irina

From: Mike Comrie s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 7:07 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 750 Pacific Blvd

Hi folks, putting in a word of support for the new ice rink. This is a much needed facility in the downtown area. As we have a couple of kids and live in the neighbourhood, it would be really nice to see this happen.

Mike and Cindy Comrie
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Dragnea, Irina

From: Nathan Leslie s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 8:20 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: New Rink support

Hi,

I am in rinks every day in vancouver, and understand the challenges of down times in rinks during the day, but I am writing this letter in support of a new rink at the plaza of nations. One of The biggest challenges for any hockey lover in vancouver is to find a single sheet of open ice from 4pm to midnight anywhere in the city, and the demand is there! Kids under 11 years old should not have to practice exclusively at 6am just to play the sport they love (and figure skaters, speed skaters).

If you build it they will come! Vancouver can't compare with other Canadian cities with outdoor rinks everywhere, and the public wants and needs more rinks!

Sincerely,

Nate Leslie

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From: anna macrae s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 8:48 PM
To: Public Hearing
Cc: Jonathan Olsen
Subject: 750 Pacific Blvd.

To Whom it May Concern,

I am the parent of two young girls, both of whom play hockey with the Vancouver Angels. In turn, I am aware of the dire need for additional rinks in Vancouver. We commonly drive to both Burnaby and Richmond for practices, due to the shortage of rinks or "ice time" in Vancouver.

I very much support building additional rink space at 750 Pacific Blvd.

Thank you for your concern,
Anna MacRae

Dragnea, Irina

From: Eric Gagne s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 9:32 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: '750 Pacific Blvd'

I fully support the addition of a new rink at this location given the incredible paucity of rinks and availability of time in this city.

Your sincerely
Eric Gagne

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Dragnea, Irina

From: Valerie Wettstein s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 9:48 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Correction - I Support The CMP Proposal for 750 PAC Blvd.

To Whom It May Concern,

I support the CMP Proposal for 750 Pacific Blvd., providing all the amenities are included. Our density is proposed to increase by approximately 10,000 new residents. We need these amenities for our growing community.

Sincerely,
Valerie Wettstein

Dragnea, Irina

From: Devon Knight s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 5:57 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Say Yes to CMP development (750 Pacific Blvd.)

I am writing to ask the Council to approve CMP's proposal to develop the Plaza of Nations site at 750 Pacific Blvd at the July 10 Public Hearing. Our neighbourhood groups have been working with CMP for the past 8 years. It has been a positive, collaborative experience. In particular, I support the public amenities which will result from this development – the ice hockey arena, the daycare and the music presentation centre. As this part of downtown densifies, these kinds of amenities are absolutely essential.

Please vote Yes to 750 Pacific Blvd.

Best Regards,

Devon Knight, Owner for 14 years and VPD Block Watch Captain

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Dragnea, Irina

From: Michael Coderre s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 9:12 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 750 Pacific Blvd -ice rink

I wanted to send a letter expressing my full support for the proposed full size ice rink at the Plaza of Nations. As an individual fully immersed in the Vancouver hockey culture since 2009 as a coach and currently as a Director on the Board for Vancouver Minor Hockey Association, I can personally attest to the scarcity of ice availability for our young hockey players, figure skaters etc. This is particularly the case in East Vancouver where In fact, in most years our Association must purchase ice from outside of Vancouver just to meet our basic requirements. Our players must travel to Burnaby and as far as Langley just for practice ice. WE NEED MORE ICE RINKS!

Thank you
Michael Coderre

Dragnea, Irina

From: Condon, Bill s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 9:14 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 750 Pacific Blvd

Hi City Council

I am writing in support of the proposal for a new rink(s?) at 750 Pacific Blvd. Having played hockey all my life, I was delighted when my daughter, now 10, expressed a desire to start playing, and truly inspired to see the enormous growth in Girls Ice Hockey compared to when I was that age. But even with that growth, I believe we are just at the beginning of an exponential increase in girls hockey participation. My daughter is one of just 2 in her entire school that plays. Hockey is now her passion, with soccer and other activities taking a back seat. Her friends have all taken notice and have expressed interest, some learning to skate, some with their heart set on joining the Vancouver Angels. It would not surprise me if 50 girls at her school were playing hockey in 2-3 years. My second daughter, who is 6, will start playing this fall, and her cousin of the same age is sure to come along too.

Thank you for considering this new project. I will be one of many thousands cheering for this and hoping it goes through.

We Connect & Protect

Bill Condon
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Dragnea, Irina

From: James Nedila s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 10:36 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 750 Pacific Blvd
Attachments: Vancouver Female Hockey - Submission to City of Vancouver Capital Plan 2019-2022.pdf; Vancouver Female Hockey - Letter in Support of Plaza of Nations Rink.pdf

Hi there,

Please find attached two documents:

- 1) Letter of support for a new Community Amenity Ice Rink within the Plaza of Nations rezoning application
- 2) Business case for more rinks in Vancouver - referenced by the letter of support
(This document was recently submitted to the capital plan discussions)

Thanks,
James



Vancouver Female Ice Hockey Association

BC Hockey Association of the Year

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July 5, 2018

Re: Letter of Support for Community Amenity Ice Rink as part of Rezoning Application for 750 Pacific Blvd

I am writing on behalf of the Vancouver Female Hockey Association, in support of the rezoning application of 750 Pacific Blvd (Plaza of Nations). Specifically, our association supports the addition of a new community amenity ice rink as part of this rezoning application.

About Vancouver Female Hockey

Vancouver Female Hockey is a non-profit association, which represents girls minor hockey within the City of Vancouver, for players ages 5-20 years old. Our Association (and female hockey across the country) has been growing immensely over the past 8 years (kickstarted by the 2010 Olympics), and we are at the point where we are turning players away due to a lack of ice rinks in Vancouver.

Why More Rinks Are Needed Now

Vancouver rinks are at capacity, and are unable to support a growing female hockey community. Female hockey makes up only 15% of all hockey players in Vancouver, and is currently growing at 20% per year.

Vancouver Female Hockey currently spends hundreds of thousands of dollars outside of the city to rent expensive ice to try and meet demand. Other minor sport groups in Vancouver are doing the same, or limiting how many participants they accept.

We need more rinks in Vancouver, either through new or repurposed closed facilities to help meet the current & projected demand for female hockey. Otherwise, we are forced to turn players away.

We whole-heartedly endorse the construction of a net-new ice rink in Vancouver. I have also included a document outlining the business case for building new rinks within the City. This document speaks about our history, why new rinks are needed now, with a rough idea of how we can make it happen.



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Creation of a "Set-Aside" for Community Minor Sport Groups

Our Association is asking for access to this new ice rink, in the form of a "set-aside" - guaranteed access for minor sport groups, at a reasonable rental rate. The Vancouver Park Board already has a similar model for existing rinks in Vancouver, in the form of their Community Minor Sport Group Allocation Policy.

Allocation of the "Set-Aside" Specifically to Female Minor Sport Groups

Our second request is if a specific portion of this "set-aside" can be aimed towards historically marginalized groups - which are defined as groups not historically represented with facility access in Vancouver.

In our case, female minor hockey has not had equal access to rinks, due to male hockey association's historical position. Male hockey associations were created long before female associations, and as such, continue to have more ice times allocated to them than female. We ask that a portion of the "set-aside" for this new rink be allocated to fix this issue.

I am available anytime to discuss our support for this rezoning application, the points in this letter, or anything related to growing female hockey by phone or email.

Signed,

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James Nedila
President - Vancouver Female Ice Hockey Association
604-377-5772 / president@vfiha.com

PCAHA Association of the Year - 2016/2017
BC Hockey Association of the Year - 2017/2018



Vancouver Female Ice Hockey Association

(Vancouver Angels)

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City of Vancouver Capital Plan 2019-2022

The Case for More Rinks in Vancouver

Executive Summary

Support for female hockey at the Local, Provincial, National & International level has never been stronger. However, we are limited by local rink capacity, and cannot grow female hockey without more rink facilities in Vancouver.

