

Mayor Henderson and Council

- . Thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak on behalf of seasonal boaters in Cobourg
 - . As boaters, we share common objectives with the marina, visiting boaters, local businesses, and the town
 - . Cobourg has been the “jewel on the lake” from a boaters perspective
 - . That reputation has slipped recently, and we want to work together to regain it
 - . There has been discussion and debate in Council about harbour development, marina expansion, travel lifts, and other waterfront proposals
 - . That is not why I am here
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- . I am here to talk about the need to maintain the existing marina infrastructure, and to manage it effectively
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- . It is also important for the town to recognize its responsibility to provide services that boaters contract for with their dock lease

My Background

- . I have had a slip in the marina for 10yrs.
- . I have visited many marinas, and have experienced what makes some better than others
- . I got involved because I felt we had to support fellow boaters who had legitimate complaints, not being addressed by marina management

Boaters Voice

- . I will be frank with my comments, to help you understand issues and represent boaters

- . Boaters want to work in a cooperative, positive way with the marina .
- . We spoke to many boaters in the harbour, sail, power, fishermen, visiting boaters
- . I interviewed over 100 local and visiting boaters in August
- . Boaters were positive and supportive of the harbour, marina, and town, but were clear in their comments about necessary change

Major Issues Identified

- . Power, infrastructure, wifi, staff training, security, parking
- . Communications & cooperation
- . Lack of power in high water the most urgent issue
- . Power Petition. “Boaters Need Power”
150 signatures supporting (2 weeks)
50 Yacht Clubs, 2500++ boaters

High Water.... Why?

- . 2017, 2019, future??

Many Canadian Municipalities believe that....

- . Source: United Shoreline Ont.
- . IJC 2014 Plan resulted in high water levels (implemented in 2017)
- . Commercial shipping lobby.....restricted outflow
- . Great Lakes water levels higher, St Lawrence R., rainfall, snowfall, etc.
- . Not just global warming
- . High water certain to happen in future
- . What is the new normal??

- . Bottom line....higher risk, unknown consequences

No Power Issues/ Risks at Marina

Safety / Security Issues

- . No power, no lights, no video cameras, no security personnel
- . Trip hazards...dock lines, power cords, loose dock boards etc.
- . G Dock....2 boaters fell in water within 20' of my boat in last few yrs.
- . Disputes on dock over generator noise, fumes
- . Limited enforcement of rules on docks....marina rules ignored by boaters and marina
- . Wild Westvigilante justice on the docks

Environmental Risk Issues

- . Cobourg "Clean Marina" status important but....
- . Gas cans left open, unsecured on docks, boats
- . Generator noise, pollution
- . Environmental priority?

Quality of Boating Life Issues

- . Boats are cottages for many boaters....without power, docks quiet
- . Boats leaving to other marinas...G Dock lost 5 boats in last 2yrs.
- . Other marinas offering bounties, finders fee
- . Expense of generators, dead batteries

Raise Power Lines

- . The proposed solution is to raise the power lines above "high water"

- . Boaters not asking for enhancements or extension to existing service
- . These investments should be supported by the business case

Timing

Boaters respectfully ask necessary power line changes made prior to the 2020 boating season

Future

Boaters believe that a process for ongoing communication, problem identification, resolution, etc. will benefit all parties.....boaters, marina, local business, Town

Boaters want to be part of the solution to helping Cobourg regain status as “Jewel on the lake”

Thank you
Cobourg Boaters