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## SAVOIE TO HOST PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED MEGA-YACHT MARINA

VICTORIA –Denise Savoie, Member of Parliament for Victoria has confirmed that September 22, 2009 is the date for a public meeting on the proposed Victoria International Marina. The meeting is scheduled from 6:00 to 9:00pm at the DaVinci Centre, 195 Bay St. All three levels of government have confirmed they will participate in the meeting.

“I pushed for this public meeting to ensure Victorians receive accurate information directly from the public officials charged with approving a project that will have a significant impact on the future of our harbour.” Savoie stated.

The first hour has been reserved for the developer to display and answer questions about his revised proposal; his attendance is yet to be confirmed. During the second hour of the meeting, representatives from federal, provincial and municipal levels of government will present their roles and jurisdictional responsibilities with respect to the approval process. The second hour of the meeting is an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

Savoie has continued to receive calls, letters and e-mails from constituents who have raised concerns relating to safety in the harbour, navigational issues for non-motorized vessels, public access to public space, viewscapes, and the difficulty in obtaining information due to the fragmented approach to decision-making.

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Regional Director General, Pacific  
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Integrated Land Management Bureau  
Province of British Columbia

Mayor and Council  
City of Victoria

September 2, 2009

Dear Mr. Henderson, Mr. Pederson, Mayor Fortin and Council,

I am writing this letter to confirm the dates for the public meeting regarding the proposed Victoria International Marina as discussed with Federal Transportation Minister John Baird. I am also writing to draw your attention to questions that constituents have raised with me and which I expect will be raised publicly.

I am proposing September 22 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm for a public meeting. This will allow one hour for the developer to display his project and answer questions from the public in the forum of an open house if he wishes, another hour for representatives of federal, provincial and municipal governments to present their roles and obligations with emphasis on the approval process and then a final hour for the public to formally question the agencies. I would appreciate receiving a prompt response from each of you regarding the availability of relevant staff for this meeting date so that we can move forward with plans for the meeting. Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments or questions about the proposed format.

As you are aware, on July 6, Transport Canada received revised drawings of the proposed marina from the proponent. These revised documents were subsequently available for public viewing and since that time many constituents have said that the changes do not address their original concerns. For example, the concerns about safety and access to navigable waters for athletes who are training and racing in outrigger canoes has not been addressed, nor has the impact of tidal fluctuations on the utility of the bridge or the proximity of the aerodrome taxiway to the perimeter of the marina structure. It would be useful for the public to understand the criteria used to determine what is acceptable in the public interest for our harbour.

Members of the public have also raised the following concerns:

- If the project is approved, what requirements will be put in place that will restrict changes to the development? Furthermore, due to the fact that this type of project is subject to requirements from all three levels of government, could you please clarify which government department is responsible for approving or monitoring changes if the project is approved?
- Is the developer applying for a lease or license of occupation?
- Has the peer review of the wave attenuator been completed? If so, it is available to the public?
- How do the provincial and federal authorities factor in the local municipal concerns that have been expressed?

Finally, I continue to be personally concerned about the impact of the content of the enclosed e-mail from the Province of British Columbia to Allison Meyer at the City of the Victoria. It appears to give some entitlement to the developer before the required approval processes had been initiated and I am hopeful that provincial, federal or city officials can respond to these concerns.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Denise Savoie  
Member of Parliament, Victoria

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cc. Minister John Baird  
Dennis Bevington, NDP Infrastructure critic  
Linda Duncan, NDP Environment Critic  
Robert Evans