

CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue - Support

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2026-07-17	07:25	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I live at [REDACTED] in Kits Point and am writing to express my strong support for the Havn Spa concept proposed for Heritage Harbour at the Maritime Museum. I understand that the Kits Point Residents Association may have recently met with City staff and expressed opposition to the Havn proposal in our neighbourhood. Although I am a member of the Kits Point Residents Association, contribute financially to it, and have volunteered with it, I do not believe the current two-person executive speaks for me or for many of my Kits Point neighbours on this matter. I attempted to engage with the KPRA on this topic by email but have not received responses to my messages. While the KPRA circulated an email on March 3 outlining opposition to the application, the invitation for residents to provide input was embedded deep within a lengthy message and was easy to overlook. Having reviewed the application myself, I am concerned that some of the objections raised in the March 3 communication may overstate the impacts of the proposal and risk contributing to misinformation in the community. For example, concerns about view impacts appear, in practice, to relate primarily to a small number of private wooden boat owners who currently benefit from subsidized moorage at a public facility. While I respect that those who met with the City were likely well intentioned, I do not believe they had a clear mandate to represent the broader views of Kits Point residents, nor do I believe their position reflects the full range of opinion in the neighbourhood. In my view, Vancouver’s waterfront and waterways remain significantly underused compared with other world-class waterfront cities such as Sydney and Copenhagen. Those cities have embraced active waterfront programming, including commercial uses, in ways that foster community and animate the public realm. By contrast, our waterfront, from Kits Beach through and around False Creek, offers too few opportunities for the public to fully enjoy this extraordinary setting. The green spaces and waterfront surrounding the Maritime Museum could offer much more, given their prime location and unique character. Havn would be a modest but meaningful step toward a more active, thoughtful, and publicly engaging vision for our waterfront. It would create new opportunities for residents and visitors to experience this remarkable part of the city in ways that are not currently available. I also believe that a partnership between a commercial operator and a public cultural institution is a practical and constructive response to the financial pressures facing many civic facilities. It is disappointing that private boat owners, who benefit from a publicly funded entity providing subsidized moorage, appear to be contributing to the opposition to an innovative proposal that could help address the museum’s financial constraints. My family values the Vancouver Maritime Museum as an important public institution in our neighbourhood, and I support creative solutions that can help strengthen its long-term sustainability. Thank you for considering our views. Geoff Duyker	Geoff Duyker	Kitsilano	

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2026-07-17	15:59	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	submitting with attachment.	Sheridan MacRae		Appendix A
2026-07-17	19:26	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I visited the HAVN in Victoria, and would love to have the same experience here in Vancouver. The marina is already a working harbour with managed moorage, and this proposal fits within that existing use. Furthermore, encouraging visitors and residents to this area, which holds many cultural and civic assets, supports our local economy.A floating sauna in kits would be great for locals and visitors alike, and it seems like a terrific opportunity for the Maritime Museum (which definitely could use the revenue stream. The state of that place). I support this application!	Alison Krahn	Fairview	
2026-07-17	22:23	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I strongly support the proposal for the hydrotherapy barge at this location. This is the perfect location that is easily accessible via the False Creek Ferry and adds a much needed leisure activity to the area. If approved the business will be utilized by many residents and visitors and will support the Maritime Museum. The location of the barge will be beneficial to the immediate surroundings and provide protection to the boats docked at the small marina from wave action on stormy days. Please approve this rezoning application.	Craig Moorhead		