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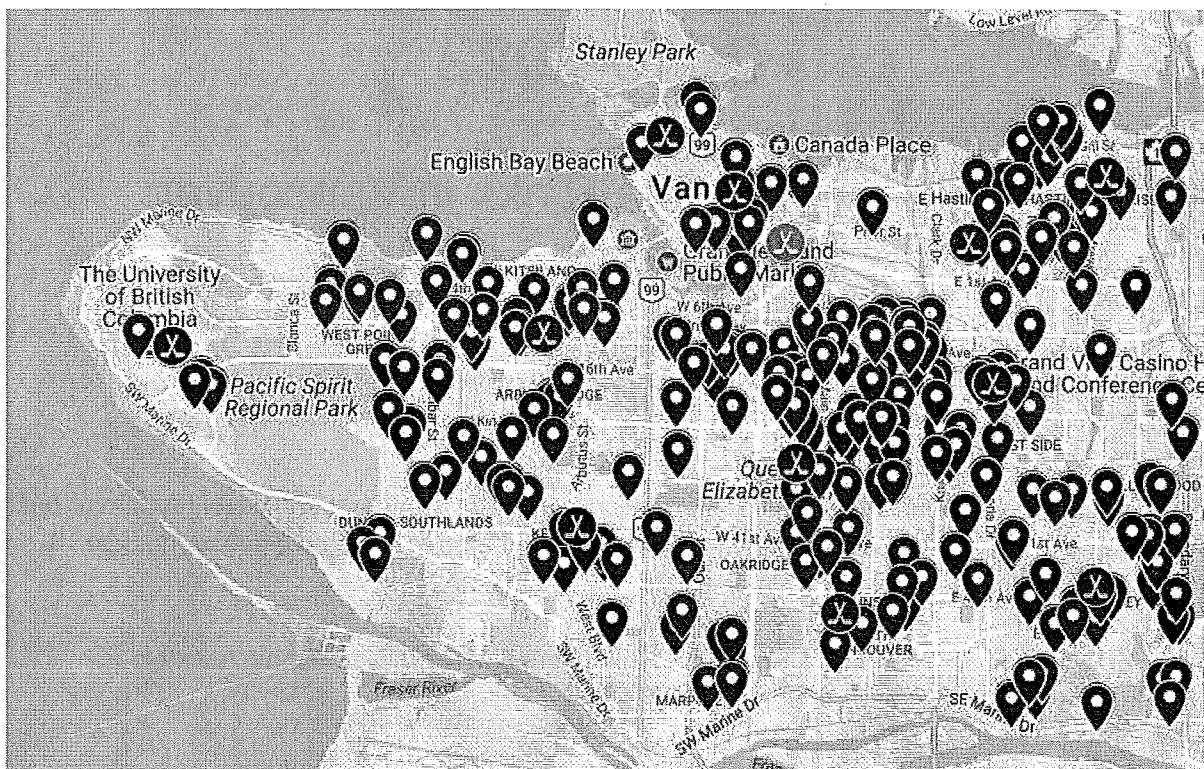
About Vancouver Female Hockey

Vancouver Female Hockey strives to provide the opportunity for female youth players to enjoy recreational and competitive levels of hockey in a fun, safe environment.

Our Association formed in 1972 as the Killarney Girls Ice Hockey Association, and has grown to encompass all of the City of Vancouver for female hockey.

We accept players aged 5-20 at all skill levels who want to play and have fun.

This map shows we accept players from across the City, and are well represented in all areas:





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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/vancouverangels>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/vangirlshockey>

VANCOUVER'S ONLY FEMALE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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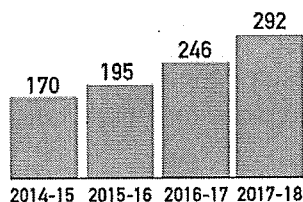
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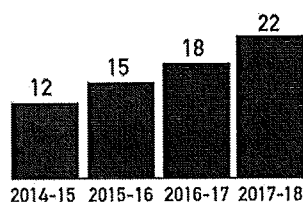


Serves the City of Vancouver and UBC.
Teams play at all Vancouver Parks
Board arenas and arenas
throughout Metro Vancouver

REGISTERED PLAYERS:



REGISTERED TEAMS:



RECENT SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Santa Clause Parade entry with float
- Yukon Atom team exhibition series to promote female hockey in the North
- Spring 4-on-4 league for girls from all areas of Metro Vancouver

Our association trains more
female officials/referees
than any other hockey
association in BC



AGE GROUPS:

5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-17	18-20
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VANCOUVER FEMALE ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



History of Vancouver Female Hockey

Since 1972, Vancouver Female Hockey has a rich history of leading the charge in female youth and women's hockey. Our Association has hosted senior women's teams that have won BC Championships, and competed regularly in the BC Winter Games.

Generations of women & girls in Vancouver played for the Association over the years, and were very successful in providing a place for female hockey where there were no other options.

The Association has focused more on female youth hockey since the early 2000s, and has grown to encompass the entire City of Vancouver. Vancouver Female Hockey is now the largest female association in BC, and is the largest female association ever.

More information: <http://www.vancouvergirlshockey.com/history/>

Growth of Vancouver Female Hockey



With the success of the Canadian National Women's Hockey Team, interest in female hockey has been growing substantially. Nationally, female hockey has been trending higher for some time, and has been outpacing male hockey growth by a wide margin.

However, even with this growth success, female hockey players only make up 15% of all players in Vancouver. This is already considered a success, as the national average is approx 10%.

The Vancouver Female Hockey Association considers itself a leader in this space, and has been contributing with many initiatives to get more girls into hockey.

The largest of these initiatives are the free Come Try Hockey events. These events are held three times a year, where we invite girls ages 4-20 from the community, to come to a free, fun practice. New skaters are loaned equipment for the day, and step out on the ice with our coaches and players, in a fun practice.

We regularly have over 60+ new skaters at each of these events, and they're a great way to raise awareness of female hockey, and remove a lot of the barriers that girls may have about the sport. We make it fun, and make sure everyone walks away with lots of giveaways.

The results of these initiatives speak for themselves: Vancouver Female Hockey has grown by over 65% over the past four years. There are more girls playing hockey now, than there has ever been in Vancouver.

Our Association has approx 15% of the total number of hockey players in Vancouver, vs an average of 10% in other municipalities. Our community outreach programs are working, and interest is at an all time high.

viaSport produced a great story and video about our Try Hockey events:

<https://www.viasport.ca/news/she-shoots-she-scores-female-hockey-rise-bc>



Vancouver Female Hockey Highlights

- **1972** - Killarney Girls Ice Hockey Association formed as a BC Society
- **1980** - Killarney Teams win BC Hockey Championships in Junior (6-9 yrs) and Intermediate (13-17 yrs) Divisions
- **1990-1995** - Killarney Teams represent and win Championships at the BC Winter Games
- **2005** - Official Rebrand as Vancouver Angels
- **2008** - Senior Teams dissolved to make room for Minor Hockey Teams
- **2010** - Huge growth in Registrations, as Vancouver Hosts the 2010 Winter Olympics, and the Canadian Women's National Team Wins Gold
- **2014** - Vancouver Female Hockey enters a Santa Claus Parade Float, and has 75 Female Hockey players marching down Georgia St
- **2017** - PCAHA Minor Hockey Association of the Year, PCAHA Executive of the Year
- **2017** - Vancouver Female Hockey becomes the Largest Female Hockey Association within BC with just under 300 registered players. Growth of 20% per year
- **2017** - Vancouver Female Hockey hosts the BC Hockey Bantam Female Provincial Championships - the first time a provincial championship has been hosted in Vancouver

Female Hockey Growth Across the Country

Nationally, female hockey is on a growing trend, as more girls get involved in the sport. Hockey Canada outreach programs, the success of the Canadian National Women's team, and more programs aimed specifically at getting girls involved have been successful.

While boys programs are trending downwards in terms of overall numbers, girls programs are on the rise. However, female hockey players still only make up approx 10% of all players in Canada.

Limits to Growth Specific to Vancouver Female Hockey

There are many barriers to bringing more girls into the sport, and they include:

- Registration Fees
- Equipment Cost
- Attitude Towards the Sport (It's a sport for boys)
- Ice Availability
- Ice Cost
- Awareness of Female Hockey

Our Association has actively worked to remove many of these barriers, but we can't do it alone when it comes to ice cost & availability.

