

## Summary of Mud Bay Dock Users Meeting September 26, 2005

I began the meeting by summarizing PIRA's role in the Mud Bay Dock and the financial and legal obligations PIRA has with respect to leases and fees.

We then broke into three groups. The Discussion Groups looked at pre-identified concerns and problems from the perspective of one of the issue topics (as noted below)

**1/ Maintenance & Safety** – discussion group participants included: Carl, Dan, Jo, Norm, Larry P and Larry I

- Containers (with lids) for Salt and Sand. Boxes to hold containers. Larry P agreed to supply containers and build boxes.

Norm said the City has donated salt / sand in the past. Norm, PIRA Director on the Roads Committee, agreed to look into this on our behalf.

The general discussion included places to store salt /sand at each end and possibly in the middle of the dock. The stock should be monitored by and spread on dock (by all users) as needed. If the supply is low, restock it.

- Lighting was not considered an issue. Since the meeting, Bruce Laird voiced as a concern. He offered to donate and install a solar light at the end of the dock.

- Park end of ramp under demolition / reconstruction. Larry I feels he will be able to get a crew together to complete within about 3 weeks. He needs; **donated creosote timbers and also salvage from the old dock head.**

- Rafting & line length. Discussion focused on freeing up space. Suggestions included:

- Promote / encourage use of Free Kayak Dock by Lot #2
- Lighthouse dock? At this point is no moorage area.
- No tilt motors = more space

Newsletter or Information sheets suggested for "How to Raft / Line Length". In winter is dangerous to have to walk or climb over slipper bows to move a rafted line that is too short to swing over the top of a boat (with a top on it) and leave room to pull it.

- Top of ramp not safe for children. The group felt the primary responsibility for this lies with the parents. Dock is on leased land. Is not part of the park.

- Volunteers Needed / You Want Help? The group felt all users need to be ready to help, to clean up, to follow directions when helping (especially on maintenance), to read all notices. Use common sense.

- Want to Donate. The group felt it reasonable to expect to donate the equivalent to half of the moorage fee in town if no substantial volunteer person hour contributions are made. A \$250 above dock fee rate was suggested as a donate (when you pay for the first time) to go toward ongoing improvements and maintenance of structure.

If you have basic trade skills help on the dock. Other skills can be used in other areas such as sign painting or creation, or newsletter, or fundraising .

The key message was “ *common sense, courtesy, respect for all from all. Without a plan, goals, or solid direction nothing ever really gets done.*”

### **Larry Iwaskow Supplies list:**

#### **24' section:**

- \* 10 of 2x8 @ 16'
- \* 24 of 2x4 @ 14'
- \* 24 of 3/8 x 9 galvanic c/w washers and nuts
- \* 4 of 96' + 4x4

#### **Apron @ RAMPHEAD:**

- \* 6' 10 creosote beams 2" or better x 6" 8" 10"
- \* 4 x 4 for tie-up rails + 3/8 galv. Bolts 9" or better
- \* Chain for pin anchors
- \* 12 galvanized eyebolts + nuts + washers

IF you can donate any of these let Larry or Cathy Pearson know

**2/ Moorage Space** – discussion group participants included:  
Ed, Ruth, Cathy H., Doug C, Linda P, Steve P

#### **Short Term Moorage Solutions:**

- Boats in prime spots (fingers or end), please leave motors down (no tilting)
- Derelict boats should be dealt with in a timely fashion, especially during summer.

Suggest boats be moved to dock head for a period (i.e. 30 days). Then removed from the facility

- Who should move them and where should they go (Ed provided notice to use as sample for owners) .
  - Find out options regarding moving boats, derelicts, salvage rights, surveyor of wrecks, and so on.  
Perhaps a separate committee to manage this.
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- More signage needed for the following topics:
    - Rules and consequences
    - Proper tie-up procedures, rafting procedures. Note since the meeting Terry G and Doug M have agreed to work together (perhaps with Carl) to produce something.
    - Please use common sense, courtesy, and respect.
    - No tilting end of dock or on fingers.
    - Boat size limits.
    - No parking vehicles in the park.
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- Community policing is key. If everyone looks after themselves & watches out for each other, problems (such as leaving boats locked up and going away for extended periods, tilting motor, parking in an inconsiderate way) can be avoided.

#### Long Term Moorage Solutions:

- 3 ideas suggested for future dock sites. All on public land / have public access.

They are:

(1) Beside lot #2 (beside fire hall). There is walking access & deep water moorage. The site is in cheaper foreshore area because it is Provincially controlled rather than under the Harbour Commission.

(2) Light house, other side of launch ramp.

(3) Spyglass lookout. A list of people willing to pay an amount down & per year (\$500 down and then \$200 per year). When list reaches set number & is confirmed a new facility might be considered. This dock would be public (on public land). It would be maintained at a specific capacity (15 or 20 boats). By taking away 15 or 20 boats from Mud Bay, the usage, at Mud Bay would drop. Mud Bay Dock could no longer support itself. For that reason the group decided this should be a future idea. When Mud Bay is over capacity by 15 or 20 boats, and a list established, a second facility could be discussed. Ed Iwaskow volunteered to be a contact point for anyone who is interested in being added to a list. He can be reached at 754-1587 or by email at [bathtubber@hotmail.com](mailto:bathtubber@hotmail.com).

**3/ Financing the Costs** – discussion group participants included:  
Don, Wes, Ralph and Paula

The group agreed the following would assist us to remain viable:

- Move payment date for dock dues from October 30th to June 1st.
- Increase dock dues from \$100 / yr. to \$150 / yr.
- For those who have a hard time making a yearly payment, set them up on a monthly payment plan.
- Place a 30 day notice on derelict boats. Notice will have a contact number to call. If there is no contact made the boat will be move up to the dock head with a new notice stating that the boat will be removed after another 30 days. (Need to find out who and at what cost for removal)
- Inform all ratepayers at the next June meeting, the value to them of having a community dock regardless of the fact of their use or not.
- Look into having some fund raising projects through out the year.
- With the notice that is mailed out to all ratepayers for the annual general meeting, include that dock dues can be paid there.

## **CONCLUSION:**

The discussions were lively and provided a forum for future discussion. It was agreed we would publish the results and hold an additional meeting (go further with the process), perhaps at Beacon House in the not too distant future. The second meeting would include some opportunity to vote on or form committees for the more complex and or contentious ideas and solutions.

Summarized from reports from all three committees

Cathy Pearson, PIRA Director, Mud Bay Dock Committee