

Sawpit Wharf Committee

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, September 19, 2018 – 6:00pm
St. John's Anglican Church Hall

In Attendance: David Silver, Graham Mowbray, Errol Knickle, Richard Mosher, Ian Fraser, Tina Risser, Bub Risser, and Tissy Bolivar

Regrets: Chad Parks

Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome to new members Graham and Richard

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by David; seconded by Ian. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

- Motion by Errol; seconded by David. Motion carried.

Update on completed projects

Paint on boat ramp

- Mike and Ian applied the paint – it looks good

Gravel in front of boat ramp

- Committee thought this was incomplete by engineering staff. Tissy has concluded with staff that this was completed.

Brush clearing

- Positive comments; looks great.
- Now there is a need for annual maintenance to keep it under control

Signage

- All signage has been installed.
- Committee would like to have a video surveillance sign. Tissy to order and install one.

Review of Season

- Overall, it has been a busy season.
- We have experienced a higher number than normal of boats docked on the wharf without permit. Tissy put notices on several vessels. Quicker action to be taken when boats are identified as without permit.

- Garbage left at the site/receptacles by boaters and non-boaters is excessive.

Dock Spots

- Sign is missing (loading/unloading). Tissy will get a new one installed.
- There is a need to keep the dock spots up-to-date to ensure people are using the right spots. This will make it easier to know what spots are available when permitting.
- Next year, we will assign spots accordingly, so no one needs a stern line into the slip.

Planning for the Future – wish list

- Trail switchback - #1 priority
- A way to tie boat to the ramp when unloading – would rings on the slipway work?
- Power/water on the wharf
- Sewage pump-out station
- Move port-a-potty to be more esthetically pleasing
- Kayak launch area next to ramp – move rocks to allow small boat access
- Light pole is rotten – needs to be replaced and moved
- Block off wharf access in winter

Staff will bring back more information/pricing for projects

Other

- People like the ramp – positive feedback
- The committee feels as though there is a need for water testing at the site. Water quality is of high importance, especially with straight pipes into the back harbour
 - Our main sign says “No swimming”
- Conversation around marking the channel with buoys – liability is the reason this is not done anymore
- Can we get permission to drag/dredge the channel?
- Look into the possibility of having a ladder on the end of the wharf
- Committee received their volunteer hats

Adjournment

- Motion by Richard; seconded by Tina. Motion carried.

Next Meeting – Early December: TBA