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2026-07-17	16:19	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Oppose	Please see the attached correspondence which supplements the submissions made in our letter of June 1, 2026.	Eve Munro	Kitsilano	Attachment 1
2026-07-17	16:38	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Oppose	The Havn Project the Maritime Museum wants to put in the Heritage Harbour is fraught with a problems and public concern. First off I would like to say that in a city of our size the small Heritage Harbour is the only curated wooden boat marina in Vancouver. All of these boats have some connection to our west coast Maritime Heritage. Although we are tenants we are a lively community who share our knowledge and stories about our boats to all the Museum patrons who come to the dock. We are touted on their website as: "Heritage Harbour has become so much more than just a marina—it's a vibrant hub where history, creativity, and community come together every day." I feel that having 150 to 200 people a day visit Havn will be detrimental to this important maritime dock. As tenants we are expected to be able to get out of the harbour at anytime with our boats but with a 150' long barge cutting across this very small bay I am not sure that will happen without some dredging which brings up a whole environmental conversation. Other objections: -do we need private for profit companies in our parks? This company is not like a food shack where you can buy a burger but you can buy a \$100 sauna. A bit exclusive. -visually it is a 150' long by 35' wall that blocks the view for the tenants, visitors and beach goers. -The change.org petition has 2300 signatures against this To sum up I feel the Museum itself is not funded well enough by it's city and province and has taken this tactic as an option. I hope you all put on your creative hats and come up with a solution to save this tiny but so important part of history. 5 million to close Granville St?....1 of those million would go a long way to ensure the longevity of the Vancouver Maritime Museum. Please see just one event picture below showing the people coming to see the launch of a West Coast salmon handliner boat built by Oarlock and Sail by dedicated volunteers. That is community!	Valerie Arntzen	Strathcona	

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2026-07-19	10:43	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Oppose	MAYOR AND COUNCIL RIDE MY BIKE FROM MT. PLEASANT EVERY SUMMER TO SWIM AT KITS POINT. I HAVE MET MANY PEOPLE HERE AND SOME WHO ALSO SWIM HERE EVERY SUMMER AS THEY LIVE IN THE AREA. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE BARGE AND ALL AGREE THAT THIS WILL DESTROY OUR SWIMMING BEACH. I SWIM HERE AS WE HAVE LOST THE OUTDOOR MT. PLEASANT POOL IN 2009. THE BARGE WILL WILL TAKE AWAY THE BEAUTIFUL VIEW OF THE MOUNTAINS. I DON'T KNOW WHY ANYONE WOULD WANT TO GO TO AN INDOOR SPA WHEN THEY COULD ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS. THIS IS JUST A CASH GRAB FOR THE MARINE MUSEUM. THERE WILL BE NO PARKING EVEN IF PEOPLE WANT TO GO THERE. I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYONE GOING TO THE MUSEUM AND THE PARKING COSTS WAY TOO MUCH. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS BARGE TO DESTROY OUR BEACH AND SWIMMING. THE BARGE IS WAY TO BIG FOR THIS AREA. PLEASE DO NOT GIVE THE OKAY FOR THIS REZONING LEONA ROTHNEY RAMP	Leona Rothney	Mount Pleasant	

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2026-07-19	18:32	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Oppose	I oppose this proposal. Commercializing our public parks and beaches for any reason is not acceptable, especially in Kitsilano where it's already so crowded. We need more space, not less. These spaces are for the entire community to relax and enjoy to the full extent and free of charge, not parcelled out to a few paying customers to monopolize the best views at everyone else's expense.	Lisa Lackey	Kitsilano	
2026-07-19	18:37	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Oppose	I applaud and wholeheartedly support Mr. Sorokin’s insightful comments regarding the Havn barge and the right to our public views, especially this one, which makes our city so special. If this enormous hunk of metal is installed and the reality of its impact felt, it will be looked upon as Ken Sims and his council’s Folly as well as the VMM’s for many, many years to come.	Lee Griffin		
2026-07-19	18:48	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Oppose	I OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL. It will bring more cars and commercial trucks servicing this barge into the park, increasing traffic, pollution and noise. How will they transfer all their deliveries from the parking lot? Will there be a city road installed to the dock, past the busy dog park and where people gather for the sunsets? Why are the operating hours until 11p at night, every night? 10:00 is the norm for the current facilities in the area and they are usually closed much earlier. The noise at this late hour within the park and carrying across the water will be intrusive, especially as people are exiting through a residential neighbourhood that has traffic often backed up already.	Lee Griffin	Kitsilano	
2026-07-19	20:42	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Oppose	Councilors, We must stop destroying our parks! This commercializing does nothing to improve our/your City. There's no guarantee this foolish move will even make a dime for the VMM. For all our sakes, please reject this application. Thanks, Alex Currie	Alex Currie	Kitsilano	