The City of Vancouver has 9 ice rinks available currently, and all are at capacity. If we want to grow female hockey in Vancouver, we have nowhere in the city to go.

Our Association has been sending players outside of the city to play the game they love.

We also have had wait lists in most age groups, where we can't find enough ice facilities available to host these players that want to play. We work very hard to remove barriers, that get girls excited about female hockey, but then have to tell them we can't accept them. This is heartbreaking.

The Opportunity to Lead in Female Hockey

Given the growing trend of female hockey nationally, and the trend of growth our own Association has experienced over the past 8 years, we are now in a position to be a leader in Metro Vancouver, BC, Canada, and the World when it comes to female hockey.

We would love to have a place to play for any girl that wants to try hockey out. Whether they stay involved in the game, or are just trying out a new sport.

As female hockey is more of a social game, we've found that once girls try it out in a risk-free environment, and realize how much fun the game is with a bunch of new friends, they'll want to keep playing. We have found there is very little attrition, and that once registered with our Association, players tend to stick with it, and become lifelong members of the sport.

Keeping girls involved in minor sport is a long term goal of national organizations such as Participaction & Hockey Canada. They've identified having more girls involved in minor sports as a key driver of helping girls lead healthy, fulfilling lives over the long term.

We have an opportunity to bring many more girls into hockey over the long term, and can lead the charge. We've shown there is demand for more - we need to build or convert facilities now to meet the demand. Otherwise, we are placing a limit on how many girls can play the game, while many more boys already have that opportunity.

The Current State of Ice Rinks in Vancouver

The City of Vancouver currently has 9 indoor ice rinks, and 1 outdoor rink:

- Kitsilano
- Kerrisdale
- Hillcrest
- West End (Small Ice)
- Sunset
- Britannia
- Trout Lake
- Killarney
- PNE Agrodome
- Robson Square (Outdoor Small Ice)

These rinks are used by various groups:

- Vancouver Female Hockey Association
- Vancouver Minor Hockey Association
- Vancouver Thunderbirds Minor Hockey
- Vancouver Lacrosse
- Metro Vancouver Ball Hockey
- Vancouver Inline Hockey League
- Figure Skating Groups
- Vancouver Ringette
- Vancouver Speed Skating
- Adult Sport Groups
- Vancouver Park Board Public Programs
- General Public

All of these groups compete for ice & rink space regularly, and as things are at capacity, no group is left with the ice or rink space they need.

Our Association has had to purchase ice from:

- Richmond
- Burnaby
- North Vancouver
- New Westminster
- Delta
- and more, just to provide space for our players to play.

As this ice time is outside of the city, it is not subsidized, and we pay a premium to purchase it. As a result, our registration fees need to rise to cover these costs.

We currently pay in the hundreds of thousands of dollars in ice time outside the City of Vancouver - we'd love to be able to purchase this in Vancouver, rather than pay for it elsewhere. It makes sense for us to provide opportunities to play in Vancouver neighbourhoods, rather than force parents & players to travel elsewhere.

If we're trying to promote & grow female hockey by removing barriers, cost & availability of ice times remains a persistent issue. Our Association has risen to the challenge, by removing barriers that we can control, but with these new barriers, we will need help.

Why Build More Rinks in Vancouver?

Our Association currently spends hundreds of thousands of dollars in other cities to allow more girls to play. These are funds that could be spent in Vancouver towards community rinks & community centres.

Having more rinks in Vancouver means local players can play in their local neighbourhoods. Currently, they have to travel further out to play.

Building more rinks in Vancouver helps everyone. All minor & adult sport groups all want the same thing - more facility space to grow their programs. Right now, all Associations must turn people away once they fill up. If Vancouver wants to be known as a healthy city, and there is demand for healthy activities, but no facility space, this will hurt everyone over the long term.

Building more facilities in Vancouver helps the City meet its Green City Goals, by having families travel less to get to local rinks. Currently, families must travel further to attend practices and games, and this can be mitigated by having more local rinks.

Having more local rinks means Vancouver becomes a destination for minor sport. Currently, it is extremely difficult for a minor sport association to host a tournament or large event, due to space restrictions.

Our Association hosted the BC Hockey Bantam Female Provincial Championships for the first time ever in Vancouver recently. This took an extreme amount of logistics and planning to make happen, and was hampered by facility availability. We would love to host more of these types of events, but will need more space.

While Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, our Association, and all levels of Government agree that getting more girls and women involved in Minor Sport is a worthy goal, we do not believe that parity with boys registration numbers is possible without more facility space. This is truly a case of 'if you build it, they will come!'

Why Repurpose Existing Facilities?

There are various existing facilities in Vancouver that can be repurposed to become available for minor sport:

- Pacific Coliseum
- PNE Forum Building
- Others?

Opening these facilities to minor sport & adult groups would be huge in allowing more programs to flourish. They can also be more cost effective than building new facilities.

Where Can We Build in Vancouver?

The current appetite for more facility space must be balanced with the need for green space. The Riley Park arena neighbourhood group negotiations are a prime example of how different areas of the city react to additional facilities vs green space.

If a new rink was to be built, we would assume the best place to place one would be next to an existing rink. Looking at all the rinks in Vancouver, the best place to build one would be Killarney Community Centre.

Most other rinks are in cramped areas, where another rink wouldn't make sense. However, Killarney has space next to the rink, and the Killarney Community Centre Board of Directors has endorsed the idea of adding a new rink.

The Vancouver Park Board was asked to look into this approx 2 years ago, and ended up asking their staff to commission a study on the viability of twinning Killarney Arena. As far as we know, nothing has come of this.

Otherwise, Industrial areas of the City would also make sense. Spaces south of Marine Drive, near Kent Ave would work. The Terminal Ave or Great Northern Way areas would also make sense.

Full size rinks are not even necessary to help ease the demand - Half size, or mini rinks would go a long way to helping meet the demand.

What Types of Facilities Would Work?

While full size rinks and their associated buildings can be costly, there may be another way.

So called 'temporary structures', such as the Poirier Forum is a prime example of a building that can meet the demand, but also be cost effective.

The Poirier Forum has a full ice sheet and plant, along with dressing rooms, washrooms, and a small area of stands for watching events. It is enclosed by what looks like a bubble or dome shape. These types of building are typically used for temporary buildings, but they don't have to be treated as such. The Poirier Forum is definitely not a temporary structure.

It would be well worth it to contact the Coquitlam Parks and Recreation Dept, and ask about this facility, as it could pave the way to more facilities.

Other options include building Small Ice facilities, where small ice surfaces are built together. These types of facilities are great for practice ice or younger age group games. This facility doesn't take a lot of space, and would go a long way into solving some of the ice time issues.

A great example of this is Excellent Ice in Surrey: <https://excellentice.com/>

Having two rinks beside each other also helps minor sport & adult groups run tournaments in Vancouver. This would help bring more sport tourism into the city, as local groups are able to host tournaments to attract out-of-town visiting teams.

How do Other Cities Compare?

When we take a look at other Metro Vancouver Cities, we can see they have much smaller populations than Vancouver, yet have more rinks available

City of Vancouver

Population: 630,000

Number of Rinks: 9

Rinks per 100000: 1.42

City of Richmond

Population: 198,000

Number of Rinks: 8

Rinks per 100000: 4.04

City of Burnaby

Population: 233,000

Number of Rinks: 9 (2 more rinks will be built shortly)
Rinks per 100000: 3.86

Tri-Cities Area (Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam)
Population: 230,000
Number of Rinks: 7
Rinks per 100000: 3.04

City of Surrey:
Population: 518,000
Number of Rinks: 11 (with more planned)
Rinks per 100000: 2.12

Cities of North Vancouver/West Vancouver
Population: 180,000
Number of Rinks: 6
Rinks per 100000: 3.33

The City of Surrey recently announced they will be hosting the famous Hayley Wickenheiser Tournament starting in 2019. They were able to attract the tournament because of ample facilities that are capable of hosting the tournament (multi-rink facility, ice availability).

