

August 4, 2020

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Aaron Bisson, Manager of Recreation and Culture

RE: Marina Washrooms

There has been a lot of discussion around washroom availability at the Sorting Gap Marina in 2020. Due to COVID and the physical changes in the layout of the building along with cleaning/sanitizing requirements it has been impossible to allow our public washrooms to be open. Staff and the public's health and safety must be our number one priority. With COVID in relation to the food service industry there are stricter guidelines than ever before, with these additional requirements our staff are seeing much higher demands on their time to meet these guidelines to ensure not only their safety but the safety of the public. Having said that, asking the staff to clean and sanitize the washrooms would cause a disruption in service elsewhere. The service we provide our customers would suffer, the ability to spend the required amount of time to ensure safe and sanitary washrooms may be jeopardized if the staff feel rushed because of large customer volumes in the marina.

We have had a couple of different suggestions lately which I will bring to your attention now. One suggestion was to allow a single washroom to be used as a unisex washroom. This would allow the staff one private washroom where they could maintain their own sanitary requirements. It would also allow them a means of egress from the building when having to go fuel up a watercraft among other jobs. This option would require some modifications to the building such as a deadbolt lock that could be locked from the inside to allow a person private use of the washroom. This option would require the Town to recruit an additional person in parks or public works to complete this task as it is union work and thus an outside contractor could not be enlisted to clean the washroom. At this time, we are actively looking for individuals in those departments, but it is expected to take two to four weeks to complete that process at which time the Marina would be getting ready to close for the season. We could pull staff from other jobs such as from the cemetery or grass cutting but a reduction in service in those areas would be realized.

The second suggestion was to have a porta potty or a couple of porta potty's placed at the sight. The cost to have this cleaned twice a day is \$250.00 a day or approximately \$7,500.00/per porta potty for the next 30 days. If council would like to offer a washroom service at the Marina this is the quickest option, but it comes at a significant cost.

In 2021 we will be looking at opening the washrooms having a full complement of staff and the appropriate budget to do this.

Respectfully Submitted,



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