

Ladysmith Maritime Society

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes April 21, 2018

In Attendance

Directors

Dan Lutz

Peter MacHardy

Rod Mac Neil

Barrie McDonald

Doug Bell

Alan Newell

Art Rendell

Janet Skinner

Regrets

Rod Smith (Ex-Officio)

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

2. Purpose of Meeting

1. To discuss the implications of Waterfront Action Plan (WAP) for LMS with particular reference for marina development;
2. to determine the Board's positions on these are related issues;
3. to agree on next steps.

3. Agenda

1. Agree on purposes of meeting, processes for discussing questions and recording the decisions
2. Introductory Perspectives
 - (a) Planning team members
 - (b) Others
3. Discuss questions and record decisions
4. Agree on next steps

The agenda was approved with 2 changes.

1. #3 - it may be premature to capture decisions or resolutions, so an attempt will be to capture 'statements of agreements' where appropriate. The statements are intended to provide direction to the Board of Directors and to staff going forward.
2. Add # 5 - Schedule the next Board of Directors meeting.

2. Introductory perspectives:

All Board members were given opportunity to provide their points of view.

3. Statements of Agreement by the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors agreed to the following:

1. LMS is fully aligned with the Vision and goals of the WAP.
2. LMS will be proactive in taking steps to support the Town of Ladysmith (TOL) and Stz'uminus First Nation (SFN) in pursuit of the goals set out in the WAP - with a focus on waterfront access (DL 2016 and DL 651).
3. LMS recognizes that TOL and SFN are 'Working as One' on the waterfront and will work to strengthen and maintain positive relationships with both communities.
4. LMS is fully supportive of the WAP-related initiatives outlined in the Executive Director's address to the 2017 LMS AGM and his March 2018 presentation to the ToL Council. Staff is encouraged to develop additional mandate-related initiatives designed to deliver benefits to the residents of ToL and SFN - consistent with the adequacy of LMS resources to deliver the other essential programs to LMS.
5. LMS recognizes the importance of the issue of the derelict and abandoned vessels both the LMS operations and to the WAP. LMS wishes to continue its leadership role on this issue. The high quality contributions of the Executive Director so far on this issue were acknowledged. At the same time because of the potential for this issue to absorb significant time and financial resources, the Board requested recommendations whether limits on the level on this engagement should be established.
6. LMS would like to serve as a Manager/Operator of a single expanded Community Marina with a long term tenure on DL 2016, DL 651 and potentially other water lots and shore facilities. The Board believes that LMS has a unique and proven ability to deliver the goals for a Community Marina: extension of the LMS mission, vision, and values to this larger enterprise would deliver an appealing small town feel, cultural expression of both communities in the marina, a broad range of events designed to appeal to both communities, stronger volunteer engagement, and significant economic benefit to both communities.

7. LMS is prepared to discuss at any time the parameters of a new tenure agreement with the ToL and SFN in line with an expanded community marina on DL 2016 and DL 651.
8. LMS is prepared to be proactive and, after consultation with ToL and SFN, invest in concept plans and project planning on DL 651 and on N area development of DL 2016 (eg: physical layouts, costs, environmental issues etc.)
9. LMS is prepared to develop a plan to eventually phase out C-dock boathouses (with the possible exception of houses for heritage boats).

4. Next Steps

4.1 The WAP planning team was asked to develop recommendations for next steps. These are to be presented to the Board at the next Board meeting

Action: WAP Planning Team

4.2 The Executive Director is to prepare a comprehensive report that describes the future space requirements at the Heritage Building considering all LMS Programs. This information will be shared with the consultants from the TOL in support of their report regarding the building upgrades and space requirements. The report to be presented at the next Board meeting.

Action: Rod Smith

4.3 The Board needs to finalize the priorities for LMS considering timeframes and resources available. Timetable yet to be established.

Action: Board of Directors

5. Next Board Meeting

Yet to be scheduled.