We would love to host a tournament such as this in Vancouver, which brings in teams from across the globe (Finland, Mexico, Japan, etc...). However, we need the facilities to do so.

Rough Budget Concerns & Questions

Our Association currently spends 100's of thousands on ice rink times outside of the City of Vancouver. If we include the boys associations - Vancouver Minor Hockey Association (VMHA - East Vancouver) and the Vancouver Thunderbirds Hockey Association (VTMHA - West Vancouver) - there is more than enough demand for more ice rinks.

If we were to combine the amounts that all three of these hockey associations spend outside the city, there is more than enough funds to justify the operating costs of a new rink facility.

The issue then becomes available land and the capital costs of building a new facility. Killarney Park currently has an ample source of city owned land, where the community is open to the addition of a new facility.

Assuming this answers the available land question, the capital costs would be part of the City of Vancouver Capital Plan (2019-2022). These discussions are happening right now, and this could be part of the planning.

Dragnea, Irina

From: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 10:56 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: In Support of the rezoning of site 750 Pacific Boulevard

City Council,
Mayor,
City of Vancouver

Re: Proposed Development at 750 Pacific Boulevard

As a born and bred citizen of Vancouver and a long time resident in the Downtown Vancouver, False Creek area, I would like to add my voice to the discussion of the planned amenities being discussed for the site, 750 Pacific Blvd. I have seen many changes to the area considered Downtown, Yale Town, False Creek and the West End. More and more people are finding the lifestyle that accompanies these locations very attractive, which in turn is pushing the density to the limits. That being said, development is nowhere near being completed and will probably last longer than most people in the City Planning Department thought possible. With density, comes many problems. Situations which will be looked into as the City prepares to tackle the many new bodies moving to the area.

Vancouver has been afforded a wonderful opportunity which will certainly alleviate some major concerns, and strain on the proverbial pocket book. I cannot think of a greater gift falling into the lap of False Creek and the surrounding areas, as the rezoning at 750 Pacific Boulevard. There is not one "con" to any of the proposed amenities. I commend the Aquilinis and their partners for putting forth such an ambitious undertaking that will be so beneficial to so many.

What a twofold opportunity for the communities an ice arena would serve. One; to afford children that may not get the chance to see a professional hockey game, to actually see some of their heroes in person and in action. This could be so inspirational. (I cannot imagine that the Administration of the Canucks would not offer the schools in the area a chance to come and watch a practice and interact with the players.) Two; The opportunity for children in the communities to go ice skating. Some type of program could be initiated between the Vancouver School Board and the Directors of the new facility. Again, something they may never have the chance to do. With the population of young families in these communities and the probability of an influx of more young families there will always be the need for a daycare centre. This is an excellent opportunity for City Planners to be on top of a growing communities' needs. There are probably more amenities to be included in this undertaking, all for the good of the communities.

It is a chance for the community to have a voice in the direction of their neighborhoods. I, for one, am very excited about the prospect of an amenity of any type that one and all can enjoy. Hopefully we will move forward soon.

Warm Regards,

Gary Stevens
Vancouver Fire Department
District Fire Chief, Retired

Dragnea, Irina

From: Zenya Kasubuchi s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 12:33 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 750 Pacific Boulevard - Sub-area 6B - Plaza of Nations

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council:

This is a brief email to express my very strong support for the redevelopment proposal for the Plaza of Nations Land.

Our clinic, the Allan McGavin Sports Medicine Centre, has been a tenant at the Plaza of Nations for the past 17years. We have seen a lot of changes over this time but none are more exciting to us than the proposed redevelopment.

Our clinic is very involved in this community and we feel that our patients and the residents around the Plaza of Nations will greatly benefit from the proposal of a Community Centre/Ice Rink, a Sports Science Centre, a Public Plaza, Residential Housing, and Commercial Retail. As well, this vibrant development along the waterfront will attract tourists to our beautiful city and seawall.

Our clinic is hoping to be part of this, and respectfully request that you support this waterfront redevelopment proposal.

Sincerely,

Zenya Kasubuchi,

Managing Partner,

Allan McGavin Sports Medicine Centre Physiotherapy

Dragnea, Irina

From: VMHA President s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 1:13 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 750 Pacific Blvd new Ice Rink

City of Vancouver,

On behalf of Vancouver Minor Hockey Association I would like to fully support a full sized ice rink at 750 Pacific Blvd which would be shared with the Vancouver Canucks and minor sport groups.

VMHA is at capacity due to available ice. We need to rent a significant part of our ice needs from Burnaby 8-rinks and in the past we have also rented ice in Langley.

We have lobbied hard for a second ice surface at Britannia but it is unclear that will materialize. A second ice surface at Killarney or in the River District would help greatly too.

Living in Grandview Woodlands neighborhood and driving around the city I am constantly reminded of the densification of the city I love. More and more people are moving to and staying in Vancouver.

As an example of the popularity of Hockey, we have run "first shift" program which is an introduction to hockey and gear is provided for \$199. New Canadians are very interested in hockey and this program sells out in a day. Add to this the existing Canadian culture of hockey and our existing members and this explains how our association is at capacity. Also Vancouver is hosting the world juniors hockey tournament.

I look forward too seeing you Tuesday.

Thanks,
Kevin
President Vancouver Minor Hockey Association

Dragnea, Irina

From: John Lavery s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 3:47 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 750 Pacific Blvd

I would like to express my support for a proposed ice rink at the former Plaza of Nations site.

Ice facilities are always in high demand, and there is significant value in an additional facility. I would recommend that the following considerations be given as requirements for this facility:

- That, through the proposed primary use of the facility as a training facility for the Vancouver Canucks, that it be designated primarily as a Hockey facility.
- That, wherever possible, synergies between the Canucks and local hockey (primarily minor hockey) be explored to maximize community benefit of this space, which is replacing a previously important public space. This may include benefits through coaching spaces, training facilities, and opportunities for community-based camps to utilize the space.
- That due consideration be given to accessibility and parking, recognizing the requirement for at least 70-100 parking spaces at a hockey facility, which considers 30 players (15 per team) for the team on the ice, as well as the teams preparing to play, and the teams who have just recently played.
- That consideration be given to increase the vertical dimensions of such a facility in order to increase its functionality. With a rink taking a large amount of space, there may be benefit in exploring subfloors or upper floors for meeting rooms, training facilities, etc.
- That community groups such as minor hockey groups (i.e. Vancouver Minor Hockey, Thunderbirds Minor Hockey) be consulted specifically to assist in determining best possible uses of the space.

I look forward to continuing to be a part of the process

Regards

John Lavery

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Burke, Teresita

From: Joelle Calof s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 6:16 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 777 Pacific Blvd & 750-772 Pacific Blvd.

Importance: High

Mayor Robertson and Members of Council,

As a local developer and resident in the area (939 Expo Blvd) I fully support the re-development of 777 Pacific Blvd and 750-772 Pacific Blvd. The Plaza of Nations site is an important piece of the Northeast False Creek Plan (NEFC) and follows the successful completion of the Parq Casino project in 2017. Over the past 5 years the seawall expansion along this stretch of False Creek has evolved beautifully, as evidenced by the thousands of joggers, dog walkers, families and cyclists who frequent the newly paved paths every week. Developing the adjacent lots is essential to completing the overall vision for the area and this development proposal makes thoughtful and well balanced contributions with 30 storeys of residential, commercial, social housing, and numerous community amenities.

777 Pacific Blvd. achieves multiple objectives outlined in the NEFC Design Guidelines including water to water development, a well-defined Georgia Gateway corridor, an addition to Pacific Boulevard's 'Great Street' and stunning views of BC Place with its iconic spires and lights, which I enjoy nightly from my 22nd storey condo facing Smithe Street. When I spoke last week at the Chinatown Policy Amendments Public Hearing, I emphasized the importance of using Design Guidelines as a roadmap to successful urban development. Design Guidelines respond to a world we want to live in. To pursue urban development without them, we are simply reacting to a world we are dissatisfied with.

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Burke, Teresita

From: cory french s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 7:18 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 750 Pacific Blvd

Cory French
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

I am writing in Big Support for the proposed new ice rink in false creek south east. Both my kids play hockey or ringette and our great city is in need of more Ice rinks.