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2026-07-18	14:25	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	My kids love the maritime museum and I am really encouraged to see that they've found a solution that helps their longterm sustainability! Will also definitely visit the sauna if it/when opens. Looks great.	Kalli Clironomos		
2026-07-18	14:27	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	My family and I visit the maritime museum regularly and I'm happy to support anything that helps them secure long term funding. Also think it's cool that the sauna barge is a WWII vessel. There can't be many of those in North America! Fits in nicely with the museums mission.	Gareth Short		
2026-07-18	14:30	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	Happy to see an interesting and creative way to support the maritime museum. I know the museum is beloved by kids and adults, and the floating sauna will surely drive more people to the area to visit. Vanier park is home to a bunch of cool attractions and I hope this indirectly supports the rest of them too	Kieve Laviolette	I do not live in Vancouver	
2026-07-18	15:49	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I live just up from kits beach and think this is a great idea. Would love to be able to bring friends and family to both the museum and the new floating sauna! How fun	Anna Hughes	Kitsilano	
2026-07-18	16:52	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I support this application. I live in Kits and walk by the area all the time. I don't think this proposal is too large or invasive. It will create some jobs and be a nice, desired amenity.	Charlie Hughes	Kitsilano	
2026-07-18	21:24	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	What a great way to enrich the waterfront and bring locals and visitors to this less-trafficked part of the seawall between Granville island and kits beach/pool. Please support!	Genevieve McCallum	Riley Park	
2026-07-19	09:01	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	This is a great idea for the area. Love that the museum is getting creative while also complementing their mission to honour maritime history! I think this will be very well used, and it looks super fun!	Jill Greenwood	Fairview	
2026-07-19	13:42	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I live in Kits point and I enjoy the Maritime museum and the Wooden Boar Marina. My family and I use a False Creek ferries on a regular basis and I enjoy the piano and looking at wooden boats. It would be fun if more people hung out down there. I think having a spa at the site would be great addition to the community.	David Millar	Kitsilano	
2026-07-19	13:53	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	Kits Point is boring as heck despite its central+lovely location. Would be great to have more (like a spa) going on there.	Reilly Wood	Grandview-Woodland	
2026-07-19	22:15	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I strongly support mooring of a WWII barge near the Maritime Museum and then converting it into a wellness facility (saunas, cold plunge, hot tubs). This would create a more vibrant and active waterfront for this area, which is a huge attraction and benefit for both locals and visitors. The proposed location is great; accessible for pedestrians and we could eat at nearby restaurants afterwards. I have visited similar sauna spa barges in Montreal and Victoria – these were fantastic experiences. In particular, in Montreal, this revitalized a section of the waterfront that previously we would never have visited! In summary, please support this application for rezoning and bring this spa barge to Vancouver as a Maritime museum project.	Julia Stewart	Riley Park	

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2026-07-19	23:35	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I'm a museum worker from Victoria at the RBCM. The sauna barge down here has been widely loved and a very nice addition to the harbour. Please give the maritime museum any chance they can get to keep themselves above water (sorry, pun intended). I know that the building has some issues and they could probably stand to get as much extra revenue as they possibly could. I believe their CEO is a wonderful guy and has put a lot of work into making his term there a good one.	Winter Stacey	I do not live in Vancouver	
2026-07-20	08:31	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I strongly support this proposal for 2 reasons: - this project will revitalize the waterfront. Vancouver will benefit from having a destination such as this for tourists and locals alike. - the museum is chronically underfunded and will benefit from the stability that this project will bring. Thanks Bethan Stewart	Bethan Stewart	Hastings-Sunrise	
2026-07-20	08:37	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	The Maritime Museum is an underappreciated gem that needs funding help. The idea of adding a floating spa and wellness centre there – similar to the popular floating spa in Victoria – to revitalize the museum's harbour and raise funds for the museum is ingenuity at its best. Kids and the greater community deserve a place to learn about our maritime history, and the proven track record of HAVN's floating spas makes this a project worth supporting. Let's make it happen.	Rob Klovance	Downtown	
2026-07-20	09:09	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	When thinking about our waterfront in Vancouver I see what we have and what we could have to make it a more vibrant inviting area of our world class city. This new initiative would be a project that fits beautifully into our city and expands the possibility of what our waterfront can offer to us locals and visitors to this area. Please approve the application and expand the options for those in the city for healthy wellness orientated activities that fit into the ethos of Vancouvers identity.	Nilesh Patel	Hastings-Sunrise	
2026-07-20	10:10	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I would really value this as an addition to that stretch of waterfront. It would bring more life and action to the area, as well as revenue to the Maritime Museum (where I've been taking my kids and visitors for years!). I think it's a clever idea that is win-win. I've used similar floating spas like this in Montreal and Victoria and the whole experience is just great. I strongly support this and hope to see Council get on board!	Kristin Foster	Hastings-Sunrise	

