



Symposium #11: The Year of the Lighthouse

This June 20, 2015 marks our 11th Summer Symposium. These annual events are our opportunity to learn about new projects underway on the waterfront and to discuss our plans to continue to move this project forward.

Our most exciting new initiative is just beginning. On June 17, 2015, LWAI entered a competition sponsored by The National Trust and the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society. The objective is to obtain a "prize" grant to assist us with expenses in assuming maintenance responsibilities for the Battery Point Lighthouse. The competition is called "This Lighthouse Matters" and will involve social media and internet voting. Lunenburg will be competing with other Nova Scotia communities who also need assistance with lighthouse projects. Details will be discussed at the Symposium and posted on our website.

The signage project led by the Lunenburg Board of Trade, with participation by the Town, LWAI and Waterfront Development (initial installation last summer) has won a Best in Category Award for the Atlantic Region at the Canadian Regional Design Awards. A second phase of this program is already underway to enhance the waterfront environment and improve the visitor experience in Old Town Lunenburg and on the waterfront.

The Zwicker Building was the subject of a Request for Proposals a year ago and the successful proponent is now in discussion with Waterfront Development to move forward the adaptive re-use of this important property. The wharf has become an important public space to view events on the waterfront. The structural upgrade for the Zwicker Wharf has been deferred until the Fall, because of high demand for use of the wharf during the summer months. There are no safety issues that would prevent its use in the meantime. Zwicker Wharf has 300 feet of floating docks with additional dinghy docks being added this summer to expand capacity.

The Shipyard complex continues to host the schooner build for the Blue Dream Project. The warehouse on Burma Road is the home of two new businesses.

A working group of mooring field users will continue to meet to help re-organise the mooring field in the harbour in order to expand the capacity to moor visiting and resident boats.

Waterfront Development and LWAI annually update and publish a Mariners Guide to Lunenburg and its waterfront. This resource document will assist mariner-visitors in finding the services they require as they arrive at our waterfront.

A system of security cameras exists throughout the waterfront. Widespread WiFi access is now in place, not only on the waterfront, but also throughout Old Town Lunenburg. This project has been led by Lunenburg Board of Trade with Waterfront Development as a partner.

Finally, waterfront activity to watch for this Summer includes:

- ❖ The visit of French Tall Ship L'Hermione July 18 and 19, 2015, Museum Wharf
- ❖ Folk Harbour Festival, August 6 to 9, 2015 - Lunenburg, NS
- ❖ The wharf at Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic is now open to the public

*Please remember to vote on-line **DAILY** until July 15th for the preservation of Battery Point Lighthouse:*

www.ThisLighthouseMatters.ca [or use shortcut] <http://bit.ly/1G1S9Ex>