Thanks and good luck

Cory French

Burke, Teresita

From: Mike V. s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, July 07, 2018 10:07 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 750 – 772 Pacific Boulevard (Plaza of Nations)

From a presentation given by the CoV planning department to HUB, looking at the models and reading about the project, I am in full support of it. It is so complete - public ice rink and plazas, community centre, access to the water, daycare, restaurants, and market and non-market housing. And, from the models, I think it looks great!

Thank you.

Mike Vlasman

Burke, Teresita

From: Heymann Yip s.22(1) Personal and
Sent: Saturday, July 07, 2018 5:24 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Plaza of Nations Ice Rink

To Whom It May Concern,

I was told by a member in the hockey community that a rink was slated for the Plaza of Nations. I was ecstatic to hear of the new for another rink in Vancouver.

We are so short of ice rinks that my daughter has either very early or very late practice times during the weekdays throughout the school year.

I am in full support of this proposed ice rink!

Regards,
Heymann Yip

Burke, Teresita

From: janice douglas s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, July 07, 2018 7:47 PM
To: mayorgregorrobertson@vancouver.ca; Ball, Elizabeth; Reimer, Andrea; Affleck, George; Carr, Adriane; Deal, Heather; clrgenova@vancouver.ca; Jang, Kerry; Louie, Raymond; Stevenson, Tim; Bremner, Hector
Cc: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning 750 Pacific boulevard

As owners, parents and grandparents in Citygate we want to give our support to the rezoning of 750 Pacific Blvd **IF** it will secure much needed amenities for the community. The proposed amenities from the developer may begin to compensate for the huge densification that has come to our area and is expected to increase.

A 2010 NEFC Recreation Needs Assessment determined that there were two large recreation needs for the area: an ice rink and a swimming pool. While the community would be well served with both, after much discussion between the community and the consultants it was decided that the ice arena would be the most beneficial to the area and to the city as a whole. The existing ice arena stock is mostly rented to capacity from early morning until late at night and in 2010, eight years ago, it was suggested that in 20 years the city would need another ice arena to accommodate the growing population, especially downtown. At that time as well, it was pointed out, there may not be land or money to build and manage it.

The owner/developer is offering as a significant community amenity the building and management of an ice arena on the Plaza site., along with a long awaited community space, a 69 child daycare and a music presentation centre. While they are proposing that the Arena will be used as a Canucks training arena from 5 am to noon , five days a week during hockey season, from noon onward it will be used by the public. As our community grows, more buildings, more residents the need for recreation grows too, Especially for children and youth. The arena would also be a great addition to the two schools in the area with the possibility of school programs.

This is a particularly critical recreation need as most condos have little or no green space for children and families and most stratas will not allow young people, even under supervision, to use their exercise rooms. These facilities are crucial to making this a truly livable community for families.

This proposal also has our vote as the design plan shows the buildings to be terraced to allow for more light. Views of BC place will be protected and buildings **will not impede view cones!!!!**

As this last piece of downtown is fully developed, let's make a truly spectacular place to live, work and play; a place for all ages especially families.

Janice Douglas
Grant Douglas
Conor Douglas

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Public Hearing for the Re-Zoning of the Plaza of Nations as part of the NE False Creek Development: Support for Music Presentation Centre

As members of Vancouver's diverse and vibrant music community, we applaud the inclusion of the proposed Music Presentation Centre in the NEFC plans for the Plaza of Nations, in particular its recognition of the needs for acoustic excellence, two venues and space to support diversity and accessibility in music creation, development, presentation, education and enjoyment.

The Vancouver Independent Music Centre Society was established in 2011 to develop the VIM House—a well-designed, acoustically excellent space for the performance and appreciation of all genres of live music, to support creativity, showcase local and world talent, to provide music education and outreach and ultimately to bring communities together.

While we may benefit from co-locating the music centre with a larger venue, the City or its Designate requires exclusive use of the entire music centre facility to support a sustainable business model. This will ensure that the provision of community programming will not be compromised, and that revenue generation from ancillary spaces, such as the lobby café/ bar, can support affordable presentation and education space.

To this end, we hope that minor changes can be made to allow the City or its Designate complete control over the Centre's accessibility, its long term operational sustainability and capacity for change through thoughtful programming and well managed operations.

We thank the Mayor and Council and its staff for recognizing the value and need for a successful, supportive and sustainable music centre for Vancouver in this application for re-zoning of the Plaza of Nations.

Yours truly,

Chris Kelly, President

On behalf of the Vancouver Independent Music Centre Society (VIM House)

Burke, Teresita

From: Petra Pelsma s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, July 08, 2018 8:30 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 750 Pacific Blvd

Hello,

Please accept this email as an indication of support for the community amenity ice rink proposed for this development.

Vancouver is in dire need of more ice rink/arena facilities to foster and support ice sport growth - especially for female hockey.

Vancouver Female Ice Hockey Association is BC's largest female ice hockey Association and we are experiencing growth that can't be handled with current ice allocations. We need more ice rink facilities in all parts of the city (downtown, Marpole, Britannia) to be able to provide ice hockey opportunities to all of the girls who would like to play hockey.

Thank you,
Petra Pelsma

VFIHA VP
s.22(1) Personal
and Confidential

Sent from my iPhone

Burke, Teresita

From: Lorie Srivastava s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, July 08, 2018 4:05 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 750 Pacific Blvd

Dear Sir/Madam,

Since the Olympics, I have been hoping for more rinks in Vancouver, but have been disappointed as more and more land is simply turned into housing.

As a family we want to stay in Vancouver, but are finding it increasingly challenging as public family spaces are few and far between, with very little increase over the last 10-15 years.

A rink that would be available to groups such as girls hockey leagues will be very welcome! I very much support the new rink!

The Olympics were an inspiration to our young daughter and she enthusiastically joined hockey and continues to play to this day. A team sport that does not depend on an electronic device is always welcome, and facilities that will help her and other children in the city more easily pursue a sport they enjoy is a huge asset to Vancouver families, our community, and our city.

Thank you!

Lorie

"If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants"
Sir Isaac Newton

Lorie Srivastava

Burke, Teresita

From: Krista Prins s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, July 08, 2018 4:09 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 750 Pacific Blvd

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to show my support for a new ice rink facility to be built at 750 Pacific Blvd. Vancouver is a city that loves its ice sports and I have found there to be an ice time shortage here.

I have been part of adult women's ice hockey on a recreational and competitive level in Vancouver since I moved here in 2006, and have also been volunteering as a minor hockey coach with the Vancouver Angels (all-female minor hockey) since 2010. We are often scrambling for ice times outside of Vancouver in order to meet the needs for practices and games. To have another ice surface or two or three in our city would be amazing. There is no doubt that if this were to be built, it would be used at full capacity immediately!

Thank you for your time,
Krista Prins

6 July 2018

RE: Proposed New Arena on Plaza of Nations, Vancouver

To Whom It May Concern:

Currently all the Minor Sport groups (Figure Skating, Hockey, Speed Skating and Ringette) run their programs out of the six City of Vancouver Ice Arenas (Hillcrest, Kerrisdale/Cyclone Taylor, Killarney Centre, Kitsilano, Sunset, and Trout Lake).

All of these Minor Sport groups are running at full capacity based on the ice available to them at their local Arena. The Minor Sporting Groups are having to resort to waiting lists or having to turn kids and youth away from their programs, and are in need of more available ice time to accommodate demand for their programs as population density and registration requests continues to increase City-wide.

During Spring and Summer only two City Rinks are open for ice – Hillcrest and Sunset. This results in less ice time to share amongst all the sport groups. Many of the Minor Sport groups operate year round not just in the Fall and Winter.

The need for another Ice Arena in the City of Vancouver is greatly needed due to the demands on the current facilities.

We are all in support of another Ice Arena in the City of Vancouver.

Sincerely,

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential



Barbara Wagner, Chair Ice Allocation Committee

Burke, Teresita

From: Warren Lowe s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, July 08, 2018 7:49 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: City of Vancouver Re: Public Hearing for #750 Pacific Blvd

To whom it may concern; regarding the rezoning of land at #750 Pacific Blvd.