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2026-07-20	10:17	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I am one of the rare few who is lucky enough to have grown up on Granville Island. My summer job for many years was as one of the ferry captains operating out of Granville Island. I also have a Masters of Science in Marine Systems and Policy from the University of Edinburgh, having done my dissertation on urban waterfront design. You could say that shorelines are kind of my thing. I've been visiting the maritime museum since I was a child and really believe that we as a community need to remain creative and adaptable with our use of shoreline spaces to stay relevant and to keep the community engaged. This is a great opportunity to keep supporting the museum, to draw in a new group of shoreline users, and to activate the waterfront. With other operations like Batch thriving in the area, it feels like a natural fit. Please support! Thank you.	Liam Carson	Fairview	
2026-07-20	10:33	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	This application will not only improve the community's enjoyment of the seawall, it will allow locals and visitors to connect with the maritime environment in a unique way. It will allow the maritime museum to generate more revenue. It will provide a healthy third space for the community to enjoy and to connect and to de-stress. It will allow us to do so in a manner that is quiet, peaceful, and healthy. It seems to me that putting a boat on the water is also minimally invasive, which is important for the surrounding environment and preventing disturbance to the local community.	Miles Gelmon	Grandview-Woodland	
2026-07-20	10:42	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	This is a perfect location to introduce a new wellness centre, and to support the longevity of the Maritime Museum. I will definitely be cold plunging at Havn Kits.	Eric P.		
2026-07-20	10:42	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I worked just off Granville Island for many years. This area would thrive with the addition of a floating sauna and it's great that it will also in turn support the museum and the city.	Tyler Lunde		
2026-07-20	10:46	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	Would definitely bring my friends and family to something like this! I'm a born and raised Vancouverite and until recently lived on Cornwall. This is a very well trafficked area and I feel like this will increase support for the maritime museum and others in the area.	Aidan Crawford		
2026-07-20	10:47	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I recently visited the HAVN Sauna Boat in Victoria's Inner Harbour, and it was truly one of the most unique and rejuvenating experiences I've had. The space feels calm, welcoming, and thoughtfully designed, with stunning 360-degree views that make the entire experience feel special. We spent hours moving between the saunas, cold pools, hot tub, and relaxing on the deck, and enjoyed some healthy snacks and drinks in their beautiful lounge. What's especially impressive is how they've transformed an old vessel into a space that enhances Victoria's waterfront. It's unlike anything else in the city and adds something meaningful for both locals and visitors. I fully support HAVN's expansion to Vancouver. It's exactly the kind of wellness experience that brings people together, and I hope more people get the chance to enjoy it.	Matt Hansen	I do not live in Vancouver	
2026-07-20	10:48	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	There is rarely the opportunity for any city to enable something so truly extraordinary as the project being proposed for this site. This rezoning would allow for a new place of community and shared experience for Vancouver residents, as well as showcase a remarkable example of adaptive reuse for the Maritime Museum's historic harbour. My hope is that City Council approves this application, recognizing that the future of this city is dependent on such innovative and sensitive proposals.	Alexander Mercer	I do not live in Vancouver	
2026-07-20	10:49	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I'm super keen on this. Seems like a total win for everyone. I worked at one of the ferry companies for a number of years and know this will be very well used. Like other cities in the world, we need to make better use of our shoreline!	Anna Rose		
2026-07-20	11:34	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I live in Victoria and Havn has been an amazing addition to the city and think it would bring similar benefits to Vancouver. You'd be crazy to not approve	Regan Copeland	I do not live in Vancouver	

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2026-07-20	11:39	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	As someone who lives in Victoria, I’ve had the opportunity to experience HAVN Saunas firsthand and have seen the positive impact it’s had, not just as a wellness space, but as part of the local community. It’s become somewhere people can relax and recharge, while also encouraging them to explore the surrounding neighbourhood. Whenever I’ve visited, it’s been natural to grab a coffee, enjoy a meal, or browse nearby shops afterward. Experiences like this help support local businesses and create a vibrant community. I believe HAVN would bring those same benefits to Vancouver, offering residents and visitors a unique wellness experience while contributing to the success of the surrounding local businesses. Thank you for your time. Natalie Boardman	Natalie Boardman	I do not live in Vancouver	
2026-07-20	11:42	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	Something like this is a massive quality of life upgrade to the city.	Thomas Moss	Mount Pleasant	
2026-07-20	11:45	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I live in Victoria near the inner harbour location of the first HAVN, and it has been such a delightful addition to our community since day one. It’s an eye-catching structure, for one, but it has also brought a wellness retreat right into the heart of the city. As a former Vancouver resident, I am excited for the city to have its very own HAVN and I wholeheartedly support this project.	Mackenzie Godard		
2026-07-20	11:46	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I don’t usually speak up but I wanted to take a second and tell you all about my experience at Havn here in Victoria. Havn opened its doors at the same time I was processing som hard times in my life. I went one day to sit with it all from that moment on it became my go to place to decompress, get away from it all, and process. The conditions for a place to offer this type of opportunity for an individual are not by chance and not situational. They are by design. Havn is not just another Nordic spa. They have taste. And taste + good design = optimal experience. Their staff are chosen for their demeanour, willingness to help share thoughts, kindness to be vulnerable, and also knowing when to just let the person be. On more than one occasion I’ve had my day turn positive due to an interaction there. But even without the human element, the owners have done an amazing job at curating the space for optimal comfort and experience. Every book sparks curiosity and hope for what can be, every plank, nook, and plant are perfectly placed to calm the mind, and what they offer is something that can’t be replicated by just anyone. I can not say enough good things about my experience there and I highly encourage them to do their thing. It may be hard to quantify right away the impact but I guarantee within a few months you’ll see the look on people’s faces going in versus coming out and you’ll understand.	Scott Bain	I do not live in Vancouver	
2026-07-20	11:49	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	It would be amazing to have a facility like HAVN here in Kitsilano. It would bring more activity to a parking lot that is generally always empty. I’ve lived near Kits Beach for 6 years now and I run by the maritime museum all the time - the parking lot is usually always empty. Plus cold plungers on the beach in the winter could make use of this.	Michael Oliver	Kitsilano	

