# Presentation by Notre Dame Rowing Club Commodore George Barkwell

March 26<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting

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### MY ROWING BACKGROUND – George Barkwell

- Currently Director of Coach and Athlete Development, Lead Coach of the Youth LTR, Adult Recreational and Adult Masters Programs and the Treasurer for the Notre Dame Rowing Club
- Currently Treasurer for ROWONTARIO, the provincial rowing association, have been on this Board for almost 16 years
- Previously Board member for the St. Catharines Rowing Club and the South Niagara Rowing Club and Rowing Canada Aviron, the national rowing association
- Previously rowed out of St. Catharines Rowing Club and South Niagara Rowing Club

### **OUR HISTORY!!**

Long history; our first recorded national rowing championship in the Notre Dame colours dates back to 1954 rowing on the South Waterway as part of SNRC.

Incorporated in late 2009 and rowed on the North Waterway as NDRC starting in 2010.



### ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL AGES



- Training can be a year round experience
- NDRC offers youth and adult water based programs in the summer and fall, both competitive and recreational
- NDRC offers land based winter training for youth and adult whether fitness or competition is the stated goal
- Notre Dame Rowing Academy offers summer, fall & winter training opportunities for pre-high school athletes.

### HARD TRAINING ON GOOD WATER.....LEADS TO GREAT RESULTS



### OUR LIFE ON THE NORTH WATERWAY, cont'd

#### **Our Visitors**

- Our Club has welcomed other clubs/schools from Cleveland and Toronto to jointly train with us, the local economy is enriched by their stay in Welland, in some cases for up to 8 weeks.
- Our provincial and national associations ROWONTARIO and Rowing Canada
   Aviron annually run many high performance training and selection camps on both
   the North and South Waterways both of them have provided statement of
   support for maintaining the "Go Quiet" Policy.

#### OUR HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Our Recreational Waterways, both North and South are the envy of other communities as they recognize that we have in our backyard a World Class Facility that will continue to grow through local, provincial and national participation in flatwater activities.

We need to preserve these waterways for the continued enjoyment of paddlers, rowers, swimmers and divers whether it is an athlete trying to make an Olympic Team or a family out for a "fun after dinner paddle".

The Highest and Best Use is ensured with the "Go Quiet" policy in place.

Say "No" to power craft on the Welland Recreational Waterways

THANK YOU





### Background:

- Club established 2008
- 2017-18
  - 9<sup>th</sup> full year of operation
  - 6<sup>th</sup> year as a registered not-for-profit corporation
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> season with a club manager

### Mission:

To provide a safe and inclusive environment that offers the opportunity to participate in paddle sports, like sprint canoe/kayak and dragon boat, through a variety of competitive and non-competitive programs.





### Disclosure



RBC Learn to Play Project



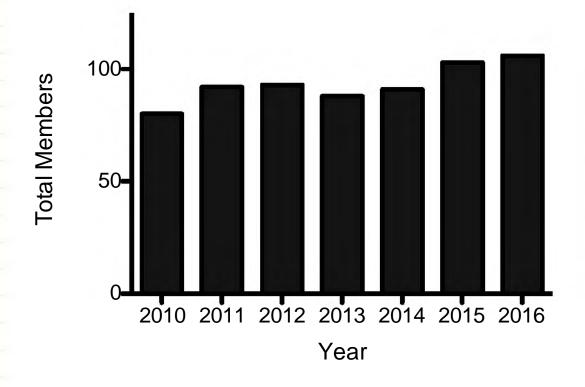


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# Goals and Performance:

Club Membership



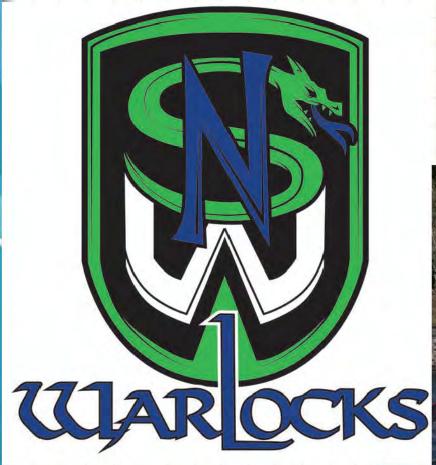


# Member Programs



Public Input Section 4 - Public Meeting Presentation

**Competitive Dragon Boat** 





### Recreational Dragon Boat

Canal Dragons – mixed

Hope Floats – Womens

Wonder Woman's Warriors - BCS





### New Program for 2017

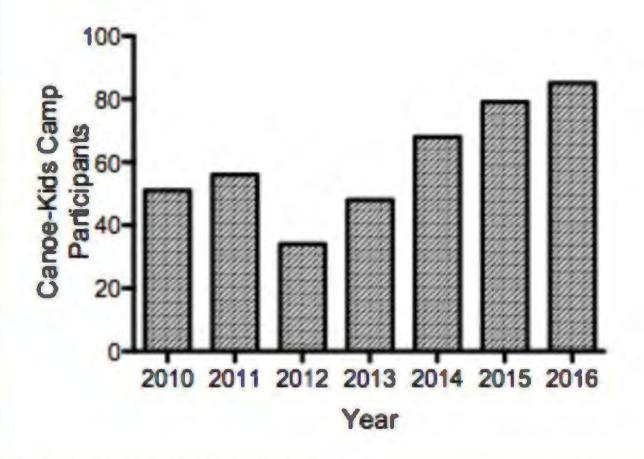
- Paddle All
  - For people with physical disabilities



# Non-member Programs:

Canoe Kids Camp (7-13 yrs)







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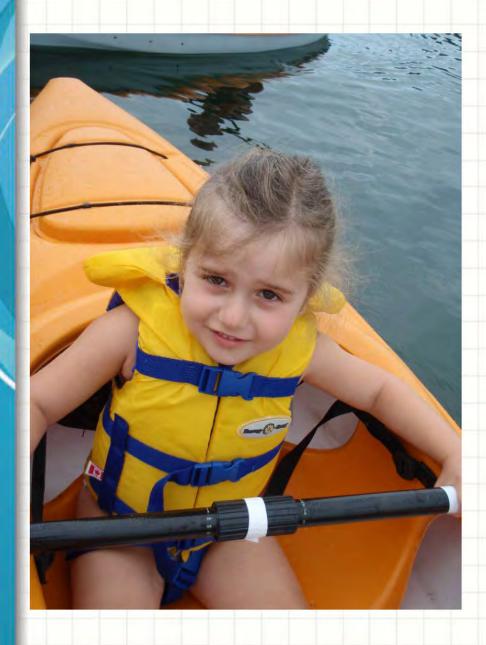
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## Employment

- 1 club manager/developmental coach
- 5 dragon boat coaches
- 3-4 elementary coaches
- 2 dragon boat steers people
- 4-5 canoe kids instructors





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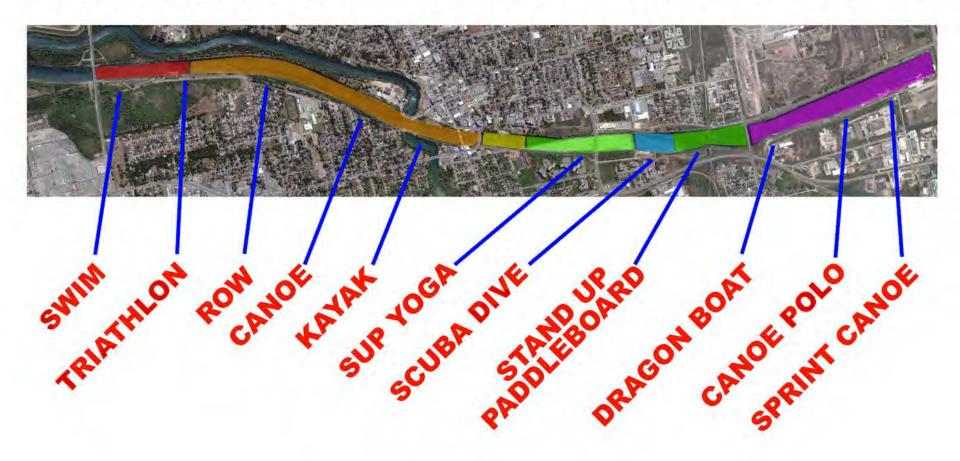