As longtime residents of the NEFC area (The Brighton at 120 Milross Ave); my wife and I strongly support the proposed redevelopment plan for #750 Pacific Blvd, contingent on the developer delivering the proposed community amenities listed below.

Those proposed amenities were:

- 1) building and management of an ice arena on the former Plaza site,
- 2) building a community space,
- 3) building a 69 child daycare,
- 4) building a music presentation centre.

I am also a member of the Brighton Strata Council, which also supports this rezoning application with the proposed new amenities for all of our NEFC residents.

Sincerely,

Warren Lowe
Pauline Lowe

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Burke, Teresita

From: // Ten Thousand Wolves // s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, July 08, 2018 11:14 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: In Support for Music Presentation Centre - Rezoning Application - 750-772 Pacific Boulevard (Northeast False Creek Sub-area 6B — Plaza of Nations)

Dear Council Members,

My name is Barbara Adler, and I am a lifelong Vancouver resident, as well as a musician, writer and event programmer/producer.

I am very excited to hear that a music presentation centre is included in the plan for the Plaza of Nations Redevelopment, and thank the council for all of its efforts so far in creating a strategy that could positively impact so many.

For me, stable, accessible and safe presentation spaces are vital ingredients in both artistic innovation and community building.

Growing audiences for live music can be challenging, and especially so for innovative, thought-provoking and new forms. This is where the character of a space can play a huge role, by creating a feeling of inclusiveness, stability and warmth. Through the City of Vancouver's support of a music presentation centre that is responsive and physically accessible to broad communities, we have the opportunity to make our music scene more welcoming to more people. We can find connections between different genres of music, and encourage both audiences and artists to explore more, to be curious, engaged and sensitive to a wider range of experiences and expressions.

Artists need their audiences to be diverse, for more than just economic reasons. Without encouragement, feedback and dialogue from a wide community, artists can lose touch with cultural discussions, and lose their relevance. The flip side of that, where artists are met by the wide perspectives of an engaged and diverse audience is truly exciting, and represents the kind of dialogue I hope for, as both an artist and as a Vancouver resident.

I am extremely hopeful that the proposed music presentation centre would help artists and event programmers better engage with the cultural life of Vancouver, and that this would in turn result in even more vibrancy in our musical communities.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my comments, and for your effort and energy in reviewing this very exciting proposal.

All best,

Barbara

Ten Thousand Wolves is the music, writing and theatre projects of Canadian artist Barbara Adler.
www.tenthousandwolves.com

Burke, Teresita

From: Jared Burrows s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 7:52 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: re; Rezoning Application - 750-772 Pacific Boulevard (Northeast False Creek Sub-area 6B — Plaza of Nations)

Hello

I am writing in support of the Rezoning Application - 750-772 Pacific Boulevard (Northeast False Creek Sub-area 6B — Plaza of Nations).

In particular, I wish to express my support and enthusiasm for the proposed music centre that will be part of this development.

As a musician, music educator, music presenter, and avid concert-goer in Vancouver, I see the creation of this music presentation centre as essential to the cultural development of the city.

Dr. Jared Burrows

s.22(1) Personal and
Confidential

Burke, Teresita

From: Paul Whitney s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 9:03 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 750 Pacific Boulevard - Sub-area 6B - Plaza of Nations

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my support for the inclusion of a Music Presentation Centre (MPC) as part of the civic amenities under consideration for the redevelopment of North East False Creek (NEFC).

I am a volunteer with the Vancouver Independent Music Centre Society (VIM) and currently serve as Vice Chair of the VIM Board. The vision for the NEFC MPC as expressed in the staff report under consideration by Council closely mirrors the aspirations of VIM for a dedicated music performance space in Vancouver. This is very much appreciated.

I recognize that the delivery model envisaged for the MPC in the report before Council is not the usual approach for a civic amenity in a new development. There is no reason that the proposed approach would not work as long as the final agreement with the developer recognizes the importance of exclusive use of the MPC by its non-profit operator. The ability to control the fit-out of the space and venue bookings as well as realizing revenue from food and drink services are among the areas where exclusive use would be important in ensuring the operator's financial viability. This exclusive use would not preclude sharing space in the delivery of some back-of-house functions. I am confident that with direction and support from Council, City staff will be able to negotiate an operating model for the MPC which will deliver a much needed acoustically superior and affordable music performance space for Vancouver's musicians, promoters and audience members.

As a Vancouverite who is a passionate music fan, with regrettably no musical ability, I urge Council support for this exciting project.

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Whitney
s.22(1) Personal and
Confidential

Burke, Teresita

From: bradshaw pack s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 10:24 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: VIM House Support

To the Council:

Support from Vancouver City Council towards an independent music space such as VIM House is long overdue. There has been a need for the city to acknowledge and recognize the numerous world class musicians that live and work here in Vancouver. These musicians individually and collectively are a crucial component in the cultural health and wealth of the city. I could provide a long list of Vancouver musicians who are not just focused on their own goals of excellence, but often volunteer their talents in the spirit of making a strong and healthy music community. The names Peggy Lee and Jeremy Burkmann, two past winners of the Mayor's Arts Award, immediately come to mind. Additionally I would like to point to the Sawdust Collector series held every rainy Tuesday night at the Gold Saucer Studio. This is a series run by the collective of Cole Schmidt, Barbara Adler, and James Meagher. This series runs the gamut in terms of musical style and levels, often interdisciplinary, inclusive and eclectic, and intergenerational. There is no personal glory or financial gain for Schmidt, Adler, and Meagher in running the series; in fact, it is in the spirit of community and the arts that they stay till 1am mopping floors and tallying the receipts. This is but one example of the often overlooked efforts that many in our community make towards keeping Vancouver culturally alive and healthy.

Thank you for considering my words,

Sincerely,

Bradshaw Pack

Burke, Teresita

From: Donald Hardy s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 10:49 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Plaza of Nations re-development

Dear Council members:

Re: Proposed Plaza of Nations Music Centre

I am a working musician and music therapist in the Lower Mainland. I am a resident and taxpayer in Vancouver and have seen the performance possibilities for musicians in non liquor sales related venues become less and less affordable for artists to present their work.

This redevelopment idea to create a Music Centre is a small step in the direction to address that concern. London, England has seen scores of artists leave due to unaffordability of housing and rehearsal and performance venues. Vancouver now has a unique opportunity to *not* go down that same path.

When presented with the same dilemma, Austin, Texas chose to promote music in their RiverFront re-development. They now have a vibrant music tourism economy that is not based on cultural history (like the music tourism economies of Havana, New Orleans, Salzburg or Vienna to name a few) but one that was invented through creative public thinking.

The danger is that the developer will not support this past the zoning approval process; that buyers of condos above the site will complain about noise (think New Orleans French Quarter re-development where new residents complain about venues that have existed for 150 years or more). There must be post zoning approval thought put into the process to ensure that this Music Centre is supported by the developer and City Hall past this initial phase.

This a chance to really make a difference in the quality of life in Vancouver.

Sincerely,

Don Hardy, BMT, MTA
MTC Studio Inc.

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

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Inclusion happens when people are included.

Burke, Teresita

From: Veronika [s.22(1) Personal and Confidential]
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 11:34 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning: 750 Pacific Blvd

Dear Members of Vancouver City Council,

Re: Rezoning: 750 Pacific Blvd

I am writing today to express my support of the application for rezoning the site at 750 Pacific Blvd **IF** the proposed amenities are also included (ice rink, daycare, and music presentation centre). As a long-time resident of Vancouver (50 years) and currently residing in the NE False Creek area, the proposed amenities are sorely needed in the area to ensure this area is liveable for generations to come.

In addition to the amenities, the design of the structure is complimentary to the area. The proposed site plan reconnects the waterfront walkway and the height of the project will not significantly impede the view corridor. This will also help to encourage further development in the area is built to such standards.

The amenity contributions included in this project will have the greatest impact for residents who are making their **homes** in the area. Families can live a sustainable lifestyle, which the City is actively promoting, by having recreation and arts facilities within walking and biking distance. Schools in the area can take advantage of keeping our children healthy and active. People of all ages will be better served by the proposed development.

