



Beaverton Harbour Advisory Committee

Date: Wednesday, October 06, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Electronic Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Attendees: Christine Dukelow, Ryan Lloyd, Councillor Claire Doble, Paul Nelson, Randy Straeten, Paula Warder, Councillor Cria Pettingill

Absent: Ralph Davidson

Staff Present: Maralee Drake, Deputy Clerk, Paul Lagrandeur, Director of Public Works

1. Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

Chair Dukelow called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – none

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Paul Nelson that the minutes of the September 1, 2021 meeting as amended with the edits provided by Ralph Davidson be approved.

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4. Hearing of Deputations - None

5. General Items

1) Water Quality Issues

Councillor Pettingill provided a summary to the committee of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) presentation that was provided to Council at their meeting on September 27, 2021.

The committee discussed the importance of the LSRCA being consulted during the development of a Harbour Master Plan.

Mr. Straeten enquired which agency is responsible for E.coli studies within the lake, Durham Region Health Department or the LSRCA. Councillor Pettingill advised that the LSRCA refers to a study completed by the University of Western Ontario.

Councillor Pettingill advised that she requested the Durham Region Health Department to undertake water testing at Thorah Beach, but their response was that they will not be testing as it does not meet their requirements.

The committee discussed the importance of water quality and E.coli mitigation techniques to be addressed in the Harbour Master Plan and in the committee's final report to Council. These techniques could include further studies by LSRCA, wildlife management tools and becoming designated as a Blue Beach. The location of the beach front on the east side of Lake Simcoe with three rivers that feed into the lake in close proximity, strong westerly winds and shallow warm waters all affect the water quality.

2) Final Report to Council (Draft) – Feedback

The committee reviewed the draft final report to Council and discussed recommended changes and additions to the report. Topics included in the report to include:

- Harbour Divestiture – process, funding, priority and responsibilities
- Funding – specific line item in the annual budget for maintenance, funding for the creation of a Harbour Master Plan and funds set aside for long term improvements to the harbour area that come out of a Harbour Master Plan
- Development of the Harbour Master Plan – stakeholders to be consulted, how much detail should be provided to the consultants ahead of time
- Water Quality
- Public Consultation
- Comparable projects in other municipalities
- Boathouse leases – land owned by the municipality; notices provided to the lease holders about the review of the harbour area

Councillor Doble encouraged the committee to create a list of projects that could be accomplished in the short term and addressed within the 2022 Budget that would improve the Beaverton Harbour.

6. Other Items & Inquiries

1) New Business

Chair Dukelow asked the committee to review harbour and beach area in neighbouring municipalities for inspiration.

2) Next Meeting Date – November 3, 2021

7. Adjournment

Moved by Claire Doble to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

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