

Seaspan to build new head office on North Vancouver waterfront

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An artist's rendering of Seaspan's new North Vancouver head office. image supplied

Seaspan's North Vancouver location will soon be home to a brand new head office for the shipbuilding and tug firm.

District of North Vancouver council voted Oct. 5 to grant building permits to the company to build a new 7,800-square-metre (84,000-square-foot) office at the foot of Pemberton Avenue. The building is set to be four storeys in height and include offices, meeting rooms, change rooms and a canteen for the Seaspan staff. The new head office will be located on the western spit of the Seaspan property.

The new office follows the modernization the rest of the shipyard has gone through as it gears up to build 17 non-combat ships for the federal government.

The plan also involves improving the gravel parking lot used by employees and adds more on-site parking on the east side of the site, resulting in 122 more stalls.

Council praised the building's design and its green building standards, including passive heating and reduced water use.

When it's completed, the office will hold 330 skilled employees, up from the current 130.

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