

Update on Marina Operations

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To: Environment, Infrastructure & Community Services

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Here We Go Again

- Its LaSalle Park Marina Association and it is in crisis.
- Late addition to the Agenda
- Council needs to act instantly or boaters will lose their season.
- Staff doesn't know what's to be done
- Staff has no idea of the cost.
- Climate Implications don't include the impact of Power Boats and Jetskis.

Community Engagement ?

- It's hard to delegate on a report that arrives late on the agenda
- Staff is going to give a verbal update so how can the community comment at the committee stage.
- Where is the transparency we've all been hearing so much about.

LPMA Can't Get Insurance – Why?

- LPMA Claims history has caused current insurer to cancel coverage.
- The report says two outstanding claims.
- Rick Craven in the BURLINGTON LOCAL-NEWS identifies the 2 outstanding claims as slip-and-fall lawsuits.
- Are there other claims that have been settled?
- Has the City reviewed the claims history?
- Are the docks un-safe?
- Do they need modification to reduce slips/falls?

BSBC – Position

- “It is now imperative that the City of Burlington assume direct management of what in the end is their marina (they own the wave-break and the docks) and move quickly to open the marina,”- Scott Lowell, Commodore BSBC
- It is not imperative as far as I am concerned
- There is significant cost to the city running the Marina.
- Not something the City should be rushing into.

Financial Matters

- The City is already in possession of a report on the city running the marina
- Touristics Report in CM-17-19 Appendix A showed an operating loss of \$196,750 for the Year 2022
- This assumed that the city would already have been operating the marina for two years.
- It also assumed that the city would have about 9 month to plan the take-over.

Climate Emergency?



Not Environmentally Friendly



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Status of LaSalle Park

- The lease on LaSalle Park is up at the end of the year.
- What happens next year?
- The City needs a Master Plan for LaSalle Park.
- If the City wants a Marina do it right as part of a plan.
- Council and staff need to stop improvising