

Sc. Schellenberg, Jim

From: Schellenberg, Jim
Sent: February 17, 2009 11:02 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Victoria International Marina, NWP file # 8200-08-8648

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Please see attached invitation to an information meeting to be held on March 7th.

Thanks Jim

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: February 12, 2009 5:28 PM
To: Schellenberg, Jim
Subject: Victoria International Marina

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Victoria, B.C.
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Dear Jim Schellenberg

I am writing to you concerning the proposed marina for Victoria's inner harbourThe Victoria International Marina.

My husband and I are strongly opposed to this marina being built. First of all the traffic in the inner harbour is already highly congested with all the airplanes, ferries, boats and kayaks that use it daily. To take approximately half of the width of the inner harbour and make a marina there is absurd. Where will all this traffic go? This is an accident waiting to happen!

We have an extraordinary waterfront view that everyone marvels at when they walk in our door. All of the residents have paid dearly for these exceptional views and none of us want to lose that. Yachts that are the size the marina is expecting to accommodate will be as much as 3-4 stories high. Another totally absurd thing is to have parking on the water beside the marina buildings. Does that sound like a lovely ocean view? Access to this parking would require cars and delivery vehicles to cross the Westsong Walkway which is one of the busiest and most pleasant walks in Victoria. This would be truly dangerous and ...another accident waiting to happen.

My husband and I have enjoyed many hours watching the sea otters, and seals playing along the shoreline of the inner harbour. This would be taken away with a marina in it's place. All the ducks, geese, comorants and sea life are in danger of losing their habitat. We are supposed to be living in an environmentally friendly place! What is environmentally friendly about all the dredging that will have to

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occur to accommodate these huge vessels?

Furthermore, Victoria's Inner Harbour marinas are never full. Boats visiting Victoria would rather be moored down town! After dredging for months, building for many more months, subjecting residents, birds and sea life to the stench and noise for all of those months; the hugh marina will sit practically empty ... a "white elephant" for years to come.

How can any reasonable and responsible person okay this project? It is totally judicious to me that this project has ever been considered given all the potential harm it could do to the residents, sea life and environment of this marvellous area of Victoria.

Yours Truly,

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From: Schellenberg, Jim [mailto:jim.schellenberg@tc.gc.ca]

Sent: 16 February 2009 11:46

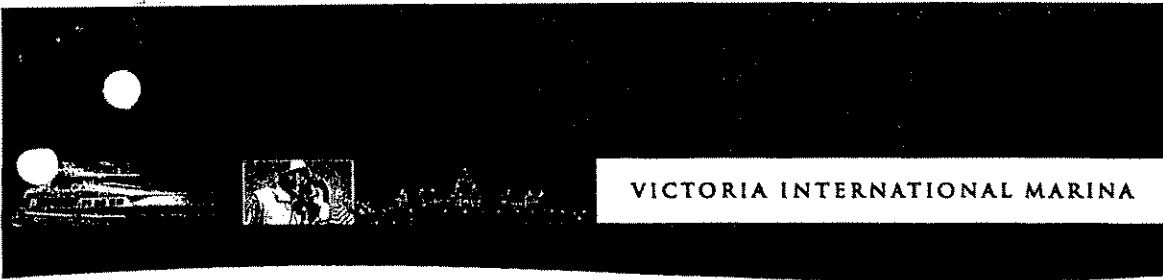
Subject: FW: Victoria Int'l Marina

Good morning:

The attached invitation from the Victoria International Marina is in response to the many letters and emails I have received over the last couple of months with regard to both navigational and other issues. Transport Canada has requested the proponent meet to hear and discuss these issues with you in an open forum. Please see the attached .pdf invitation.

Thank you

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*An invitation to join us
at our open house.*

We invite you all to consider the marina your own, and to share our energy and excitement. Find out more about Victoria International Marina at our next community consultation.



2:00-5:00pm on Saturday March 7th, in the Harbour
Room at Delta Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort.

