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From: leon Sent: February-15-17 4:07 PM To: Mayor Subject: enquiry

Hello Mr. mayor Derek Corrigan,

As a citizen of Burnaby since 2000, I am so glad to see our city developing so good these years and I have some suggestion or questions for your consideration.

I ran a business, VANDICA BUSINESS INC. ,in Vancouver for 17 years and registered a licensed PLEASURE BOAT RENTAL AGENCY in Burnaby last year. Our business grew very well last summer since more and more tourists visited our beautiful BC these years, but unfortunately we had to take our clients out of Burnaby because there is not a marine boat rental or ramps here, so we went to Vancouver, west Vancouver, north Vancouver and port moody for business although Burnaby has great location and amazing scenery such as Barnet Marine Park. And now more and more high-rising buildings are constructed in Burnaby, that means more and more local people won't have boat parking at home, but they need boat rental as well.

Therefore, I plan to setup a Boat Rental in Barnet Marine Park, which is similar to the one at DEER LAKE PARK, but our boats will be small motorized as it is tidal water. I contacted LICENSE DEPARTMENT and Manager of Business Operation Dean Pelletier, I was told that it is not easily and no motorized boat dock is allowed in eastern Burnaby now because of traffic and etc.. This is my question, why could we reconsider or discuss this issue and modify the policy to meet our city development? Why so many cities around us can do it but it is not allowed in Burnaby?

I am looking forwards to hearing from you. Thanks a lot.

Best regards, Leon

Proposition of setting up a marine boat rental

Water sports is very popular in Canada in summer, many people like fishing, water-skiing, wakeboarding or sightseeing, and boating is a basic and major activity. The statistical data of 2015 from NMMA (National Marine Manufacturers Association) shows that 46% of adult Canadians participated in recreational boating, i.e. 13.2 million Canadians aged 18 and older. I like boating and worked on business for over 15 years, so I think boating is a good business.

I contacted TRANSPORT CANADA for safe boating guide and regulations 2 years ago and setup a business of boating train and rental in Vancouver last year. Our business grew very well last summer since more and more tourists visited our beautiful BC these years, but unfortunately we had to take our clients out of Burnaby because there is not a marine boat rental or ramps here, so we went to Vancouver, west Vancouver, north Vancouver and port moody for business although Burnaby has great location and amazing scenery such as Barnet Marine Park. Actually the water of India Arm to the north of Barnet Marine Park is one of top 10 best boating area in Canada.

And now more and more high-rising buildings are constructed in Burnaby, that means more and more residents won't have boat parking at home, but they need boating as well.

Therefore, I usually think about why so many cities around us have marine boating place but it is not available in Burnaby? why we consider to build up a marine boat rental to meet our city development? I suggest to setup a Boat Rental in Barnet Marine Park, which is similar to the one at DEER LAKE PARK, but our boats will be small motorized as it is tidal water.

Someone would concern safety, traffic, pollutions and etc. that is right, now we have enough policies or regulations of SAFE BOATING from transport canada. Our city can regulate boat size and engine capacity to protect our environment, and so on.

In a word, it is time to build up a marine boating place in Burnaby now.

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