



Waterfront Baddeck Committee Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2024

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Bras d'Or Yacht Club
Public Meeting

ATTENDEES:

Steven Goldthwaite
Rhonda Kay
John Langley
Sean Baldwin
Denise Mulley
Bill Marchant
Terry Kelly
Denise Roberts (VC rep)
Bonnie White (VC rep)
Regrets: Steve Ross

AGENDA

New Committee Members and Process
Boardwalk
Power to Kidston Island
Living Shoreline

AGENDA REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:

New Committee Members and Process

Chairman Steven opened the meeting and welcomed a large public contingent with a slide show featuring images reflecting the ongoing work of the Waterfront Committee during the past few months. He noted that this meeting was an opportunity to update local residents on the work of the committee and seek input and suggestions for projects moving forward.

Chairman noted that a call had recently gone out seeking three new members for the committee. The appointment process was reviewed and noted that these positions, each reflecting certain skill-sets and for three -year terms, were expected to be filled by January 1, 2025.



Boardwalk

Steven used slides to inform all those present of the ongoing work of the committee with regard to the refurbishing of the boardwalk. With financing soon to be finalized it is hoped to soon go to tender, have much of the work completed over the winter months and have the boardwalk open again by summer 2025. Other related topics gave rise to discussion and input regarding parking, traffic concerns including potential use of speed bumps, bus drop-off, accessibility issues and potential zoning for the boardwalk and possibly the wharf and Kidston Island.

Power to Kidston Island

Steven reviewed how power to Kidston Island impacted the boardwalk project. Discussions are ongoing with Nova Scotia power about the removal of overhead lines and poles in the immediate vicinity of the boardwalk as well as present and future power afforded to Kidston Island. There are two scenarios. The first envisages retention of power to the island with the existing submersible cable which would necessitate placement of a relay box/station at the east end of the boardwalk. The other option is to terminate power as presently supplied and construct solar panels on the island sufficient to meet the minimal current need for power on the island. How to move forward will be made more clear following meetings with NSP officials in the coming weeks.

Living Shoreline

Rhonda discussed the theory and concept of living shoreline as it pertained to the boardwalk project. She noted that Baddeck Improvement Association had received approval of 300K from the provincial SCCF Program which provides for a living shoreline component to the boardwalk rebuild. This funding is separate and apart from the 2.2 million dollars capital cost funding from other sources. She noted that design work is in the final stages with plans to take it back to the public once finalized.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 am

Next Meeting: November 29, 2024 at 10 am

John G. Langley
Secretary