



Waterfront Baddeck Committee Meeting Minutes
10:AM- 12 NOON (11:45 AM - noon for questions from public)
Virtual Zoom Meeting only-no in person session

March 29, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Sean Baldwin
Gary Crowder
Steven Goldthwaite
Rhonda Kay
John Langley
Bill Marchant
Steve Ross

Regrets:

Terry Kelly, Denise Mulley

AGENDA REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:

Governance:

The minutes of the board meeting of February 23, 2024 were approved as distributed. It was proposed that we restructure meetings by having quarterly public meetings in the Court House with regular monthly meetings of the *WB Committee* to be held at Steven's boathouse. Steven and John to compile a draft schedule of meetings for distribution to committee members.

Finances: Chairman reported that the WB budget had been presented to and approved by the Village commission.

Public Wharf:

The **floating docks** will be put back in the water at the end of April. Denise will contact Winstar to ensure they have their dock in place to accommodate this schedule. John and Bill will arrange to inspect the 'floating fire wall ' beneath the wharf with the help of Haley and Steven's workboat.



We are still awaiting to hear back from the two **commercial tour boat operators** about finalizing details of 2024 operating agreements. Winstar is seeking permission to erect a booth/shelter on the wharf adjacent to its berth. The matter was discussed at length out of which it will be WB'S recommendation to the Village Commission that no structures be permitted on the wharf. WB will assist tour boat operators who may wish to locate elsewhere off the wharf.

A **fire safety plan** has been proposed for the wharf. Roman has been looking into this; he and Denise will set up a meeting with representatives of the Baddeck Volunteer Fire Department to devise an appropriate plan.

Jen raised the topic of **events planning** for the wharf which it was felt needed more time to consider and discuss, one suggestion being that the focus should be on events that are of interest to the general public as opposed to private events.

Chairman reported that WB was successful in receiving a 15K grant through Nova Scotia Tourism to defray costs of setting up a **website for bookings** on the wharf as well as boating surveys; the site will be compiled by Novastream and Vibe and will be fully operable for the forth- coming boating season. Peter Bigelow has been requested to provide suggestions for improving the entrance to the wharf.

Boardwalk:

Rhonda advised that the design team for the living shoreline is awaiting some information from Bruce Hatcher arising out of his site visit on March 23rd. Discussion about permits required for the project with possibility of some oversight by Annabelle, a consultant with particular expertise in this area who has worked with Harbourside in the past. Costing of this service, if required to be explored further. Discussion about the current state of the boardwalk and effort required to 'make it safe' for pedestrian use this summer.

Steven and Bill measured water depths along the outer edge of the boardwalk which gave rise to discussion about whether alterations may be required to the overall design should water depths be deemed unsafe for use by children. The matter will be referred to Peter Bigelow in an effort to determine the optimal water depth at the foot of the proposed stairway into the harbour.

Kidston Island:

John presented an update on recent discussions with officials of Nova Scotia Power about the potential for 'an arrangement' to accommodate solar power on Kidston Island and thus doing away with the need for and the expense associated with the inevitable replacement of the submersible cable currently supplying power to the island. John will follow up with the NSP officials.



Steve R. advised that Lynk Electric has been asked to provide a proposal for solar power to the island- for hard costs of equipment and solar panels as well as costs of a suitable building or structure to house the equipment.

Steven noted that Harbourside would be looking at the engineering required for the lighthouse refurbishment and that he would be preparing an application for a Legacy Grant before the end of April.

Rhonda reported that the Clean Foundation has approved funding for one summer intern. Emily Macdonald, our intern from last summer will be returning beginning mid- to latter part of May.

Other Business:

Efforts will be made to finesse the operation of the public washrooms this summer including the refinement of a 'key-fob' system and water monitoring. Steven reported that the new harbour WB support workboat will be delivered mid-May. A plan will be compiled for use. John gave a brief update on the Climate Change Conference which took place in Baddeck last weekend. It was very well attended with presenters including Bruce Hatcher and Veronica Brezeski. Steven as co-Chair gave an excellent presentation describing some of the work done by WB to address climate change.

UPON MOTION the meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Next meeting, WB committee date is proposed for, at Steven's Boathouse:

April 29, 2024 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

John G. Langley
Secretary
Waterfront Baddeck