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Dear Ms. Nurvo:

I am writing in response to your correspondence expressing the Township of Esquimalt's support for the establishment of a new Canadian Maritime Museum in Victoria, British Columbia. I appreciate your taking the time to write on this matter.

The Department of Canadian Heritage recognizes the importance of protecting Canada's maritime heritage. It also recognizes the Maritime Museum of British Columbia's (MMBC) commitment and dedication towards securing a new facility for its collections.

I understand that Mr. David Leverton, Executive Director of the MMBC, also discussed this matter with Ms. Erica Tao, Regional Director General for the Department's Western Region, on May 10, 2019.

Regional departmental officials are in regular contact with MMBC representatives as the Museum pursues this goal. Please be assured that we will continue to monitor the project closely, and will provide support and advice as required.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.

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**From:** Anja Nurvo <anja.nurvo@esquimalt.ca>  
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**Cc:** Rodriguez, Pablo (PCH); 'min@dfo-mpo.gc.ca'  
**Subject:** Support for new Canadian Maritime Museum in Victoria, BC  
**Attachments:** DOC051019-05102019123716.pdf

Please see attached letter from the Township of Esquimalt, supporting the establishment of a new Canadian Maritime Museum in the Victoria, BC area.

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Dear Sirs:

**Re: Support for creation of new Canadian Maritime Museum in Victoria area, BC**

At its Council meeting on May 6, 2019, the Council of the Township of Esquimalt reviewed correspondence dated April 25, 2019 from Robert George, Vice-Admiral (ret'd), regarding the establishment of a new Canadian Maritime Museum in Victoria. Our Council is wholly in support of such an initiative.

The proposal would be for the Maritime Museum of BC to relocate and expand to house a Canadian Maritime Museum. The creation of this new Museum would be an opportunity to showcase Canadian and British Columbian maritime history and artefacts not currently available to the public. It would establish educational programs for students of all ages as well as important relationships with First Nations in the spirit of reconciliation. It would be an opportunity to develop museum studies and mentorship programs for Indigenous and other students, and provide Indigenous leaders an invitation to create displays reflecting their heritage and culture.

The Council of the Township of Esquimalt wholeheartedly supports the establishment of this new expanded Canadian Maritime Museum in the Victoria area.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anja Nurvo".

Anja Nurvo, BA, LLB  
Director of Corporate Services

c.c. Robert George, Vice-Admiral (ret'd)

## Deborah Liske

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**From:** Anja Nurvo  
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