By supporting this project, you provide a framework of what can be achieved in balancing a sustainable, livable community with developers' needs.

Sincerely,

Veronika Metchie

[s.22(1) Personal and Confidential]

Burke, Teresita

From: James Meger s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 11:42 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Plaza of Nations Rezoning, Letter of support for proposed Music Presentation Centre

Dear Council Members,

My name is James Meger, and I am a lifelong Vancouver resident, as well as a musician and local event organizer.

I am writing in support of the proposed music presentation centre that is to be part of the upcoming Plaza of Nations Redevelopment project. As someone who has performed and organized concerts in many of the city's live music and performance spaces over the past 14 years, it's incredibly exciting to hear that a space which could positively impact such a diverse range of musical activity is being taken into consideration.

It's commonly talked about in the music community that accessible spaces to perform live are becoming more and more scarce. Many artists simply don't have the resources to rent out certain spaces that are most desirable for live performance, at least on an semi-regular basis without the help of grant money. As a result many local and international artists end up performing most frequently in unideal settings such as restaurants or privately organized concert series' in alternative spaces. While those venues always have and always will be a component of a vibrant music community they often lack many favorable qualities for live performance such as good acoustics, technical support, accessibility and public visibility. My hope would be that a dedicated new performance space in the city would prioritize all of these elements as part of its main goals.

I think it's also important to note that like any healthy ecosystem the long standing foundations of our world-class music community here are nurtured by people doing work of dramatically different scale. Simply put, some artists are making work for larger audiences and some for smaller audiences, but both feed each other and are essential to the fabric of the scene that we have here today. I think it will be essential for any new performance space to prioritize accommodating this wide range of activity in its construction and design. This means first and foremost the design of either multiple performance spaces of various sizes and acoustic design or a modular performance space that can be modified for different capacities. I believe it also means careful consideration of how to make a sustainable environment for many musical activities that by nature do not generate large revenues, as well as many that do.

I am confident that many of these issues are already being considered by the council and am extremely grateful for the work that has gone into putting together this proposed project for a stable and diverse music performance space in Vancouver. I look forward to attending the upcoming meetings and staying engaged with the progress of this project.

Sincerely,

James
Meger

Burke, Teresita

From: Jim Flight s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 11:51 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 750 Pacific Boulevard - Sub-area 6B - Plaza of Nations

I support this application and would enjoy it being put in place.

Jim Flight Vancouver

Burke, Teresita

From: Ken Pickering s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 11:53 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 750 Pacific Boulevard - Sub-area 6B - Plaza of Nations

To Whom it May Concern,

I was involved in the early development (as a board member) of the VIM (Vancouver Independent Music Centre) concept, however had to step down due primarily to health reasons a couple of years back.

I'll make this succinct. The VIM concept is long overdue in Vancouver and completely necessary for the future viability of the independent music scene in this city. Most major centres in the western world (and points east as well) have functioning centres for all disciplines in the arts. Vancouver is covered in theatre, dance etc - BUT not music. That's a problem. A big problem not to be underestimated.

Music is at the mercy of alternative spaces (meaning shops, churches, warehouses), expensive rentals, inappropriate rooms (dance studios, theatres not meant for music performance) that require a complete technical setup with each concert - the list goes on. It's really a pathetic situation, one that I'm intimately acquainted with as the artistic director of Coastal Jazz for 32 years. Venues and the costs thereof and availability have been a perennial problem since day one and today it's worse than ever before with so many venues of various sorts having closed down. We've had to pass on many touring opportunities due to the lack of appropriate venues.

We all know that the exorbitant cost of real estate in this over priced city, where the main business seems to be land speculation and money laundering has played havoc with the economic viability and existence of venues for independent music, whether it's jazz, world, chamber, folk etc.

This is a watershed moment for Vancouver. I wholeheartedly support the planning and development of a purpose built, culturally diverse, affordable and accessible music centre run by knowledgeable people for the city of Vancouver. It's 100% necessary.

Sincerely,
Ken Pickering

Ken Pickering - Founding Artistic Director (Emeritus) / Co-founder

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Burke, Teresita

From: Sarah Ballantyne s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 12:04 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Expression of Support for NEFC Music Presentation Centre - as part of rezoning application for 750-772 Pacific Blvd (Plaza of Nations)

June 9, 2018

To the Mayor and Council:

Re: NEFC Music Presentation Centre, as part of rezoning 750-772 Pacific Blvd (Plaza of Nations)

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to write in support of the NEFC Music Presentation Centre which forms part of a rezoning application for 750-772 Pacific Blvd (Plaza of Nations).

In my 25+ years working as a music presenter in Vancouver (mostly with Early music Vancouver), as a volunteer with a number of Vancouver's music organisations, as an avid concert attendee to many genres of music, as a former professional musician, and as a parent of two teen-aged children pursuing music studies, I am very aware of the need for such a space as this.

I have presented and/or attended concerts in almost every conceivable venue, from the Orpheum Theatre, to any number of churches, to school auditoriums. Rarely has a venue met the needs of the music being presented, either from an acoustical standpoint, to cost, to comfort, to reliable availability, to accessibility.

Vancouver's spaces used for music presentation are largely spaces that are built for other purposes than music and are thus not reliable venues. Having an acoustically superior space built to the needs of the music community (performers, presenters, and audience), will go a very long way to fill a longstanding gap in Vancouver's arts community.

The time is here to fully recognise and support the fullness and vitality of Vancouver's music community and I applaud this step forward!

With thanks for your careful consideration,

Sarah Ballantyne

Burke, Teresita

From: Dzung Vo s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 12:15 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Support for the Music Presentation Centre

Hello Vancouver:

I am a Vancouver resident and voter. I am also a music fan, and an amateur jazz musician. I am writing in support of the proposal for a Music Presentation Center at the Plaza of Nations in Vancouver:

<http://vancouverjazz.com/2018/07/vancouver-independent-music-centre-needs-your-help.html>

Vancouver has many things to love. However, compared to other world-class cities of comparable size (Portland Oregon, Seattle WA), Vancouver's arts, culture, and music scene is under-performing in my opinion. This may be in part because Vancouver is a relatively young city, and a thriving music tradition takes decades if not centuries to develop.

Vancouver has the opportunity to speed up the development of it's music offerings with a Music Presentation Center, which will help Vancouver to truly achieve world-class status. I urge the city to support this project.

Warmly,

Dzung Vo
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Dragnea, Irina

From: Elisa Thorn s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 12:25 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Letter of support for the public hearing of Rezoning Application, 750 Pacific Boulevard

Dear Council Members,

My name is Elisa Thorn, and I am a professional musician and music educator in Vancouver.

I am writing to express my support for the rezoning application of 750 Pacific Boulevard to include a music presentation centre.

There is a vibrant and generous music community here in Vancouver, and access to stable, accessible and safe presentation spaces are vital for artistic innovation and community building.

I am constantly approached by music students, music lovers and curious residents of the city about where or how to go to interesting, non-mainstream music and art events in Vancouver. Even as a very active member of those communities, it is often hard for me to offer direct advice, because we are lacking in inclusive and consistent spaces. Through the City of Vancouver's support of a music presentation centre that is responsive and physically accessible to broad communities, we have the opportunity to make our music scene more welcoming to more people. We can find connections between different genres of music, and encourage both audiences and artists to explore more, to be curious, engaged and sensitive to a wider range of experiences and expressions.

Arts and culture provide an irreplaceable opportunity for dialogue, exchange and community building. Access to the general public and a diverse audience is a very important part of the impact music can have. Artists need their audiences to be diverse, for more than just economic reasons. Without encouragement, feedback and dialogue from a wide community, artists can lose touch with cultural discussions, and lose their relevance. The flip side of that, where artists are met by the wide perspectives of an engaged and diverse audience is truly exciting, and represents the kind of dialogue I hope for, as both an artist and as a Vancouver resident.

I am extremely hopeful that the proposed music presentation centre would help artists and event programmers better engage with the cultural life of Vancouver, and that this would in turn result in even more vibrancy in our musical communities.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my comments, and for your effort and energy in reviewing this very exciting proposal.

