

STAFF REPORT

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG



Report to:	Mayor and Council Members	Priority:	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low
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Subject/Title: Marina Boat Lift-In

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive this report for information purposes.

1. STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

2. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

This report is placed on the Committee of the Whole Agenda 10 days in advance of the meeting and will be considered by Council in open session.

3. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council regarding the process of the lift in procedure, its intersection with current requirements, and the delay of the event.

4. ORIGIN AND LEGISLATION

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5. BACKGROUND

In keeping with the current Province-wide 'Stay-At-Home' Order and Emergency Declaration, the Cobourg Marina boat lift-in operations initially scheduled for May 13-15, 2021 is going to be postponed until further notice. The Cobourg Marina

will remain closed until able to open based on provincial guidelines.

Marinas in Ontario are technically able to conduct boat lift-ins. However, all current regulations and requirements must be adhered to during the process. Due to the nature of the operations of the lift in, the activities required to complete the process would not comply with the restrictions. The boat lift procedure is completed without some of the mechanical infrastructure that exists at other marinas. Our marina requires the boaters and yacht club members to assist with this activity due to the manual processes employed. Although all PPE would be worn, as noted in the stay at home order, if outside you are to be with members of your own household, and maintain physical distancing with others not from your household. This would not be possible during this process. While allowed, boat lift-in is not an essential service and the Town is following a consistent approach for rules and enforcement with all activities.

As the operator of the Marina, the Town of Cobourg needs to ensure compliance with the current acts, orders and regulations regarding the current COVID-19 pandemic. The Health Units confirmed that they support our decision to postpone the boat lift for the reasons outlined above.

6. ANALYSIS

Once the stay at home order is lifted by the Province, staff will reschedule the boat lift-in. Staff have tentatively rescheduled the lift-in for Sunday June 6, 2021.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/BUDGET IMPACTS

By postponing the lift in until June 6, the seasonal boaters would be reimbursed for twenty – one days based on past practice. For the current seasonal contracts this would mean \$34,402.52 plus HST, approximately.

Staff continue to look for ways to reduce expenses to lessen the impacts of revenue losses whenever possible. With the delayed start for the season, the staffing hours required are also reduced. As such, we will be able to mitigate some of the revenue loss impacts with a corresponding reduction in the staffing hours.

8. CONCLUSION

THAT Council receive this report for information purposes.