



Fort Frances Fire and Rescue Service

Administrative Report

Date: July 8th, 2015

Report To: Fort Frances Town Council

From: Frank Sheppard, Fire Chief/ CEMC

Re: Point Park Dock

The following report is an update to the situation related to the Point Park Dock, which should generate some guidance from Council related to the disposition of the outer end crib portion.

The flood of 2014 has removed any capacity for us to retain or repair the dock, and we had to remove the majority of the structure for safety reasons. The remaining portion of the dock is still a hazard to navigation, and as it continues to deteriorate the construction materials will continue to be a risk to the environment and the public. I have been able to determine in consultation with DFO that the project will not require a review and our only responsibility will be to ensure we are following industry best practices to mitigate harm to fish.

The question that requires guidance from Council is, should the removal be complete or should a footprint be left? The pros and cons are fairly straight forward, as a con, complete removal of this material will eliminate a footprint and may increase obligations from DFO should we decide to rebuild in the same location with the same construction methodology. An additional con is that we could be missing the opportunity to develop some fishery habitat at a low cost. Pros are the nearly complete removal of liability to the Town from the existence of the structure or its remnants. An additional pro is the removal of a deteriorating structure and its ancillary components from the beach front, and a circulation barrier, which should improve the water quality by increased wave action and current interruption.

It appears that this removal, if done for the reasons of safety should be funded by ODRAP. From my perspective, I would recommend a complete removal as it identifies due diligence on our part, and makes a compelling argument that the actions have been for the purpose of public safety.

Respectfully submitted

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Frank Sheppard
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