



## RIVER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### REPORT

Held Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.  
In the Classroom, Town Hall

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#### Present:

Jason Ruttan  
Dave Arseneault  
Chuck Dali

Mike Lewis  
Kevin Lalonde  
Kyle Peloso, OPP Marine Unit Rep.

#### Absent:

Mayor Brian Smith  
Bob Wills

Ed Holley

#### **1. Call To Order**

J. Ruttan called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

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

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

#### **3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

There were no comments from the Minutes.

#### **4. Deputations / Presentations**

- a. Dean Collver, Director, Parks, Recreation & Culture (Town of Collingwood)

Mr. Collver provided presented the Collingwood Waterfront Master Plan, highlighting the process followed which lead to the high level of public and stakeholder engagement during the preparation of the Plan.

Mr. Collver described several concepts being considered, including implementation strategies and partnership opportunities that have been explored and pursued.

- b. OPP Marine Unit Update

K. Poloso provided an update with respect to OPP Marine Operations this season. It was noted that, since June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, there have only been five (5) whereby an OPP vessel was not on the water.

K. Poloso noted that analytics are relied upon when developing the marine strategy for the season, which guides more focused marine patrols.

Discussion ensued with respect to the partnerships established between Collingwood and Huronia West OPP Detachment, together with the coverage limits of the marine patrol.

## **5. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

## **6. New Business**

### **a. River Depth Sounding – June 5, 2018**

J. Ruttan circulated the results from the June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 spring depth sounding, which was completed by several members of the River Resources Committee. J. Ruttan highlighted the river depths and presented the trends and depth comparisons in recent years, including 2017 Spring and Fall.

It was noted that the average depth of the river this spring was approx. 8.3 feet. When looking at last fall, the average depth was approx. 7.8 deep.

The 4<sup>th</sup> marker remains to be the most shallow point at the mount, at approx. 4.5 feet. The last marker was approx. 10 feet.

Mr. Ruttan acknowledged and thanked C. Dali for updating the depth charts.

### **b. Public Works Update**

K. Lalonde provide an update with respect to on-going river maintenance efforts between the Schoonertown Bridge and the mouth of the Nottawasaga River. Currently, staff continue to monitor and maintain the river twice weekly.

It was noted that several street name blade signs were late to be installed; however, many have since been erected at the unopened road allowances along the river.

Discussion ensued with respect to the brush and deadfall that appears to have been caught up adjacent to McDonalds, upstream of Schoonertown Bridge. K. Lalonde reiterated that maintenance efforts along the river are limited to where the markers exist and staff do not maintain the river upstream of Schoonertown Bridge. Staff continue to monitor in the event that it becomes dislodged and carries downstream to within the maintained corridor.

A bried discussion ensued with respect to the Waterfront Safety Brochure recently issued by the Town of Wasaga Beach Recreation Department. It was also confirmed that a 'No Swimming' flag pole will be installed at the river mouth (on the spit) on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Concerns were expressed regarding individuals who jump from the Main Street Bridge, regardless of the posted signage indicated that jumping from bridge is prohibited. K. Poloso indicated that jumping from the Bridge is a municipal by-law issue, as opposed to an OPP enforcement issue.

### **c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Boat Launch and Interim Docking Facilities**

K. Lalonde indicated that he has obtained a quote for 30 feet of floating docks; however, the estimates were between \$8,000 and \$12,000 and this did not include necessary hardware and anchoring systems. Discussion ensued with respect to the various types of docking facilities that could be considered. K. Lalonde indicated that improvements to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street boat launch will continue to be advanced as part of the 2019 Budget Process; however, ultimately, will be subject to Council's priorities and acceptance. It was noted that design efforts could get underway this coming winter/early spring with the goal to have the facility installed prior to the summer season.

K. Lalonde noted that the anchoring of the float docks along the ex. timber retaining wall may require extensive repairs to the wall due to its current condition. This will certainly affect budget estimates. It was further noted that, depending on the type of design (primarily the anchoring system), both NVCA and MNRF may need to be engaged, and permits obtained in advance of the works. MNRF are responsible for the river bottom and the subject works fall within the NVCA regulatory limits. It was confirmed that the Ontario Parks Boundary does not encroach onto the ramp.

K. Lalonde noted that additional costs are being investigated for an interim solution; however, it is already mid-July and the likelihood of the facilities being in place prior to August was doubtful; particularly if retaining wall repairs are necessary.

K. Lalonde requested that a meeting be reconvened in the future to engage Committee Members on design elements that should be taken into account as part of detail design. Committee concurred. Several launching facilities were noted for reference.

#### **7. Items For Future Meetings.**

There were no specific items tabled for future meetings, save and except for the boat launch and floating dock(s) design alternatives.

#### **8. Date of Next Meeting**

J. Ruttan suggested that the next meeting be scheduled at the call of the Chair. Committee confirmed.

The meeting was subsequently adjourned at 8:50pm.