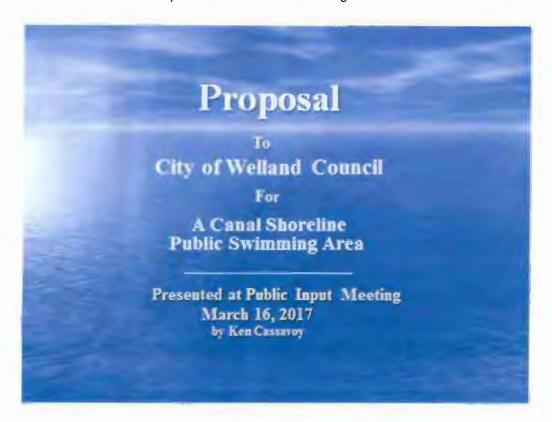






### **WELLAND RECREATIONAL CANAL**





#### **PROPOSAL**

This is a proposal to the City of Welland for a public swimming area to be located along the Recreational Canal (RC) shoreline. The proposal is made in response to a recent call from the city for suggestions for revised plans, or new proposed uses, for the recreational canal waterway and lands. This should not be considered as any kind of detailed formal proposal but rather as a basic outline of one possible new use for a specific portion of the RC. It is suggested as something that the city might give at least some preliminary consideration to. It include several sections on subjects that would have to be considered in beginning a formal examination of the suggested use.

This text version of the proposal supplements, and expands on, a visual PowerPoint presentation made in a public input meeting on March 16, 2017. Many of the slides used in the PowerPoint presentation are included here as visual aids to points made in the text. Both the original PowerPoint presentation and the Word document of this proposal are being provided to those receiving a hard copy of this document.

#### PROPOSAL SECTIONS

- Suggested location
- Feasibility Related Case Study Details
  - Beach Creation Discussion
- Recreational Canal Water Quality
- Recreational Canal Jurisdiction
- Safety Considerations
- Other Considerations

#### **LOCATION**

While there are a few locations along the recreational canal shoreline that might be considered as possibilities for a public swimming area it is suggested that the best location would be on the west shore of the canal, between Lincoln St. and Ontario St., just south of the present Welland SCUBA Park.



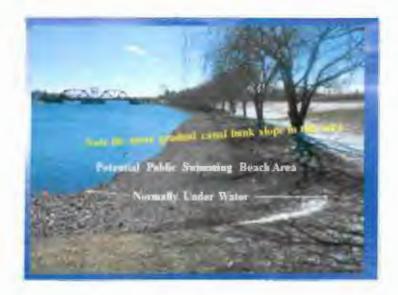
This proposed location has several factors in its favour. It is centrally located in Welland within walking, or bicycle riding, distance for a substantial portion of the city population. As well, there is a city bus stop on Lincoln St. immediately adjacent to the entrance to the proposed beach area. Buses along

King St. and Ontario St. also have stops relatively close to the proposed area. These city buses also provide very convenient and affordable transfer potential for those using public transit to Welland from many Niagara Region municipalities. This central location also means fast and easy access for any vehicles responding to an emergency call from the beach area.

There is a fair amount of existing parking along the park entrance roadway off Lincoln St. and in the existing SCUBA Park/Boat Launch parking area. Given the size of the park grounds adjacent to the entrance roadway, and other municipal land a little further to the south, there would seem to be good potential to easily, and relatively inexpensively, expand parking for the proposed beach area.



The suggested location also has the advantage of a more gradual slope to the canal shoreline than many other sections of the canal bank. This would mean a less complicated, and probably less costly, plan for the shoreline renovation necessary to accommodate a family-oriented public swimming area.



A public swimming area in this location also would be a good fit with the present extensive and passive use of the adjacent section by SCUBA divers. Both involve in-water activities needing a powerboat free environment and the need for similar safety regulations and protocols.

One major question concerning this proposal is whether it would be possible to create a beach in this area.

#### FEASIBILITY - RELATED CASE STUDY DETAILS



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For some insight into this possibility of an artificially-created beach (suggested by Welland Mayor Frank Campion) — I arranged a visit to an existing beach of this type at Binbrook Conservation Area (BCA). The conservation area is located about 10 kilometres southeast of the City of Hamilton. The Site Superintendent Mike Boyko kindly provided a tour and considerable information on the Conservation Area beach.



