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Dear NVC Planning Department:

At a recent **NVC OCP** public workshop, the idea of providing moorage for cruise ships was put forward. Staff responded that the cruise ship industry did not support the idea as they viewed 1st & 2nd Narrows Bridges as impediments. I feel the decision to not include (& promote) this idea in the OCP should be reconsidered.

This evening I heard a presentation by **Capt. Gordon Houston**, President & CEO of the Vancouver Port Authority. When asked about cruise ship facilities for the North Shore, although cautious about the immediate future (Sept.11), he was optimistic over the long term. The cruise ship industry has had 19 years of continuous growth in Vancouver & is now the second largest economic generator in the Province. Canada Place has recently been expanded to handle 3 ships, but the new capacity has already been allocated. More to the point, Capt. Houston stated that Vancouver "has run out of facilities on the south shore" and if the industry continues to grow, will have to find new facilities elsewhere.

I feel that largely because of Sept.11, the cruise ship industry will indeed continue to grow. I foresee the public embracing vacations which offer a high degree of security & comfort, especially when the embarkation point is beautiful Vancouver (or North Vancouver!).

Another aspect to the industry are 'pocket cruises' or 'calm water cruising' around the Gulf Islands, a segment yet to be developed. In the past, the SS Princess MacQuinna made a popular circuit of Vancouver Island for over forty years. I believe the North Shore would be ideal in providing moorage to these smaller 200-300 passenger coastal cruisers. Therefore it makes good planning sense to examine the entire North Shore waterfront & in conjunction with **NV District**, earmark possible future sites.

On another tact, public input to the NVC OCP indicates a clear desire to phase any expanded residential housing to increased job opportunities, especially office jobs and the need for more employers like ICBC. Therefore I believe the option for a **Canary Wharf** & cruise ship terminal at the Versatile site (instead of high rise residential) should be included in the Plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly, Dave Sadler