



## **Symposium #14: The Renewed Waterfront Master Plan**

This June 23, 2018 marks our 14th 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 high point of last summer was certainly the very successful Tall Ships visit in August. They filled the harbour with the largest contingent outside of Halifax thanks to the hospitality of the Fisheries Museum, Adams & Knickle, and Waterfront Development.

The fundraising effort in 2016, supported by many of our members, led to the successful restoration of the exterior of the Battery Point Lighthouse later that year. Recent inspection has led us to conclude that the roof should be re-shingled this summer.

A working group of mooring field users continues to meet to explore re-organisation of the mooring field in the harbour in order to expand capacity and make it more inviting for visitors. A draft management structure was prepared based on the reportedly successful Baddeck model. We will continue to work with interested parties to examine options to make this vital harbour feature more secure.

New property & business development managers were selected in the fall of 2017 after a formal Provincially-directed search and selection process. They will be introduced by WDCL. They are “on-board” reaching out to all direct and indirect businesses and groups having a potential interest to benefit from the activities of a vibrant working waterfront. The harbour benefitted in 2017 due to the presence of the WDCL Waterfront Ambassador Toby Bechtold. Toby will continue in this role in 2018.

The shipyard complex is home to activities of David Westergard, builder of iconic schooners & wooden boats. Marine-related trades have this past winter applied their skills to Farley Blackman's yacht 'Paul Johanson', and the Royal Canadian Navy's iconic ketch HMCS Oriole, illustrating the capability for year-round yacht maintenance on our waterfront.

The Provincial Government in January approved funding for stabilizing the Zwicker Building foundation and redoing the roof. A renewed commitment to modernizing services for visiting boaters is demonstrated by the installation of services at the Zwicker Wharf. These services will be incorporated into the renovated Zwicker Building. Plans are being developed for the eastern end of the waterfront including all the buildings and wharves between Clearwater and the Foundry Plant 2.

The Business Plan of 2011 has been undergoing an update involving consultation with waterfront & municipal parties. This will form the basis for government support for the next few years and will be the subject addressed by speakers from WDCL in the main portion of this year's Symposium program.

Waterfront Development and LWAI will again 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.

### **Finally, waterfront activity to watch for this Summer includes:**

- ❖ Folk Harbour Festival, August 10 to 13, 2018 - Lunenburg, NS
- ❖ The wharf at Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic is now open to the public
- ❖ Visit the renewed Fisheries Museum, now open after a winter of functional upgrades.