

Symposium #12: The Zwicker Property Renewed

This June 25, 2016 marks our 12th Summer Symposium. These annual events are designed to review the ongoing work of the Association over the past year and to discuss plans to continue to develop our working waterfront.

The past year's most exciting initiative began on June 17, 2015. The community, led by the LWAI, entered a competition sponsored by The National Trust for Canada and the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society. The objective was to obtain a "prize" grant to assist us with expenses in assuming maintenance responsibilities for the Battery Point Lighthouse. Nine Nova Scotia lighthouses received funding for restoration as a result of this program, and Battery Point is one of them. With the help of Summer weather, the lighthouse exterior will be repaired and painted in the next few weeks. During the Spring, extensive repairs to the breakwater and to the access road were undertaken by Transport Canada. This project was substantial, and should serve the community well for the foreseeable future.

The signage project led by the Lunenburg Board of Trade, with participation by the Town, LWAI and Waterfront Development completed its third phase in the past year, with new directional signs placed at key entry points to the Town. Additional pedestrian signage has been placed on the Broad St. extension trail that connects Falkland St. to Bluenose Drive.

The Zwicker Wharf is nearing completion of a major structural upgrade and re-decking. The wharf has 300 feet of floating docks for recreational vessels, and additional dinghy docks were added last summer to expand capacity. An architect has been retained by Waterfront Development, and design documents are now being prepared for a major re-purposing of the Zwicker Building.

The Shipyard complex continues to host the schooner build for the Blue Dream Project. The warehouse on Burma Road has become the new home of The Lunenburg Furniture Company and now hosts two woodworking firms with strong ties to other marine industries. This building was upgraded over the winter.

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.

Waterfront Development continues to engage engineers to conduct structural and electrical evaluations of all the buildings on the waterfront, beginning with those that are most problematic. This will continue.

Finally, waterfront activity to watch for this Summer includes:

- ❖ Lunenburg Pirate Invasion, Saturday, July 23, 2016
- ❖ Folk Harbour Festival, August 4 to 7, 2016 - Lunenburg, NS
- ❖ International Dory Races, Saturday, August 27, 2016
- ❖ The wharf at Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic is now open to the public