

# Sawpit Wharf Committee

## Meeting Notes

Wednesday, February 6, 2019 – 6:30pm  
St. John's Anglican Church Hall

**In Attendance:** David Silver, Graham Mowbray, Errol Knickle, Tina Risser, Bub Risser, and Tissy Bolivar

**Regrets:** Chad Parks, Richard Mosher, Ian Fraser, Angus Morris

### Approval of Agenda

- Motion by Errol; seconded by Tina. Motion carried.

### Approval of Minutes of September 19, 2018

- Motion by Tina; seconded by David. Motion carried.

### Business Arising from Minutes

#### Signs – video surveillance; loading/unloading

- The video surveillance sign has been installed
  - Garbage is still a major issue at the park. Staff are there almost daily to remove primarily household garbage, in the off season
  - Conversation around removing the cans at the end of the season. **Tissy asked about this, it has been done before and people left garbage anyway.**
- Still need a loading/unloading sign on floating dock with a 15-minute max.
- **Tissy to order and install new sign before season opens**
- **David will replace missing dock spot number signs before season opens. Tissy will give our signs to David as well.**

#### Capital Project – Switchback Trail

- This project has been included in MODL's capital budget for consideration by Council
- Tissy will confirm the exact amount budgeted
- The budget is typically approved in May

#### Water Testing

- Signage on site prohibits swimming – “No Swimming”
- Conversation around the possibility of having the committee act in an advocacy role to promote water quality
- Water tests used to be done by MODL at Sawpit, however, is only done at parks where swimming is encouraged now. **Tissy to find old results to act as benchmark data.**

- What are our legal options? If we were to complete tests, what would be our obligation if a test came back negative? **Tissy to explore further.**
- **Committee needs to establish how they would like to proceed after information is gathered**

#### **Power Pole Update**

- Committee decided to have the pole replaced where it is currently, not to move it
- Tissy will follow up with Nova Scotia Power again to have this replaced

#### **Ladder for front of wharf**

- **Engineering is looking into this for the beginning of the season**

#### **Rings on boat slipway**

- Proposal from engineering was more elaborate than the committee would like
- **Tissy to explore further with engineering department – hitching post?**
- Conversation around the concrete on the ramp cracking. Is there warranty? **Tissy will set a time to meet with engineering on site to review.** David offered to join.

#### **Other Business**

- **Channel Markers – Graham**
  - Conversation around channel markers by Graham.
  - From Graham: “At the last meeting we had a very brief discussion about marking the channel to Saw Pit wharf. There was concern about liability and the consensus was “don’t go there”. I was curious however and I spoke to the Coast Guard and Canadian Hydrographic Service. It seems that these organizations do not see that we would be assuming any liability and in fact they would (provided we do it properly) support any marking efforts we made and would then put our markers/channels on their maps. They thought the idea was a good thing and reminded me that there are many private markers in the water that do not cause liability issues. I thought this encouraging and perhaps the committee might consider making a proposal to Council for some funds to start marking a Channel in from the tip of Mason’s Island across from First Peninsula down to the wharf. I think that visiting boats (and even some of us others) would find such marking very useful.
  - It was identified that Bill Flower marks other channels in the area
  - **Tissy to pose the question with MODL to explore liability/funding**
  - **Committee needs to establish if this is something they want to explore further**

#### **Next Meeting Date**

- **May 1, 2019 at 6:30pm**

#### **Adjournment**

- Motion by Bub; seconded by Tina. Motion carried.