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re: RCC-09-22

Dear Mayor Meed-Ward, and esteemed councillors.

I'm writing to you today in regards to the LaSalle Marina.

I'm aware that on Thursday the City and the **Parks & Recreation department will be meeting to discuss the matter of the management of the marina and, as such, I am specifically writing to urge the city in conjunction with the Parks and Rec department to assume management of the marina and to move as quickly as possible to open the marina.**

This would be beneficial and in the best interest for the city and furthermore, require little effort as **the marina is basically ready to open. The Marina Manager has also said he is willing to become a city employee if it helps the marina open. The marina manager can oversee ongoing upgrades through the summer, but only if insured and furthermore, BS&BC are willing to make any changes necessary to conform to City processes can this can continue over the summer.**

If the city fails to assume management the impact would be decidedly negative and would be felt in many ways by many residents.

Firstly, there would be significant loss of already established revenue from the marina, renters, and the BS&BC club as the public launch ramp will have to remain closed because there's no room to safely maneuver/park trailers.

Secondly, without the city's cooperation, the AbleSail program would also not be able to operate, disadvantaging those that rely on the program.

The many restaurants and bars nearby the marina and are frequented by BS&BC members would also face a further loss of revenues, just as they are beginning to recoup their losses suffered due to the pandemic.

In addition, the docks would not be able to be effectively secured from unapproved use, and if left vacant and without ongoing maintenance, they would deteriorate and pose an additional risk and liability to the City.

Lastly, backlash from city residents and taxpayers on the recent expenditure of \$4M for the wavebreak to only be used for a single year would bear a large negative impact in this election year.

BS&BC have explored all other options possible and exhausted every available avenue. The only option remaining for this boating season is for the City of Burlington to assume management of the marina and work together with BS&BC to open it quickly.

I thank you for your time, and once again urge the city to assume management of the marina, and work as quickly as possible to open the marina and keep the LaSalle community as vibrant as ever.

Shannon