

Symposium #9: Expanding Capacity

This June 22, 2013 marks our 9th Summer Symposium to review progress and plans as we continue to move toward a sustainable working waterfront in Lunenburg. The past year has seen a continuation of infrastructure renewal and repair, and the addition of capacity to welcome vessels of all types to Lunenburg's waterfront.

Two wharves have been structurally upgraded and re-decked this past year.

1. Clearwater's capacity to berth large vessels in Lunenburg has been expanded by the addition of a second wharf as they embark on a renewed lease. This wharf has new structure and decking.
2. The Shipyard Wharf has undergone structural upgrades and has a new deck. Our two-part marina facility has been expanded to include 300 feet of floating docks at the Zwicker Wharf site and 150 feet of floats at the Shipyard Wharf. The service dock now has 100 feet of floats where we hope to provide fuel, sewage, and electrical services in the near future. The obsolete fueling equipment has been removed and we are in discussion with contractors, as well as internally, about how to provide infrastructure and operations for fueling. Signage and waste collection facilities have been expanded at both sites.

The second major public access point has been planned for construction in the coming year, related to the Shipyard Wharf. This will be a new, "grand staircase" connecting Montague Street at the Boat Locker to the Marina and wharf level.

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

At the dock at 174 Bluenose Drive, Dawson Moreland has completed the refit of the former scallop dragger now named Tiare Taporo and it will soon depart Lunenburg for service as an auxiliary sail inter-island supply vessel in the Cook Islands, South Pacific.

The Zwicker Building was the subject of a Request for Proposals this past Winter and the successful proponent is now in discussion with Waterfront Development to move forward the adaptive re-use of this important property. The Zwicker Wharf Park had been upgraded with new landscaping, a boardwalk connecting Bluenose Drive to the wharf, and new signage and waste disposal furniture. Street furniture has been provided courtesy of the Rotary Club of Lunenburg. The wharf has become an important public space to view events on the waterfront.

Waterfront Development and the 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.

Our application to the Heritage Lighthouse Program of Parks Canada, to have our lighthouse at Battery Point declared a Heritage Lighthouse, under our management, is still in the evaluation process.

A system of security cameras has been installed 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 the Lunenburg Board of Trade with Waterfront Development as a partner.

Finally, the LWAI together with the Museum has initiated a training process whereby a large number of volunteers in Lunenburg are now qualified to provide security on the waterfront in the event of the visit of foreign-flagged vessels to Lunenburg. This is a recent requirement of the Canada Border Services Agency and is crucial for the successful visits of Tall Ships, etc.

Finally, waterfront festivals to watch for this Summer include:

- ❖ Wooden Boat Reunion, July 26 to 28, Lunenburg, NS
- ❖ Nova Scotia Schooner Race Week, Aug. 4 to Aug. 6, Riverport, NS then moving to LaHave River Yacht Club for Aug. 7 to Aug. 10