



## Waterfront Baddeck Committee Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2024

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Virtual Zoom Meeting Only. No in-person session

### **ATTENDEES:**

Steven Goldthwaite  
Rhonda Kay  
John Langley  
Sean Baldwin  
Denise Mulley  
Bill Marchant  
Steve Ross  
Terry Kelly  
Gary Crowder (guest)

### **AGENDA**

Waterfront Baddeck Committee Call for Members  
Boardwalk Review  
Living Shoreline Review  
Volunteer Day  
Communications Nova Scotia-Video  
Repairs to back of Freight Shed

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### **AGENDA REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:**

#### **Repairs to Rear of Freight Shed:**

Steve Ross reported that the insurance company had approved the quote from Northern Construction for repairs to which heat pump costs would be added. Insurance company will issue a cheque to the Village of Baddeck and Northern Construction. Work to commence on/about October 28<sup>th</sup>, and take approximately 2–3 weeks to complete with oversight provided by Steve Ross and Denise. There was also some discussion about possible in-filling of the seawall immediately adjacent to the freight shed (future dinghy dock) on property of BYC.



### **Boardwalk Review:**

Bruce Hatcher's report has been received and reviewed by Annabel who will submit next week with application for the permits required before construction can begin. It was noted that there is evidence of some vegetation/grasses etc in the shallow waters proposed for the living shoreline location which was hoped would not impinge on issuance of permits which will take 2-3 months to secure.

Steve Ross gave an update on the boardwalk construction plan illustrated by drawings by Harbourside and Peter Bigelow now about 95% complete. A final determination has yet to be made as to whether the boardwalk will be 10 or 12 feet in width...costing to be considered. All data has been collected to complete the streetscape and will be consolidated by Bigelow and Michael MacDonald of Harbourside. Nova Scotia Power needs to be brought back to the table to finalize arrangements for pole removal and an update and recommendation for removal or retention of power to Kidston Island. John to follow up with NSP.

Core sampling was completed this past week with good results. Steve Ross advised that we are nearly in a position to go to tender for the boardwalk and streetscape (excluding power and landscaping) in the next 4-6 weeks. Terry noted that he had spoken with Lauri at ACOA who indicated that grant funds could not be accessed until such time as all necessary permits are in place.

### **Living Shoreline:**

Rhonda reported on recent discussions with Angelo at Harbourside and introduced a brief report received from DHI which had been delayed while awaiting the Hatcher report which in turn required further clarification regarding some findings, notably water depths. The DHI Report referenced three design concepts for a living shoreline such as contemplated for the boardwalk. It sought answers to a number of questions including whether the site was intended for public use or rather simply a natural site; depending on the chosen use there might be on-going maintenance required.

There was considerable discussion as to whether a living shoreline structure as contemplated for the boardwalk was practical or sustainable. Speaking in support of the concept Rhonda indicated a desire to see the living shoreline 'protect the boardwalk', act as a demonstration project showing an alternative to armour-stoning with the site building up naturally over time, potentially into a beach. Steve Ross indicated that a living shoreline was not necessary to protect the boardwalk per se which is designed to be a stand-alone structure.

Rhonda will go back to DHI to respond to its queries and request advice and recommendations as to how to proceed with this project.



### **Waterfront Baddeck Committee Call for Members:**

Steven cited the Terms of Reference for Committee membership which provides for a maximum of 9 members, of which there are currently eight, all of whom have expressed a desire to continue. The matter will be referred to the Village Commission which may wish to fill the current opening with a commission representative. Steven will prepare a draft proposal to submit to the VC.

### **Communications Nova Scotia Video**

A video team from the province will be in Baddeck October 10–11<sup>th</sup> to shoot a video focused on the work of Waterfront Baddeck...the boardwalk, Kidston Island and the living shoreline concept. Steven will arrange for a zoom call next week to allow for input and discussion with various participants.

### **Volunteer Day:**

The weekend of October 18/19<sup>th</sup> has been chosen for one day of volunteer work on Kidston Island, more specifically various maintenance matters pertaining to the lighthouse including flashing, window installation and leaking/flooding issues.

### **Other Business:**

Denise reported that the last cruise ship visit is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Arrangements will be made to take out the floats the following day, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting adjourned** 11:30 am

**Next Meeting:** October 25, 2024 at 10 am – Public Meeting

John G. Langley  
Secretary