



Media Update

Feb. 5, 2019

Update re: Pier B Mooring Dolphin Extension Project

Statement from Ian Robertson, CEO, Greater Victoria Harbour Authority

Following the unfortunate loss at sea of the large-diameter pile shipment for the Pier B mooring dolphin extension in early December, the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA) proceeded with a modified design using smaller diameter piles.

The change in design required GVHA to source steel from the North American market. The requirements for steel were stringent, with safety and long-term stability of utmost concern. Unfortunately, no pre-cast steel that met these standards was available through any North American supplier.

We decided to move forward with a two-step approach: to work with the BC Pilots Association and Royal Caribbean International on testing options for safe moorage of the *Ovation of the Seas* at Pier A South, and to revert to our original plan of a large-diameter pile structure.

Following testing with the BC Pilots Association and Royal Caribbean on Feb. 1, 2019, the decision has been made to have the *Ovation of the Seas* berth at Pier A South for the 2019 cruise season.

The large-diameter pile has been reordered through our contractor and is expected to be delivered later this summer. Construction of the pier extension will now take place in late-summer and be completed for the 2020 cruise season.

Throughout this process, our team communicated and worked closely with Royal Caribbean International to ensure that they were updated on our project and options for the *Ovation of the Seas*. Royal Caribbean International reiterated their commitment to the Victoria Cruise Terminal and the desire for their guests to disembark and visit our amazing city.

The changes to our plans do not impact the funding support from the Government of Canada. In addition, GVHA is now able to remain close to our original capital project budget of \$6.8 million.

We look forward to welcoming the *Ovation of the Seas* for her inaugural call on Sunday, May 12.

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