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2026-07-19	21:24	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Oppose	I do not support the plan to install a spa barge off the shore of Hadden Park. I am against the rezoning of waterfront parks for commercial use because I believe it is important for Vancouver to retain as much unaltered green space as possible for people to enjoy just natural surroundings. One concern is that the barge is completely out of scale and context with the surrounding area and will damage the natural setting, tranquility and open views. From the perspective of somebody who was born in Vancouver 69 years ago I can say that this is a rare space to find as it is sort of off the beaten track in a very popular area and is home to what are in my opinion two of Vancouver's prettiest local beaches; Teatotaler Beach and the un-named dog beach. There are few remaining spaces like this in the city, but the need for them is increasing with the pressures of densification in this area and in the city generally. The impact that is not being talked about is the large number of service vehicles that will be required to travel along park walking trails for the operation and maintenance of this large spa operation. What's next? - the eventual paving of the park walking trail for cars? As made explicit in the City's materials for this rezoning, this spa proposal is not being brought forward to enhance the public's experience of this park and water area, but is solely for the purpose of financially bailing out the Maritime Museum. There is certainly no guarantee that this financial contribution by the City will be sufficient to change that situation, but what will certainly be changed is the public's enjoyment of the park, the water and the views. Rezoning one of Vancouver's most sensitive waterfront settings for a private commercial enterprise is not a good solution. Further, the City has not done their due diligence with respect to this particular form of development. While this clearly is a public opportunity that will be provided to the Museum at nominal cost, there has been no financial assessment of the opportunity. No environmental reviews of impacts to the water areas. There has been no tendering. The City has effectively turned over all decision making with respect to these trust lands to the Museum. That's not my understanding of how this is supposed to work. Finally as these park lands and waters are subject to a public trust for the use, recreation and enjoyment of the public, they should not be subject to business commercialization. They should be protected and managed with the singular purpose of the trust.	Darwin Piroshco	Kitsilano	

2026-07-19	21:44	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Oppose	Dear Council members: I am very concerned about the possibility of significant change to Hadden Park and ask you carefully reconsider this proposal. It will significantly change the character of the neighbourhood. I thought the status of HP had been settled some years ago. I lived in Kits Point from 1980 until 2023 in strata units (Walnut St then Greer Avenue). I left to move into Independent Living -- at the time I was very concerned about the proposed traffic plans and the dramatic change that would mean. This proposal is equally disturbing. I still frequent the Beach, the museum, Bard. It is a unique area that needs very careful attention and willingness to consult and modify. Regards, Beverley McDowell	Bev McDowell	Kitsilano	
2026-07-20	10:05	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Oppose	I don't support commercialization of the park water front, and the proposed barge is so large it will be totally out of context in the Heritage Harbour, block park views and reduce enjoyment of the park and adjoining beach.	Eleanor Braude	Kitsilano	
2026-07-20	13:46	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Oppose	Comments: MAYOR AND COUNCIL RIDE MY BIKE FROM MT. PLEASANT EVERY SUMMER TO SWIM AT KITS POINT. I HAVE MET MANY PEOPLE HERE AND SOME WHO ALSO SWIM HERE EVERY SUMMER AS THEY LIVE IN THE AREA. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE BARGE AND ALL AGREE THAT THIS WILL DESTROY OUR SWIMMING BEACH. I SWIM HERE AS WE HAVE LOST THE OUTDOOR MT. PLEASANT POOL IN 2009. THE BARGE WILL WILL TAKE AWAY THE BEAUTIFUL VIEW OF THE MOUNTAINS. I DON'T KNOW WHY ANYONE WOULD WANT TO GO TO AN INDOOR SPA WHEN THEY COULD ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS. THIS IS JUST A CASH GRAB FOR THE MARINE MUSEUM. THERE WILL BE NO PARKING EVEN IF PEOPLE WANT TO GO THERE. I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYONE GOING TO THE MUSEUM AND THE PARKING COSTS WAY TOO MUCH. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS BARGE TO DESTROY OUR BEACH AND SWIMMING. THE BARGE IS WAY TO BIG FOR THIS AREA. PLEASE DO NOT GIVE THE OKAY FOR THIS REZONING LEONA ROTHNEY	Leona Rothney	Mount Pleasant	
2026-07-20	14:07	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Oppose	I do not agree to have a spa barge on Ogden Ave. We does the sewer water go ? all in the ocean I do not want more garbage into the sea 1 and 2 we do not need more places for the weather people. We need more public places for families. It seems the members on council do not care what they approve of. It is public water ways belonging to the people of Vancouver. When does the down fall of ABC take responsibility for what we want as tax payers want to see. Leave that area from barges and other building. I lived in Kits until it became not affordable for me.	Wendy Germaine	Renfrew-Collingwood	
2026-07-20	14:55	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Oppose	I have previously submitted comments on the legal issues arising out of the trusts attaching to the lands and waters of Hadden Park as Chair of Kits Point Residents' Association. These comments present my personal views even if the legal issues had not arisen. I oppose the proposal for a commercial spa business at Heritage Marina. It is my view that the proposal, if it goes forward, would negatively impact the experience of park users. This park is enjoyed for its quiet and natural aspect and wonderful outlook. People use the park to sit and enjoy the views, experience the outdoors and be in nature, picnic, walk, take a swim, meet with friends in an outdoor setting etc. The number of spaces for this kind of quiet outdoor enjoyment in this city is not increasing and is in ever higher demand due to increasing density and residential building forms that provide limited outdoor space.	Eve Munro	Kitsilano	

