

United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Council

Request for Decision

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Tuesday, June 21, 2022				Report Date	Tuesday, May 31, 2022			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority		High	X	Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
Report #22/06/21/1203- Request for Boat Launch in Bissett Creek									

Subject: Request to Install a Boat Launch in Bissett Creek

Recommendation: That Council direct staff not to proceed with the installation of a municipal boat launch in Bissett Creek.

Resolution:

Resolution No.: 22/06/21/004

Moved by Councillor _____ and seconded by Councillor _____

WHEREAS Council received a deputation at its regular meeting of May 17th, requesting consideration of installing a municipal boat launch in Bissett Creek;

AND WHEREAS Staff have visited the proposed location and have determined that the site is not suitable to install a boat launch;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria does hereby direct staff to not proceed with research and consultation of installing a municipal boat launch in Bissett Creek.

Background/Executive Summary:

At its regular meeting of May 17th, Council received a deputation requesting consideration of installing a municipal boat launch in Bissett Creek. A map showing the location was provided. On May 30th, 2022 the Public Works Leader visited the site and based on his inspection of the area it is his recommendation that staff do not proceed with further research or consultation of third parties in efforts to install a boat launch at this site.

The incline of the Unopened Road Allowance is too steep to create proper access for travel and/or safe launching. The amount of backfill that would be required to reduce the incline of the road for safe travel would be so great that the launch itself would be inaccessible. There are many boulders on site that are too large to move with heavy equipment and would likely require blasting.

The length of the unopened road allowance is approximately 1150 feet from Mclsaac Drive; which would be the approximate length of road required to be brought up to minimum standards for access.

Aside from the cost associated with creating safe and proper access to the site, the drop off from shore is too great to allow proper launching. You cannot drive a trailer far enough in the water to launch a boat without hitting a large drop off. Permission to alter the shoreline would need to be obtained from the Ministry of Environment and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

If permission was granted from the County of Renfrew to cross the railbed property onto the unopened road allowance, the municipality would need to consult with the Ministry of Environment, and potentially hire engineering services, as there is a creek that runs along the road allowance from which access would need to be built overtop of.

There is also little potential to create parking near a launch at the site.

The cost to create a proper slope and access to the site, as well as to bring the entire length of the road allowance to minimum standard, would not be justified in Staff's opinion.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

Costs will be obtained if Council provides staff with direction to proceed.

Council will need to consider the cost to have the road allowance brought up to standard, which may be difficult to determine until work begins. Staff wanted to ensure Council would like to proceed with the project before beginning research and consultation.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Crystal Fischer,
Clerk/Treasurer