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2026-07-20	11:50	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	My family and I have loved spending time at HAVN in Victoria. I am fully in support of the HAVN experience coming to Vancouver. It would provide us with the opportunity to spend quality time with friends and family while also bringing an experience that we can share with visitors.	Katelyn Fabian	South Cambie	
2026-07-20	11:55	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	Having visited and seen how amazing Havn has been for Victoria's harbour it would be amazing to have a similar facility here in Vancouver. It's tasteful, peaceful and would bring much needed support to the Maritime museum aswell. We need more facilities like this in our city! Ignore the nimbys who won't even try the facility to see how good it is for the area	Amy Davis	Downtown	
2026-07-20	12:04	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	HAVN is not just a spa or a big barge with a few saunas on top. For me, HAVN is my favourite place to be in Victoria. In a society where we are constantly expected to be better, faster, and always striving for perfection, HAVN is the place where I can truly be myself. The hydrotherapy spa not only helps my nervous system recover from this fast-paced environment, but it also supports my sleep and daily routine. HAVN is a place to build new connections and strengthen existing ones. Another thing I love is that the phone-free facility helps me live in the moment and gives me a couple of hours to simply be with myself. I know that HAVN will be a wonderful addition to Vancouver and a valuable addition to the lives of everyone who lives there.	Lili Heinemann	I do not live in Vancouver	
2026-07-20	12:08	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I live in Burnaby but work in Vancouver. I have visited the HAVN spa in Victoria and loved the experience. If they are able to open their location here I will be a frequent visitor. This would be a great addition to the area.	Scott Inglis	I do not live in Vancouver	
2026-07-20	12:09	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	This location is already a hub for wellness in the community and the opportunity for locals and visitors alike to experience this world class facility really puts Vancouver on the map as a wellness destination. HAVN has totally transformed the harbour in Victoria for the better, with positive reviews daily! Highly support this initiative.	Emily Deslaurier		
2026-07-20	12:48	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I have been going to HAVN in Victoria for 2 years and having this space for community and for relaxation has been such a reprieve from the stress of everyday life. I believe it will be additive for Vancouver to welcome HAVN as well.	Pauline Go	I do not live in Vancouver	

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2026-07-20	12:55	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	HAVN is a wonderful community and wellness space that will add to the Vancouver waterfront. It's unique features are amazing both for tourism and the local community, celebrating our beautiful environment. They have done an incredible job in Victoria, and I can't wait to see what they bring to Vancouver.	Kirsten French		
2026-07-20	12:55	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	My family has been a proud supporters of Havn Spas, Victoria for a few years now. It is a beautiful way to wind down and relax in a gorgeous environment, And breathtaking views of the harbour. The Victoria Harbour is a beautiful little oasis, Set in the heart of Victoria, Connecting you with many different activities, Restaurants, Water taxis , And truly fun adventures. But living in Maple Ridge BC, I’m proud of our beautiful Vancouver. And the stunning views from the harbour.. With access to the sea bus, the West Coast express , skytrain and buses. What a glorious opportunity for Vancouver to showcase truly how beautiful you are, And adding to the gorgeous aesthetic of the downtown Vancouver vibe, And offerings, How incredible would it be to be able to experience the beautiful Havn Spas, In our own Vancouver Harbour. With breathtaking views, Wonderful restaurants, and amazing opportunities to explore Vancouver. With the climate in our world right now being so tough, Providing an opportunity for people to unwind, relax, and have some moments of joy, And fellowship with friends, What greater opportunity than this. Thank you for taking the time to hear me out.	Stephanie Boardman	I do not live in Vancouver	
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2026-07-20	13:32	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I have been a huge supporter of HAVN since its inception in Victoria and go regularly at the Inner Harbour location. It is the perfect spot to spend a few hours with friends, alone, or with the folks you meet while you are there. I lived in Vancouver for many years, my last address on lower Arbutus near Kits pool, and know that HAVN's presence at the Maritime Museum is the perfect spot and will be welcomed by many to the community. There is nothing like it around. Although it is on a large barge structure, it is a beautiful aesthetic and I can't think of how it would impact its neighbours in a negative way. The patrons are not loud. I've never heard loud music playing. And folks are there to relax and take in the views, and spa experience. I really hope the City votes yes!	Melissa Kirby	I do not live in Vancouver	

