



**TOWN OF SAINT ANDREWS  
PUBLIC CONSULTATION SESSION  
MINUTES**

**February 17, 2021, 6:00 p.m.  
Electronic Meeting**

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**A. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE**

*A Public Consultation Meeting of the Town of Saint Andrews Council was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Doug Naish, Deputy Mayor Brad Henderson, Councillor Kate Akagi, Edie Bishop, Guy Groulx, Kurt Gumushel, Andrew Harrison.*

*Staff: Chris Spear, CAO/Treasurer, Paul Nopper, Clerk - Senior Administrator*

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*Zoom - 14*

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion: Motion: 057 - 02/21**

**Moved by** Councillor Bishop

**Seconded by** Councillor Groulx

*That the Agenda be approved as presented.*

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**Carried**

**C. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**D. PRESENTATIONS**

*Chris Spear, CAO/Treasurer presentation on the proposed Market Wharf design concepts. The second presentation on the wharf project.*

*Importance of the Wharf: seaside community heritage, economic driver, pleasure boaters, meeting place of the community.*

*Original Facility: built in the 1950s of wooden construction with rock ballast. It was originally owned and operated by the Government of Canada. 1994 severe fire destroyed the pier head and intermediary Trestle portion of the wharf. The replacement was completed in 1996. Pierhead replaced with steel and cement, mid-section is wood and cement, and approach was refurbished.*

*The engineering report of 2018 by CBCL highlighted deficiencies of the structure over 5 years. The deficiencies included the Approach (wheel guards, ballast boxes, deck boards, and Trestle. Intermediate Trestle included replacing Trestle bracing (diagonal and vertical) and fenders. Pierhead to encapsulate the H Piles in splash Zone and replace selected Pierhead fender.*

*Three Options proposed: Wooden Structure replacement, Concrete Structure, or Rock Jetty Construction. Pros and cons presented for each including lifecycle and future costs. Note this project is aiming to meet Climate Change Adaptation.*

**E. INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BY-LAWS AND MOTIONS**

## 1. PED201201 Market Wharf Design Concepts

*Jessica Doucette: Dwayne and I both prefer the seawall approach over the stones going out. It is more of an aesthetic reasoning. We were here to get a better understanding and full picture of what the Town was looking at. Thank you very much for the description and clarity you have provided on the project.*

*Steve Saunders: Are we going to be able to get in contact with the engineer CBCL? There is a group of us that would like to have input into the environmental assessment.*

*Mayor Naish: That is not an untoward request. I think if we get down to the point of selecting an option, we are not going to do a full impact on all the options. Once we make an option we would welcome expertise from the public on that front. Stay posted and we will keep you posted where we are at that.*

*Joanne Carney: Overall it is a very tough decision and the priority is to have a functioning wharf. So how it is designed is not my biggest concern. It would have been an advantage to have the extra width for benches or booths on the wharf. This is not the primary concern. The primary concern is to make sure the wharf is functioning going forward for the next 50 years especially considering the end of the wharf is fairly new and the middle section is in decent shape. The approach needs some rescuing. I did think the concrete was a good option with the wood on the outside to make it look traditional. That may not affect the tides. I am concerned about the problem of building concrete in the cold. It would concern me if we lost a whole summer building the wharf. We had a tough year last year and we think this year will be. To lose another year could be potentially devastating. Potentially would want more information on that and how the concrete could be built without affecting the whole season. I do appreciate that the Town looked into the ownership of the seawall. Chris Spear says the rock erosion along the day adventure centre will be carried through right to the end if I understood that correctly. That is all thank you.*

*Lee Sochasky: One of the key questions is that we have to move on this quickly, can we submit two designs. The hydrodynamic modeling is going to be kind of critical to see what works. If we need to move fast, maybe if we could say we have two different designs and make a decision when we get the money. Is it a possibility to not have to submit a single design?*

*CAO Spear: I will say yes but it has gotten to the point where Council needs to narrow it down so staff and the engineers can move forward on the design. The longer we keep pushing this off, the harder the decision will be. I agree with you on the tidal impact and it is an issue if Council buys into the rock infill option. Both the concrete and wood structure would have similar effects on the tides. The concrete design would be better than the wood design.*

*Lee Sochasky: I have some environmental concerns and a bunch of us looking at it. But also, from the Chamber and others, the Town identity thing. I am finding that the stone jetty has some cost advantages. It is inconsistent with the Municipal Plan objectives and I am struggling with that. I hope that is something Council is looking at. Thank you for letting me speak.*

*Allister Fox: My question has been answered where I think the armour rock is an unattractive look for a heritage look of Saint Andrews. My preference would be the concrete structure with a wooden facing. I am concerned about the shifting of the infill that will happen with the tidal raise side to side. When you look at Patrick Street and the way it is built up there, it is a good example of what can happen with a solid barrier there like the armour fill. Thank you.*

*Mark James: I agree with Allister. I do not think the rock infill is the answer. I like the option of concrete for the approach. I worked in the concrete industry my whole life. I used to run concrete plants in Alberta. I used to test*

concrete. Concrete is very doable. Sure if you are going to do it in the winter there are some hurdles to get over but it is very doable. My vote would be for a concrete structure. It looks better and think it is the way to go. Thank you.

*Genny Simard: I am deeply worried about the current project proposal that sees our beautiful waterfront filled in with rocks in order to raise and salvage the front part of the wharf. Filling in that part with rocks will have two negative impacts; First, as a biologist, I see unique wildlife living around the intertidal zone right along the waterfront, and it would totally destroy important habitats for them. Rocks eventually move around due to the high tides, strong currents, and storm surges, and the whole ecosystem surrounding the wharf will see a major change: most of the filter feeders, those animals that require to filter the ocean water for survival, will suffocate as their gills will become clogged with sediments. Second, as a tourism adventure company owner and operator, I am saddened, and deeply concerned that a historical zone will be buried by sediments. I take several dozen families down onto that intertidal zone right in front of the market square and the Adventure shacks, and guests are amazed at all the historical artifacts found there. It is TRULY a unique situation we have in this town, and it would be a shame to lose it. I see the countless number of people beachcombing each day of the summer, even all year long, along that stretch. I strongly hope you will reconsider this option to raise and refurbish the wharf by filling it in with rocks. Our delicate ecosystem is at stake. Thank you for listening to a passionate biologist, and someone who loves this town more than anything else in the world.*

*Joe Harrison: I have written submissions on behalf of the Saint Andrews Yacht Club and submissions from others that use the wharf. I think the main concern is the tidal effects. Allister mentioned the end of Patrick Street and what a small rock structure can do. We are all citizens and the tax and cost implications are a concern to us as well. There is one thing, Saint Andrews belongs to all New Brunswickers. Those of us who are fortunate enough to live here are charged with its care and charged to maintain this heritage. I think it is clear the heritage would be changed or affected by one of the options. They are building a wooden dock in Back's Bay right now and the fisheries station is doing some work with a wooden dock structure. We really need to look after this on behalf of all New Brunswickers. Thank you.*

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: Motion: 058 - 02/21**

**Moved by Councillor Akagi**

**Seconded by Councillor Bishop**

*At 6:57 p.m. that the meeting be adjourned.*

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**Carried**

  
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Doug Naish, Mayor

  
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Paul Nopper, Clerk

