

SYMPOSIUM HANDOUT 2009



June 13, 2009 marks our 5th summer symposium to review progress toward a renewed working waterfront in Lunenburg. From a development perspective, these are not the best of times. Cutbacks in industry, a slight falloff in real estate sales, and belt-tightening on all fronts—these factors mean that although our waterfront project is holding its own, rapid growth and increasing activity have been a difficult challenge over the past winter. We are nevertheless making small steps toward fulfilling our mission of revitalizing our working waterfront.

The Lunenburg Waterfront Association, by means of the membership support of all our members, has been able to help support financially, several important initiatives:

- We have partnered with the Town and the Waterfront Development Corporation Ltd. to engage a team of consultants to assist us with presenting to the Federal Government a brief outlining the advantages of establishing a Federal marine operations base here on the Lunenburg waterfront. This “marketing” effort is ongoing.
- We have assisted the Town in providing infrastructure and services for the Tall Ships event in late July.
- We have successfully planned, with the help of the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic and an energetic committee of volunteers, a new Visitors’ Dock and information system to assist visiting yachtsmen. This facility will be put in place for this season, and will include new floating docks for short term tie-up of visiting craft.

STATUS OF PROPERTIES

146 BLUENOSE DRIVE

The former Zwicker Company property continues to be one of our remaining key properties, with an excellent wharf attached. An updated marketing plan for this property is pending.

174 BLUENOSE DRIVE

We were able to complete restoration work for the building last summer; it has been repainted, and deteriorated elements have been replaced. The wharf fared badly in the late 2008 storms, and has been withdrawn from service due to the damage. We are currently evaluating the financial impact of rebuilding this structure.

182 AND 188 MONTAGUE STREET

These commercial storefront properties were upgraded in 2007 and placed on the market. They are currently listed through Claussen Walters & Associates Ltd.

THE FORMER MARINE STOCKROOM

This building, immediately to the east of 250 Montague, had been identified by the LWAI as a potential site for a Federal Marine Operations Base. We continue to maintain contact with the new Minister for Fisheries and Oceans, Ms. Shea. Discussions will continue around the concept of a multi-functional marine operations base on the Lunenburg Waterfront.

THE SMITH AND RHULAND SHIPYARD AND MARINA

Waterfront Development Corporation Ltd. and Nova Scotia Economic and Rural Development continue to work with Covey Island to put in place a plan to establish this well known yacht builder on this site. Nova Scotia Community College has occupied part of these properties and has established a satellite campus for heritage carpentry and boatbuilding programs on the Lunenburg Waterfront.

WHAT’S AHEAD?

We will revisit our Business Plan this Summer, to determine whether any mid-course correction is necessary or prudent. Progress may be slowed due to external factors related to a slowing economy; but we are staying the course.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Remember that the Tall Ships are visiting on July 22. To learn more about why these large vessels have to tiptoe into Lunenburg Harbour, visit the Harbour Chart on the Town of Lunenburg website:

<http://explorelunenburg.ca/lunenburg-harbour-port-information-a-tall-ships.html>