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I am writing to Council to express my support for Onni's proposal for the Imperial Landing site in Steveston. My wife and I have lived in Richmond for 40 years with 33 years in Steveston. I am a retired fisherman and my wife worked at BC Packers Imperial Plant for 30 years until it closed. We had, and still have close ties to the marine industry. Some of our reasons for supporting Onni's proposal are as follows;

- It is time to move forward. The fishing and marine industry has changed and is continuing to change. There has not been an opening in the river for two years. Marine suppliers have out. (E.A. Towns. Rods Building Supplies & Steveston Marine (moving this fall)).
- The current situation is not sustainable. Vandalism is already occurring and will only increase, the longer the waterfront is left vacant
- A maritime theme will still be maintained without the strict maritime "use" being enforced
- If it was economically viable for a marine use business to open up in that area, they would have done so 3 yrs ago. If Council does not support Onni's proposal, what does Council plan to do? What viable options are the nay sayers proposing?
- Any option that does not have a sound business plan behind it is going to fail and area will become vacant again and/or will cost more tax dollars that I am feed up with paying.

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