

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH
THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN MARITIME MUSEUM AS A TENANT
FOR THE MORAN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

In the year Two Thousand Ten.....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, the Citizen's of Burlington strongly supported the following question on the March, 2008 ballot:

"Shall the City of Burlington be advised to move forward on the proposal to renovate and redevelop the Moran Plant to include an indoor ice and rock climbing facility; children's museum; outdoor ice skating rink; splash water park; public park; cafe and restaurant; new skateboard park; observation deck and the retention of the Community Sailing Center, with the understanding that voters will have an opportunity in the future to approve any financing that would alter individual property tax rates?;" and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington is responsible for developing and maintaining all public infrastructure and facilities necessary for the continued success and development of it's downtown, including the waterfront; and

WHEREAS, Burlington will be economically strengthened through continued public improvements and private investments to public infrastructure and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on November 16, 2010, charged the Parks, Arts and Culture Committee (PACC) to develop a process of public engagement with CEDO to identify a new tenant to replace the children's museum in the Moran Redevelopment project; and

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WHEREAS, the PACC and CEDO developed this process of public engagement which included issuing a Request for Letters of Interest and reinstating the citizen Moran Advisory Group, of which the PACC are members, to provide a recommendation to the Mayor and PACC; and

WHEREAS, CEDO conducted this robust public process which included the Moran Advisory Group, and the Parks Arts and Culture Committee, which sought feedback from every Neighborhood Planning Assembly, the Parks Commission, the Planning Commission and the Burlington Business Association's Waterfront Action Group; and

WHEREAS, the Parks, Arts and Culture Committee (PACC) held a public hearing on January 26, 2010, to receive additional public comment on selection of a potential tenant; and

WHEREAS, the Moran Advisory Group provided their recommendations to the Mayor and PACC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and CEDO are authorized to engage the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum in negotiations regarding their participation in the Moran Center redevelopment project on behalf of the City of Burlington.