

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, September 11, 2015				Report Date	Tuesday, September 8, 2015			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

Fisheries and Oceans – Approval for Remediation of Boat Launches- Report #11/09/15/1203

Subject:

Council approval and authority to contact the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) about the potential for clearing rocks from the immediate Stonecliffe boat launch area, to determine if professionals are required to submit application and to source funding.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize staff to consult with DFO and investigate funding opportunities to remediate the area immediately surrounding the Stonecliffe boat launch.

WHEREAS staff have received a number of complaints about damage to boats and trailers after using the Stonecliffe boat launch which may be alleviated in part with the removal of some stones and extension of the cement launch pad;

AND WHEREAS work may not occur in navigable waters without first obtaining permission from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans;

AND WHEREAS grant opportunities at both the Federal and Provincial levels routinely occur, some of which may apply to this type of activity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize staff to proceed with obtaining information and approval for modification to the existing Stonecliffe boat launch site;

AND FURTHER to investigate funding opportunities to allow work to be completed, understanding that this is not authorization to begin the work but to investigate opportunities for the work and funding;

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Quite self-explanatory. Repair and/or clearing of the area around Stonecliffe boat launch has been suggested in the past by residents during Strategic Planning sessions, one as

recent as this spring. Over the summer we have received complaints from three other individuals, 2 submitted in writing.

Staff is requesting Council direction to determine if this is a topic worth staff time. With no recent staff experience in this type of activity, staff estimates are non-existent. A more detailed report will be brought back to council once process and costs are known identifying funding sources and timelines.

Beginning work on this project now will allow us to be ready if/when grant funding is available and spring conditions allow work to progress.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

None at this time other than staff resources to investigate options.

Policy Impact:

As per policy.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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