



Beaverton Harbour Advisory Committee

Date: Wednesday, August 04, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Electronic Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Present: Christine Dukelow, Ryan Lloyd, Councillor Claire Doble, Ralph Davidson, Paul Nelson, Randy Straeten, Paula Warder

Absent: Ryan Lloyd, Councillor Cria Pettingill

Staff Present: Maralee Drake, Deputy Clerk, Paul Lagrandeur, Director of Public Works, Fernando Lamanna, Clerk / Deputy CAO

1. Call to Order

Chair Dukelow called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Paul Nelson that the minutes of the June 2, 2021 meeting be approved.

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4. Hearing of Deputations – none

5. General Items

1) Harbour Survey – August 2019

The committee discussed the 2019 Harbour Survey and noted the following items that were found frequently in the responses:

- lack of cleanliness at the harbour,
- location of the washrooms vs. porta potties and lack of a change room (Fenelon Falls is a good example of what could be built)
- poor water quality, beach continually being posted as unsafe for swimming
- structural issues with the pier, building and boat launch

Councillor Doble expressed pleasure that 41% of respondents were satisfied with the harbour a day trip location.

The Deputy Clerk advised she had reached out to the City of Kawartha Lakes for more information on the Fenelon Falls washroom facilities.

Mr. Straeten expressed frustration that no improvements or work has been done at the harbour even after the initial Harbour Plan was approved by Council in 1997.

Chair Dukelow advised that funding previously available to the Township from the Federal Government for repairs to the pier prior to a divestiture (from discussions in 2017) is no longer available. The Clerk/Deputy CAO advised that grant funding is typically provided when a project is at shovel ready stage.

The committee discussed the municipality lobbying the federal government to request repairs and improvements, potential liabilities and the opportunity to include other stakeholders such as the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Durham Region and the Provincial Government to strengthen the Township's position in requesting funding.

The committee discussed the importance of valuing the harbour as an asset within the municipality, and for future plans to be cognizant of the opportunity to attract boaters travelling through the Trent Severn Waterway, and facilities such as showers, power hook ups etc. that would be valuable to overnight boat traffic.

Councillor Doble advised that opportunities for future development would increase without the boathouses in the harbour. The Deputy Clerk advised the earliest date to provide notice to the boathouse owners of the termination of the lease is July 31, 2024, but that she would follow up to enquire if it would be possible to provide the owners with an advance notice that a notice to end the lease is forthcoming.

The committee noted the importance of the Fire Rescue boat to be kept at the harbour in a covered slip.

Councillor Doble acknowledged the work done by the Public Works staff of maintaining the beach and harbour area.

The committee discussed a pedestrian bridge to connect Ethel Park to the harbour and noted difficulties with the height required to allow for boat traffic, the cost of construction, chances it would be vandalized or damaged, liability concerns, and the need for it to be accessed by emergency vehicles. Further information and structure type (i.e. swing bridge) would require further consultation from a qualified expert.

Mr. Straeten enquired as to the possibility of adding in additional boat slips along the pier to which Councillor Doble advised that the staff have counselled it is not possible because the Township does not own the pier.

Chair Dukelow requested that the committee formulate recommendations and thoughts for the harbour, to discuss at the next committee meeting.

2) Harbour Parking – Report 2020-PS-02, Beaverton Harbour Parking, May 11, 2020

The committee discussed the limited parking currently available at the harbour and concluded that how parking is arranged now is making the best use of what is available. Committee members raised

concerns about loading and unloading spaces to which they were advised that two such spaces are available. The committee discussed the opportunity to introduce paid parking for non-residents and the need for and costs associated with increased monitoring and enforcement. Further discussion included the possible elimination of the lower parking lot and changing that area to green space for local events, increased seating and a Farmers Market.

Concerns were raised about the number of vehicles parking on the ice along the pier and beach during the winter months for lake access and ice fishing, and the associated salt, gas and diesel runoff from those vehicles that is contaminating the water. The committee discussed the economic impact that ice fishing has on Beaverton and suggested that the direct access to the lake could be wide enough only for snowmobiles and ATVS to travel from the harbour area onto the lake and that parking may could only be permitted in the upper parking lots.

- 3) Township of Brock By-laws to enter into agreements with Durham Region at Harbour
 - (a) By-law 3064-2021 - Water Supply Plant
 - (b) By-law Number 3065-2021 – Public Parking Spaces

Councillor Doble advised that the Township has entered into agreements with the Region of Durham for beach maintenance on the Durham Region portion of the beach and land use around the water supply plant and parking spaces at the harbour specifically for the Region.

6. Other Items & Inquiries

- 1) New Business

The Deputy Clerk advised that the next meetings of the committee will be structured to work towards a final presentation and report to Council on December 6, 2021.

- 2) Next Meeting Date – September 1, 2021

7. Adjournment

Moved by Claire Doble to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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