



## **Beaverton Harbour Advisory Committee**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 07, 2021

**Time:** 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** Electronic Meeting via Microsoft Teams

### **Minutes**

**Present:** Christine Dukelow, Ryan Lloyd, Councillor Claire Doble, Councillor Cria Pettingill, Ralph Davidson, Paul Nelson, Randy Straeten, Paula Warder

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

#### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Dukelow called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

#### **2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

#### **3. Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Paul Nelson that the minutes of the March 3, 2021 meeting be approved.  
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#### **4. Hearing of Deputations**

None

#### **5. General Items**

##### **1) Overview of Harbour Jurisdictions**

The Deputy Clerk provided an overview of the areas of ownership in the Beaverton Harbour as per the maps provided in the agenda package. Mr. Straeten advised that the 7 lots are planned to be condominium living.

Moved by Paul Nelson that staff acquire maps with updated ownership and that the Provincial and Federal levels of government be contacted if necessary.

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The committee noted that mapping should be obtained from Township or Regional staff if possible, and that the mapping be provided from a GIS system.

The committee discussed the leased boathouses and enquired as to the length of the leases and termination clause. The Deputy Clerk advised she would follow up.

Moved by Claire Doble that the financial impacts of ending the boathouse leases be investigated by staff.

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## 2) Federal Divestiture Status

The Deputy Clerk (Ms. Drake) advised that the Township Consultant had provided the following information:

- Late 2017 the Federal Government contacted the Director of Public Works and Municipal Clerk/CAO about the potential of a harbour divestiture.
- They provided an engineer's report of what would be required to bring the harbour up to a condition to where the Township would take it on. The report estimated approximately \$600,000 in work. Staff reviewed the report and had many questions about the proposed work (ie. placement of sandbags), and Environmental Assessment concerns relating to potential contamination, along with issues with the swim ladders.
- In September 2018 a letter was sent to the Federal Government requesting a deputation to the new term of Council for background details and divestiture protocols
- In March of 2019 the Federal Government responded and said they would come to Council, but only would present in Closed Session
- March 2019 Council requested that staff respond to advise that the presentation must take place in an open session because of public interest and Ontario statutes and that Council would like the presentation to take place in April 2019. The Township has not yet received a response to this request.

### How the Divestiture Process Works

- Offered first to the municipality and if they turn it down;
- Then offered to other public bodies and agencies if they say no;
- Then goes to private market
- If the Township takes over the Harbour, they have to sign an agreement with the Federal Government for a minimum number of years. If the Township decides to sell the harbour to someone else, they will have to pay the Federal Government fair market price as determined by the Federal Government.

### Thorah Island Harbour

- Before the Township took it over it was completely re-done
- Cost was between \$600,000 - \$700,000
- Brand new harbour given to the Township

Mr. Straeten noted that the Federal Government was very willing to speak about the divestiture process for Thorah Island Harbour and advised that obtaining information from the Federal Government as a private citizen is very difficult. Mr. Straeten noted that the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

(LSRCA) dictates how and when work along the lakeshore is done, but when Federal work is done, they do not require approvals from the LSRCA.

### 3) Next Steps

Councillor Doble advised of the importance to think of the harbour holistically, and to consider the washrooms, splashpad, parking and other projects as part of a larger plan for the community to enjoy.

Mr. Davidson noted that community organizations need to be considered in the planning process out of respect for their contributions to the harbour.

Councillor Pettingill requested the committee to consider the current parking situation at the harbour and provide feedback to be included in the final parking report going to Council. The committee discussed parking issues including signage, lack of space and paid parking and requested that the staff report be included on the next meeting agenda for committee consideration. Councillor Pettingill noted that the by-law incorporates a no-idling clause.

Chair Dukelow suggested the potential for the splash pad to be moved to the top of the hill and for the runoff water to be used in the washroom facilities which would increase available parking space. Councillor Doble enquired as to an approximate cost to do so.

The committee discussed the need to hire a consultant to complete a master plan to which the Deputy Clerk advised there is currently no budget to do so. Chair Dukelow noted that a motion could be put forward requesting Council to include consulting fees in the 2022 budget.

Councillor Pettingill advised that Fenelon Falls did not have a master plan when upgrades were made to their harbour.

Mr. Straeten recommended that the committee analyze recommendations made in previous reports and report back to Council based on those findings.

Mr. Straeten enquired as to having a Master Plan included in the Official Plan review process to which the Deputy Clerk advised that Ms. Vandenakker, Planner for the Township of Brock would be attending the next committee meeting, and that committee members can submit questions for the Planner prior to the next meeting.

Chair Dukelow requested that committee members compile the values and parameters for future commitments at the next meeting. Mr. Straeten advised he would re-circulate the summary of the 1997 study to the committee.

Councillor Pettingill enquired as to a committee recommendation on the Skywoman project, as Council has requested direction from this committee.

Mr. Lloyd expressed concern with temporarily placing the Skywoman sculpture and the associated costs if it would be moved in the future. Mr. Davidson suggested that the placement costs could be considered throw away costs and could be built into the Master Plan budget.

The committee discussed the Skywoman project and brought forward the following concerns

- Placing the statue temporarily and how that location could be decided upon
- Cost to place the statue and potentially move it again
- lack of formal approval or direction from council

- Importance of large decisions such as this be included within a master plan
- The time that has already elapsed in this decision not being made and those implications on the artist, volunteer committee and funding sources
- Time for the artist to create, ship and construct the statue
- The design of the statue and if it may be viewed as cultural appropriation
  - o Consultation processes with Indigenous groups
  - o Is it an accurate representation of the story
  - o Cost of the project if designed by Indigenous artists

Chair Dukelow advised that she would provide the committee with background information on the research and consultation that was done and that she could work with staff to determine if additional public consultation was possible.

## **6. Other Items & Inquiries**

- 1) New Business
- 2) Next Meeting – May 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

## **7. Adjournment**

Moved by Paula Warder to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

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