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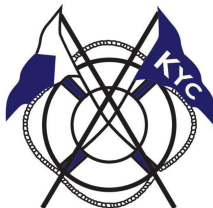
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2026-07-20	13:35	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	One of the highlights of my trip three years ago to Victoria was visiting HAVN. Relaxing in their hot tubs while watching the sunset and seaplanes over the harbour was an incredible way to experience our beautiful province. Ever since, I have been eagerly waiting for HAVN to expand to Vancouver. I believe that the proposed partnership with the Vancouver Maritime Museum is highly appropriate and mutually beneficial. It provides a revenue stream for a cultural institution. A barge completely fits the maritime environment of both the museum and Heritage Harbour. I have read the community opposition, but I disagree with their points. Some ask why we don't simply take a cold plunge in the ocean? This ignores frequent public health warnings regarding E. coli levels and the lack of lifeguards. The purpose of the spa is for relaxation and recovery, not for exercise. Some critics labeling the spa as "elitist" and expensive. This ignores the current state of our wellness in Vancouver. I have visited several spas. Most of them are enclosed small spaces with one sauna and maybe three cold plunge bathtubs. The closest comparable option to HAVN in terms of space and amenities (especially actual hot tubs) used to be the Spa at the Fairmont Pacific Rim. I used to visit the Fairmont Spa \$50 for three hours, but the price has since skyrocketed to \$109 for a mere 90 minutes and restricted from Monday to Thursdays from 11:00am and 5:00pm. It is no longer accessible to average residents. The next comparable option is a day trip to the Whistler Scandinave Spa. HAVN charges \$94 for a full 3 hour access all 7 days for longer hours. Wellness spaces are vital for stress reduction, mental health, and physical recovery. Yet Vancouver's current community pools are too congested to handle the demand and some are in need of significant repairs. Ultimately, the opposition's main complaint comes down to aesthetics. The claim that parking a barge in an active harbour is somehow deeply offensive. In reality, the area around the Vancouver Maritime Museum offers countless open viewpoints that will remain completely enjoyable for the general public. This barge isn't some massive wall that will curve around Elsje Point and all of Vanier Park. I look forward to booking a time slot at HAVN with family and especially for my aging mother. She works six days a week, and a dedicated wellness space like this would allow her to clear her sinuses, soothe her chronic aches and pains, and get the deep rest she truly deserves.	Nicola Sznajder	I do not live in Vancouver	

