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Hello

I would like to submit my letter of support for the redevelopment of the BC Ferries Fleet Maintenance Facility in Richmond. Can you see it gets submitted for a reading at the Oct 21st Council meeting?
Thank you.

Regards,

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October 16, 2019

Re: Revitalization of British Columbia Ferries Service Deas Maintenance Facility

Hello Mayor Brodie and Council Members

I am an employee of BC Ferries Richmond Maintenance Facility and I support the redevelopment of the British Columbia Ferries Service Deas Maintenance Facility located at 12800 Rice Mill Road.

I have worked in Richmond's marine industry for 35 years in boat building and as a Millwright for BC Packers Imperial Plant. I have seen the loss of good paying maritime jobs with the closure of BC Packers and the loss of marine based industry leaving Richmond.

BC Ferries maintenance yard employs several hundred tradespeople and supporting personnel as well as yearly spin-off work and contracts to local outside service providers. For these people it is environmentally and socially responsible that the employees of the refit yard live and work within the same community.

As the yard has grown over the years since about 1960 there was little thought given to the environment. The company has now endeavored to embrace an environmental conscience through programs such as the annual Great Shoreline Clean-up and Green Marine – a voluntary environmental certification program for the marine industry which sets out set of standards and performance indicators for the marine industry members.

The company is contributing to compensation for environmentally sensitive areas that border the maintenance yard and is aligned with the ideal of natural enhancements to the waterfront s such as planting of marsh grasses.

The construction of new buildings in the redevelopment will also embrace the new energy-saving technologies such as in heating and cooling as well as lighting and introducing natural elements into the new buildings.

In closing I hope the City of Richmond agrees that the BC Ferries Refit Facility is a worthwhile development.

Regards,

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