Best,
Elisa

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Dragnea, Irina

From: Cindy Dai - Thiessen s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 12:42 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Regarding Northeast False Creek Sub-area 6B

Hello,

I am highly in favour of the structure being dedicated as the Vancouver Independent Music Centre being built adjacent to the community centre. My husband and I are in our mid-to-late 20's and are both working musicians often involved in the attendance, planning, and or, execution of musical events such as workshops, rehearsals, collaborative jam sessions, concerts, and the like. We would love to see an independent centre catering to the creation and curation of Vancouver-made music. Centres like The Banff Centre for The Arts have been the birthplace for some spectacular Canadian music, why shouldn't Vancouver be the same?

This "music house" would be the best thing to happen for Vancouver musicians to come together and explore musical fellowship. As well the multi-cultural landscape of Vancouver shines through its musicians and this new building would be see the makings of a beautiful harmony of musical cultures.

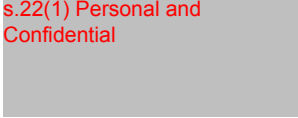
As a part-time event planner, I am also in favour for the reason that the music centre gives way to new and bold events waiting to happen.

Dragnea, Irina

From: Clyde Reed s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 1:15 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: music presentation centre

I am writing in support of the proposed music presentation centre as part of the development of the Plaza of Nations. I have been a music performer based in Vancouver for over 40 years. In my view, the level of musical talent in Vancouver has been, and remains, exceptionally high. But the number of accessible, high quality venues is at an all-time low. The proposed music presentation centre would be a tremendous resource for the musical community, the public, and for visitors to our city.

Clyde Reed
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Dragnea, Irina

From: Nou Dadoun s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 1:40 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: REZONING: 750-772 Pacific Boulevard (Plaza of Nations) – Northeast False Creek Sub-area 6B

Vancouver City Mayor and Councillors,

As a long-time music broadcaster (33 years of the A-Trane on Vancouver Cooperative Radio CFRO), compiler of the weekly A-Trane Calendar of live music events (see <http://vancouverjazz.com/>), a volunteer for many Vancouver music organizations (including many years as a board member of Coastal Jazz - presenters of the TD Vancouver International Jazz Festival) and a long-term fan for many genres of local and international music, I'd like to (emphatically) give my support to the proposal supporting the Music Presentation Centre being incorporated as part of the proposed redevelopment at the Plaza of Nations site.

Others I'm sure will speak to the need for a purpose-built music theatre designed with acoustics and artist/audience logistics in mind - important considerations and justifications! I'd like to speak to the passionate and resourceful music community in Vancouver and the need for a stable space to support that community. In a do-it-yourself response to the lack of ongoing venues, there have been many musician-run spaces popping up in the last few years - I see them come and go on the A-Trane Calendar listings! These spaces are necessarily run on a shoe-string but provided a meeting place for musicians to interact, rehearse, share their work in progress and develop their art.

A stable quality meeting place that meets these needs (and more) and also encourages collaborations across genres and musical circles will tie together communities on grass-roots, national and international levels. This would be in addition to supporting the needs of Vancouver's existing world class music presenting organizations like Coastal Jazz & Blues, Early Music Vancouver, the Vancouver Folk Music Festival as well as offering low-risk options to potential innovative music presenters who currently lack a presentation space.

I have watched the progress of the Vancouver Independent Music Society, their sensible approaches to perennial issues and their comprehensiveness in proposing solutions. Their addressing of substantive issues like acoustics, accessibility, technical support, audience and performance logistics as well as the recognition of the importance of the long-term management model being sustainable and fiscally responsible demonstrates to me that here passion is combined with professionalism.

For these and many other reasons, I wholeheartedly throw my support behind the proposal for the Music Presentation Centre as an important part of this development and a valuable addition to the cultural life of this city.

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Dragnea, Irina

From: D Osoba s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 1:57 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Music Centre - please read before the public hearing Tuesday July 10th

To Whom it May Concern,

The need for more permanent live music venues in Vancouver is paramount.

Although outdoor summer festivals are nice, musicians and their patrons require more permanent venues, for our many months of inclement weather.

As a Vancouver-born resident, I have lost count of the number of live music locations that have come and gone over the decades. Too often, it has been because of expensive developments, with no amenities provided for the arts.

The same can be said for other arts-driven businesses, including galleries, record stores, bookstores, etc.

All of these amenities, including music venues, draw tourists and generate revenue.

However, most importantly, they provide essential experiences for local residents, creating a sense of inspiration and community, and enjoyment.

Vancouver cannot call itself a world-class city, or indeed a city of any worth, if it does not support the arts community.

The city has now become outrageously expensive for Canadians. Even more so, for many of those in the arts.

Consequently, the city must support a Music Centre, as part of the development of the Plaza of Nations, as put forward by VIM House. See their website, below.

www.vimhouse.ca

Sincerely,
D Osoba

Dragnea, Irina

From: Gordon Grdina s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 2:40 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: VIM

As an artist that presents concerts and performs in them all around the world Vancouver is well overdue for a live music venue of this size in our city. The VIM will invigorate the local music scene as well as initiate collaborations with world class artists from all around the globe. This type of venue is necessary to enrich our culture and to celebrate and connect the multicultural diversity that we hold dear. In these times of walls, barricades and ignorance Canada and Vancouver needs to continue to be a shining example of the beauty that can be created when we treat each other with respect and foster open communication and art creation. The VIM project and Venue will be a huge move forward in ensuring this cultural integrity continues for years to come.

Sincerely,

Gordon Grdina (B.Mus)
Band leader, musician, composer, international recording artist

Dragnea, Irina

From: Sasha Dryden s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 2:50 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Music Presentation Centre Plaza of Nations - Letter of Support - Rezoning Application for 750 Pacific Boulevard Sub-area 68

Dear Mayor and council,

As an audience member and a supporter of the Vancouver creative music community for 2 decades I offer my hearty support of the rezoning application to result in a multi-use Music Presentation Centre to benefit and support the multiple music communities living and working within the city. As an active and engaged citizen of Vancouver, I have been concerned in recent years with the challenges and difficulties faced by the cultural sector in our city as affordable, safe, designated and secure spaces to create and present and perform have been sacrificed to overwhelming unchecked development interests.

We are very fortunate in Vancouver to have a dynamic and nearly incomparable group of musicians creating and performing across the spectrum of music genres, for niche and also for mainstream audiences. The caliber of musicianship is world-class and the quality and volume of output is staggering, given the limitations faced at various junctures of the creative process. I've watched with increasing concern as our ability to retain and support the Vancouver creative and affiliated music community has diminished with the pressures and constraints of finding rehearsal and performance spaces that takes valuable time away from the creation process integral to artists developing and sharing their work. The challenges being faced around practice and performance venues that could be reduced with a designated multiple use music centre doesn't even touch on the need to provide affordable homes to the artists whose work provides a fundamental foundation to our 'world-class' city. In any city wishing to be 'world class', a thriving arts community is essential. This proposed centre would put the work and efforts of the music community front and centre and provide a long-term venue that alleviates some of the burdens currently limiting the practice and audience creation experienced by the group.

For other arts communities within Vancouver there are designated multi-use spaces for the practice and presentation of work within that tradition. Dance and Visual arts and multiple theatre venues have ensured that audiences can be reached and artists have places to make those connections and create. For our creative music community, there is no designated space for rehearsal and community building or a performance venue sufficient to support the existing needs that can also allow for growth and audience cultivation. The members of the music community have taken it upon themselves for decades to build those opportunities and to create venues and we have benefited as a city and as individuals from that entrepreneurial energy. With this rezoning proposal, we now have an opportunity to support the community for the decades to come. To help them cultivate new audiences who are invited into a formally supported environment that makes it evident that these are valued, contributing members of our world class city.

I would very much like to know that some of my contributions as a tax payer have directly supported the friends and community that I value now and will also contribute to creating a thriving music hub for future generations of Vancouver.

Thank you for taking this consideration seriously and thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposal.

I look forward to enjoying community and music in the proposed space for years to come.

Best - Sasha Dryden