

Sawpit Wharf Committee

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 – 6:30pm
St. John's Anglican Church Hall

In Attendance: William, Doug, Ian, Richard, Chasidy, Trudy

Regrets: Bub Risser, Tina Risser and David Silver

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Richard; seconded by Doug. Motion carried.

Approval of November 16, 2022 Minutes

Motion by Ian; seconded by Doug. Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Old Pole and Electricity

It was reported that if we wish to have the service reconnected, we will need an electrician to make arrangements for a new service pole as the old one does not meet code. When the service is gone, we can remove the old pole.

- **Action:** The Committee decided they would like to have the old pole and electricity removed.

Jersey Barrier in front of Ramp

- **Action:** The Committee requested that the jersey barrier at the end of wharf be re-positioned to half on the wharf and half off (to catch the edge).

Snow Plowing

The Committee made positive comments on the snow plowing Publics Works was doing at the facility keeping the boat ramp free of snow as sometimes it does get used this time of year.

- **Action:** The Committee agreed a thank-you be sent to Public Works thanking them for their great snow plowing of the facility.

Community Plan

Trudy informed the committee that conducting a wharf assessment is in the capital budget this year. During budget discussions staff were directed to have the wharf assessment completed first before beginning the community consultation for the community plan for the park. There was some discussion and disappointment expressed in further delaying the community consultation. It was explained that the assessment of the wharf would likely be completed in the summer and would help inform the community consultation that would likely take place in September/October of 2023.

Floating Dock Extension

It was explained that MODL would need to make application to Natural Resources for a permit. In discussions with staff at Natural Resources getting a permit should not be an issue.

The extra dock spot that was ordered a couple years ago is scheduled to arrive at the end of April, early May.

The committee reviewed a couple of possible layouts for the wharf. It was agreed not to go along side of the wharf as this system would require different brackets than we currently use. It was expressed if Natural Resources would enable us to go straight out to the harbour would be great.

Discussion was held around removing the current wooden slipway. Trudy received a rough estimate from the MODL Engineering Department to have it removed and they estimated the cost to be about \$40,000. If we ever wanted to replace it, they estimated the cost would be around \$80,000. There was some discussion that it does get used a few times and if we should install cleats on the slipway, similar to the ones in Mahone Bay.

➤ **Action:** Trudy will check with Engineering to see about getting cleats on the slipway.

Discussion took place about the maintenance of the boat launch, and it was requested it be pressure washed to clean it up. It was mentioned it also may need to be repainted.

➤ **Action:** Trudy to request that the Engineering Department make arrangements to have the boat launch pressure washed.

Dock Spot Application Changes

Trudy reviewed the recommended changes to the dock spot application form. The significant changes are as follows:

- The rental time frame would be from June 1 to October 31. The rationale for this is that we will not be getting the additional section until the end of April early May, and it is best to put the entire system in all at once. Also, for the most part people wait for lobster season to be completed before boating.
 - The deadline would be advertised as April 28, 2023.
 - Changed the language that punts and tenders must be no more than 12 feet including the motor and that a picture may be required.
 - Rental increase to \$125 which was recommended by the Committee to Council who approved the rental increase.
 - A significant change recommended was that priority be provided to residents and/or property owners in MODL. If a draw is required preference would be given to MODL residents/property owners and we would have a public draw with the date of the draw posted in the advertising.
 - Also, recommended adding, in case of adverse weather, MODL has the right to remove the dock system and may not put it back in for the rest of the season – depending on timing and that no refunds will be issued. Every attempt will be made to contact the owners at the contact information they provided.
- **Action:** The Committee agreed to all the changes and directed staff to proceed with advertising and using the new application form as amended.

Replacement of Missing Signs

This was completed.

Campers In Park

Council has directed staff to look into options for enforcement. This will not be in place for this season so we will likely still have issues of RV in the park.

Minutes

- **Action:** Trudy will check with Tissy to see if the past minutes has been posted on the MODL website.

By-law

The by-law will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next Meeting – May 17th at 6:30 p.m. St. John's Anglican Church Hall