



Waterfront Baddeck Committee Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2024

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM (11:15 AM– 11:30 AM for questions from public)
Victoria County Courthouse, Chebucto Street, Baddeck, N.S. and Virtual Zoom

ATTENDEES

Roman Braun-Huettner
Gary Crowder
Steven Goldthwaite
Rhonda Kay
Terry Kelly
John Langley
Bill Marchant
Denise Mulley
Steve Ross (Zoom)

Regrets:
Sean Baldwin

AGENDA

Governance
Public Wharf
Boardwalk
Kidston Island
Other Business

AGENDA REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

GOVERNANCE

The meeting agenda was approved as circulated. The minutes of the board meeting of January 26, 2024 were approved as distributed and will be posted to the Waterfront Baddeck Committee website (waterfrontbaddeckcommittee.ca).

PUBLIC WHARF

2024 Budget: Terry provided an in depth review of the draft budget which will be submitted to the Village Commission which will be revised based on commentary and submitted to the Village Commission for approval. Steven commented on the optional as well as the committed/necessary projects of WB which gave rise to discussion upon some of the salient points.



Wharf damage: John Bryson was present and commented on the damage to that part of the wharf utilized by Winstar. He advised that the damaged materials in the water at present were secure and would be removed and repairs made to the wharf as soon as weather permitted.

Lighting Grant: Steven reported that application for funding had been made through the Communities Accessibility Fund with options for lighting on the wharf being investigated while word is awaited on the success of our application.

Berthing Agreements: Steven informed the committee that he, Denise and Gary had met with the Winstar to discuss operations for the 2024 season and will be following up to finalize their agreement. A berthing agreement has also been sent to Sailing CBI.

Marketing and Communications: WB has been successfully marketing on social media, notably Instagram and facebook. It was proposed that we increase the budget for this type of marketing while seeking input and feedback on how we can better market our community using this media. A collaborative approach to marketing by both WB and BABTA was also put forth for consideration.

Cruise Ship Marketing: John advised that he would take the lead on cruise ship marketing and oversight. Baddeck has welcomed smaller cruise ships in the past and there is an opportunity to reinstate that opportunity with creative marketing and strategic planning. Denise will input all incoming cruise ships into the shared calendar.

Marine Visitor Guide: WB will look into reprinting the handout that was created last year and options for making it available to visitors in hard copy as well as via email. There was a discussion as to whether we should actually hand-out a printed version.

Website and Survey: deemed to be an important means of securing feedback from the public regarding WB operations and projects.

Public Washroom Management: to be operated by means of a key-fob system; suggestions made for having washrooms open for more extended hours during the summer season.

Pick-up/Drop-off: evaluation will be given to the suggestion of using the area on the east side of the gangway to facilitate access to/from the wharf.



BOARDWALK

Engineering and Planning: Steve Ross reported on recent meetings of the boardwalk sub committee to move this project forward. Harbourside has provided a new drawing of the reconstruction site while Peter Bigelow is reviewing a summary of the public input. Following review by WB this information will be submitted to Fathom for plan preparation. Construction permits are pending while details for the living shoreline are finalized.

Solar Power: Plans for the new boardwalk include power pole removal and going underground with power. The pole at the eastern end of the boardwalk also provides power by way of submersible cable to Kidston Island. Consideration is being given to establishing solar power on the island and possibilities for a quid pro quo arrangement with Nova Scotia Power which would then be relieved of the expense of replacing the submersible cable which is at the end of its effective life.

Living Shoreline: Rhonda reported that as there was no response to our RFP in December that tentative arrangements have been made with a group composed of Harbourside, DHI and CBWES as a design team for the living shoreline component of the boardwalk project. The group has provided a cost estimate of 99K, considerably more than the anticipated cost of 70K, the focus now being on ensuring that the final estimate covers all the necessary requirements of the grant.

Condition and repairs for summer of 2024: Roman advised that the Village Commission is looking into the matter.

KIDSTON ISLAND

Summer Interns: Rhonda reported that we had been successful in receiving funding approval for one summer intern through the Clean Foundation Fund. Emily has agreed to return this summer and is prepared to provide some direction and oversight for another intern to be hired through the office of the Freight Shed.

Lighthouse Survey: Steve Ross noted that Paul Burke will create a design for a new foundation together with a method/proposal for how to move the lighthouse structure. It will then be contracted out for preliminary pricing in support of applications for funding. There is some modest maintenance work required which will be undertaken this summer by volunteers.

Lions Club Floating Dock: The committee is investigating an opportunity to acquire an additional float with potential to act as a dinghy dock adjacent to the Lions club ferry situated on lands owned by the BYC. An approach will be made to the BYC following its Annual Meeting on March 9, 2024 to discuss a collective approach to this undertaking.



OTHER BUSINESS

Climate Change Task Force Conference: will be held March 23, 2024 at BOLD with Bruce Hatcher to present as well as Waterfront Baddeck

Meeting with Baddeck Mooring Authority: Steven suggested a meeting to discuss both boardwalk as well as a dinghy dock.

Victoria County Council Presentation: Chairman made a presentation before County Council On February 20, 2024 by way of an update on the work of WB as well as to request a contribution of 75K towards the cost of the boardwalk project. The submission was very favorably received with a decision on the monetary request to be made after a formal application is lodged with County Council.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am

Next meeting date is scheduled for March 29, 2024

John G. Langley
Secretary
Waterfront Baddeck