			The proposed introduction of commercial buildings and activity to our park waterfront areas detracts from this use and enjoyment. The proposed barge is so large as to be completely out of context with the park and Heritage Harbour. The massiveness of it will block views currently enjoyed in the park and diminish the swimming experience at Teatotaler Beach. People will essentially be swimming adjacent to a wall that blocks views and this will diminish the experience of the place. With respect to Heritage Harbour itself, Milton Sorokin said it very eloquently in his comments to Council: "Heritage Harbour is valued not because it is large, but because it is intimate. Its unique character comes from the relationship between its historic vessels, the surrounding parkland, the adjacent beach, English Bay, the North Shore Mountains and Vancouver's skyline. These uninterrupted panoramic views create a sense of openness, calm and connection to nature that has become one of Kits Point's defining public amenities." This commercial business would also introduce a volume of commercial vehicles to the quiet walking trail through Hadden Park. While there is currently some vehicle access by park board vehicles this proposal would introduce vehicle traffic at a whole new level. This is a large spa business operation with the need for regular laundry service, supply deliveries, including for their food and beverage operation, waste disposal vehicles, cleaning services and ongoing maintenance activity. This would all be along the route on which people walk and with children and pets. The vehicles will also have to park at the top of the ramp, again an area which is used by walkers and very tight for space. While the fact of business service vehicles having to use park walkways is acknowledged in the staff report there is no real consideration of the impacts, probably because staff were directed to find a way to make it happen. I am also generally opposed to the commercialization of our parks and park waterfront areas. The City is very fortunate to have being given crown grants to the water lots adjoining our public parks and these areas should be preserved for the purposes for which they were intended. Let's face it, if this commercial use is allowed there will be pressure for more such uses. This also seems like the wrong solution for the financial challenges of Vancouver Maritime Museum, which I understand operated at a deficit in the past fiscal year. There are many issues arising regarding their operation and it is not clear that the money supplied by this business initiative will fully address the issues. Has the City made an assessment of that? I expect not. What is clear, however, is the very permanent effect that permitting this business operation in park waterfront will have on the experience in the park and its adjoining waters. As stated by Milton Sorokin in his comments to Council : " this proposal asks the public to accept a permanent reduction in the quality of one of Vancouver's most unique waterfront public spaces in order to solve a funding challenge for a single institution." Commercial businesses can be put anywhere. If they are to be put on the water they should be situated on commercial waterfront. Park space and public waterfront should be preserved for the present and future public. I ask the Council to reconsider.		
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