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2026-07-20	13:45	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	Vancouver as a city struggles more than anything with culture and community. Time and time again we see people complaining they feel isolated and have no way to build community outside of third places like religious organizations. HAVN provides a third space for those that do not have access to places like religious organizations, sports teams, etc. Many commentators are concerned about their view being blocked and those people have clearly never seen the Victoria location: it is a boat in a marina, by no means more space consuming an any of the tall ships anchored there. No views will be blocked particularly as there are no houses nearby whose view could be blocked. The HAVN team cares about sustainability and stewardship, and there would be no bylaw issues by allowing the boat next to the maritime museum as the team would ensure that they manage the environment with utmost respect. This barge will bring more people to our neighbourhood to enjoy Kits’ amenities such as the maritime museum itself, which survives off of patronship (no pun intended). The barge in the Victoria harbour has had nothing but a positive impact on the community, the tourism industry, local businesses, the aesthetic of area and the same will be said for a barge in Kits. I see no valid reason to disallow this motion to rezone, particularly when the council has had no issues rezoning many other blocks in the rest of Kitsilano for the Broadway project.	Emily jackson	Kitsilano	
2026-07-20	13:58	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	Support for Havn’s business opening the one in Victoria is amazing, and it would do our community so well to have one here too!! I will come all the way from north van!	Lindsay Lucas	Kitsilano	
2026-07-20	14:11	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	As a former resident of Victoria, and current resident of North Van (district), I am exuberantly in support of this rezoning to support Havn arriving in town. In Victoria, the arrival of Havn turned under utilized space, into flourishing space. The design details are impeccable, adding to any site both for patrons and passers by. Additionally, the barge nature of Havn aligns beautifully with the maritime museum and supports their ability to thrive. It takes a lot to get me to leave the north shore - but a trip to Havn would do it!	Jane Hill	I do not live in Vancouver	
2026-07-20	14:14	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	I whole heartedly support Havn and this initiative in Vancouver. The community the Havn team has built and enabled is amazing. Every demographic, age, and person who has visited Havn in Victoria knows how valuable and inviting the space is. And how relaxing and wellness forward the space is. These types of facilities and space are what cities need more of. It prompts healthy living and the importance of taking 5 to slow down and enjoy being present. When people do this type of routine & slow down (and it’s hard to do in the technology age), they show up better versions of themselves; with their families, friends, work colleagues and in the communities. Spaces like this make cities better.	Nick Blandford		
2026-07-20	14:23	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	Mayor and Council, I’m writing in support of this application for a HAVN Sauna at the VMM. I think it’s great that museums and other institutions are getting creative in developing new funding streams. This is a use, that I feel, aligns with VMM as it activates the shoreline and repurposes a WWII vessel. I am happy to support projects that not only support the VMM, but also add value to the area.	Jana Lyons	Kitsilano	
2026-07-20	14:31	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	Love the community vibe of Havn in Victoria, very much in support!	Krisztina Kun	Mount Pleasant	

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2026-07-20	14:54	CD-1 Rezoning: 1905 Ogden Avenue	Support	Hello, we are small business owners in Victoria (with a retail space downtown) who have nothing but positive things to say about HAVN. The use of space in the Victoria harbour was creative and prescient, drawing an entire demographic of users to a glorified parking lot and tourist destination. Young, affluent, users who are helping revitalize this previously under-used space. The same concerns that Victoria HAVN faced, Vancouver HAVN now faces. As Victoria-based entrepreneurs, we can understand the interest to move into “the big city” once you’ve proven your business plan on the island. We are also opening a second location two blocks from this space on Ogden Ave, and are thrilled to see HAVN vying for this spot. The Maritime Museum is under-visited and under-funded. Bringing HAVN into the space is a benefit to everyone in that area. Locals and tourists. This idea that the barge “is an eyesore” is laughable. It’s different, it’s change, it’s sought-after, it’s symbiotic to what’s already there. Similar to all the uproar over the Senakw developments, this is simply an older demographic that doesn’t want anything around them to change.	Liz Kemp	Kitsilano	



KITSILANO YACHT CLUB

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Ref: KYC-VMM-2026
5th July 2026

Dear Mayor, Council & City of Vancouver staff,

Re: KYC Support for HAVN at the Vancouver Maritime Museum

On behalf of Kitsilano Yacht Club, I am writing to express our support for the proposed rezoning application at 1905 Ogden Avenue at the Vancouver Maritime Museum.

Kitsilano Yacht Club has been part of Vancouver's waterfront community for many decades. Our members have a deep appreciation for the importance of well-managed waterfront spaces that support recreation and social connection. From this perspective, we see the proposed HAVN wellness use as a positive addition to the Kitsilano waterfront.

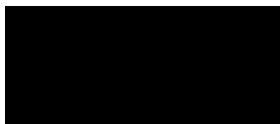
The Vancouver Maritime Museum is an important public and cultural institution. It helps preserve and share the history of Vancouver's working waterfront, maritime community, and relationship to the sea. We understand that, like many public-facing cultural institutions, the Museum must consider creative partnerships and new sources of revenue to support its long-term viability. We believe approving this project will contribute positively to this goal.

HAVN appears well suited to the waterfront setting. Its maritime character, including the use of a refurbish WWII barge with its own marine history, fits within the heritage harbour context. It's quiet, wellness-focused use will complement surrounding recreational, cultural, and neighbourhood activities. HAVN's existing floating sauna in Victoria's Harbour provides us with the confidence that the operators understand how to manage this type of waterfront use responsibly. Therefore based on what we have heard to date, there is a positive view of the HAVN proposal among members of our club. We support continuing the conversation as the project moves forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Sheridan Peter MacRae



Rear Commodore

for and on Behalf of Kitsilano Yacht Club