



Council Report

Report Number:	RS2021-014
Meeting Date:	February 23, 2021
Title:	Dock License Application For 114 Front Street East Bobcaygeon
Description:	Information Pertaining to a Deputation by Sandra and Dave Robinson
Author and Title:	Christine Oliver, Law Clerk

Recommendation:

That Report RS2021-014, **Dock License Application for 114 Front Street East, Bobcaygeon**, be received.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

At the Council Meeting of January 28, 2021, Council adopted the following resolution:

CW2021-002

That the deputation and correspondence of Sandra Robinson, regarding the Dock License Application for 114 Front Street East, Bobcaygeon, be received; and

That the request for a Dock License for 114 Front Street East, Bobcaygeon, be referred to Staff for review and report back by the end of Q1, 2021.

This report addresses that direction.

Municipal Law Enforcement received a complaint for a dock being present across from the property municipally addressed as 114 Front Street East, Bobcaygeon. Municipal Law Enforcement completed a site inspection of the complaint in July 2020 (photo attached as Appendix C). Municipal Law Enforcement requested an encroachment letter be sent to the owners of 114 Front Street East, Bobcaygeon. Realty Services sent out a letter dated July 28, 2020, requesting the owners remove the encroaching dock from City of Kawartha Lakes' travelled road allowance. Realty Services received a call from Ms. Robinson on August 4, 2020, requesting a dock application to permit the structure to remain. On the same day, Realty Services provided the dock application to the resident. Ms. Robinson submitted the dock application to Realty Services on August 11, 2020. The application was reviewed at the next Land Management Committee meeting on September 14, 2020.

Rationale:

The decision of the Land Management Committee was to deny the request on the following grounds:

1. Navigable water space is limited in this area.
 - Staff assume no permit for this dock has been issued by the Trent Severn Waterways (TSW).
2. The dock is within the urban area of Bobcaygeon.
 - The urban areas within Kawartha Lakes (Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Omemee and Lindsay) are located where the TSW - or Pigeon River (in the case of Omemee) - is narrow and thus navigable water space is limited. The TSW acts as a "gateway" for persons entering the

community by water, and the aesthetics are incredibly important to drawing boaters into the community for economic development purposes. Smaller urban lots are not appropriate for the accommodation of docking, especially if persons with properties not directly adjacent to the waterfront ("backlot owners") are entitled to docks on the waterfront.

3. The dock is in close proximity to existing infrastructure (a bridge).
 - Proximity indicates future interference with bridge repair and maintenance activities. For this reason, the City maintains "construction lay down areas" adjacent to its bridges, to ensure that materials can be stored in proximity to the site of repair/ maintenance, and that access will not be impeded.

A map and aerial map are attached as Appendix A and B, respectively.

Other Alternatives Considered:

An alternative option for council would be to allow the dock to remain pursuant to a 5-year license agreement, provided the applicant obtains a permit from the Trent Severn Waterway. Staff does not recommend this option for the reasons listed above.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

The applicable strategic priority referenced within the 2020-2023 Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan is Good Government and the strategic enabler is Asset Management by ensuring municipal assets are well maintained and well managed.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

If council was to allow the dock to remain, the structure could contribute to erosion concerns as this location has a steep drop.

Consultations:

Land Management Committee

Attachments:

Appendix A – Map



Appendix A -
Location Map.pdf

Appendix B – Aerial Map



Appendix B - Aerial
Map.pdf

Appendix C – Photo of Encroaching Dock



Appendix C - Photo
of Dock.pdf

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