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Dear Mayor & Councillors,

I am in Paris, France at the moment and unable to attend the Duck Island Development Public Hearing. Please consider this written submission.

The Duck Island Development includes a new City owned Art and Culture Facility of 30,000 sq ft.

When I was on the Richmond Museums Board, a study was done that included wide consultation with relevant parties on a new Richmond Museum. There was substantial support for a 60,000 sq.ft. museum of international calibre that could attract international tourists including those who have stopovers at YVR.

An ideal location for such a museum is the Duck Island development where it could be on the waterfront beside one of the proposed hotels and the Canada Line. A Canada Line station at the museum would enable international travellers at YVR with a stopover of a few hours to spend them at the museum. A partnership with a hotel could provide substantial operating funds for the museum through museum-hotel packages and revenue from hotel operation of the museum's food and drink concessions. A waterfront location allows for a rooftop observation deck and a high-quality restaurant.

One possible theme of international interest is climate change in general with a more in depth focus on migration patterns and changes in the oceans including the effects of ocean rise on places like Richmond. This topic has wide appeal, particularly for young people and families with children.

If the developer is paying for a 30,000 sq.ft. facility, there would very likely be senior government funding for construction of the other half to enable a 60,000 sq.ft. museum that, as an international attraction, provides considerable added benefit to the developer.

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