The conservation area sand beach was created at the east end of the Man-Made Lake Niapenco near the reservoir dam built in 1971. While precise information on the exact process involved in the original beach construction could not be obtained, it is my understanding that a substantial number of loads of sand were simply put in place directly over an existing clay base. In advance of the visit to the site, there was the suggestion that some kind of geotextile layer (heavy black tarp-like material) was laid down over the existing surface before the sand covering was trucked in, but this does not appear to have been the case. Some simple further research with the Niagara Region Conservation office in Welland should quickly confirm this. The newly created beach was maintained and groomed regularly and additional loads of sand were added, as needed, annually.

In recent years, because of user-demand for more beach area, it was enlarged by about 100 per cent. This new beach area was created by excavating around 12 inches of grass and soil down to the clay base. Sand was trucked in to cover the excavated area to a level matching the existing portion of the beach. The present size of the beach sand area is approximately 100 metres long by about 50 metres wide. The width includes the sand beach slope out into the water to the buoy-line marking the extent of the safe swimming area. The bottom angle of slope out from the water's edge appears to be 15 to 20 degrees which would make it safely acceptable for family use, that is, for younger children and those with limited swimming skills.

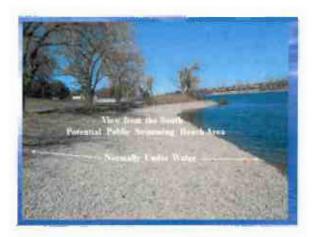




Again, the combined new and old beach areas are maintained and groomed by the BCA staff on a regular basis (daily, if required). During peak-use periods up to 500 to 1000 people will make use of the beach on a given day.

Further information on Binbrook Conservation Area – including a photo gallery and full details on all the resources at the BCA – are available at the website: npca.ca/conservation-areas/binbrook. Thanks again for the courtesy and assistance of BCA Superintendent Mike Boyko.

#### BEACH CREATION AT SUGGESTED LOCATION - DISCUSSION

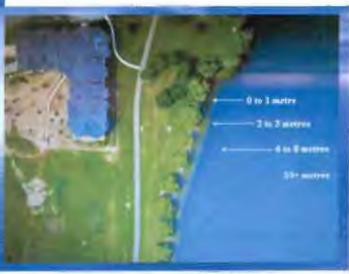


Given an awareness of the sand beach created at Binbrook
Conservation Area, it seems possible that the same sort of beach could be
constructed along the RC shoreline in the suggested location. There would be
a need for some considerable renovation of the shoreline and adjacent land
area but the actual construction would seem to be simply a question of
commitment of effort and resources to the project.

The major construction problem would be the creation of an appropriate beach and water-bottom slope which would be amenable to a family-swimming area. This would mean a beach and bottom slope angle of probably no more than 20 degrees and preferably 15 degrees or less.

This slope would have to be carried out into the water along the bottom for some distance in order to provide a gradual deepening of the water for children and beginning swimmers of all ages. Presently the canal water, within a couple of metres of the shoreline, drops very quickly to about two metres then, within a few more metres out from shore, drops to around 6 metres on its very rapid descent to 10 plus metres toward the centre of the canal.





There are a number of possible plans which would alter the bottom slope to a more family-friendly one. One plan would be to place something like "Sand Saver" type of large concrete blocks to form an underwater retaining wall at an appropriate distance out from the shore then fill the area in front of the wall with large stones which would form the base for the approximate slope required.



Additional stone material of some kind probably would be required on top of the large stone base but, ultimately, the beach sand could be laid down as the slope approaches shore.

An alternative plan for beach renovation would involve excavation of adjacent shoreline lands to create a small bay area, back from the shoreline, where a gradual slope to the shore, and on under the water, could perhaps more easily be designed and constructed. This suggestion was made to me by Welland City Council member Michael Petrachenko following my PowerPoint presentation on March 16<sup>th</sup>. A combination of the two above plans – rock fill and bay creation – could also be considered.

In the event, it is likely that those with appropriate engineering training will be able to come up with any number of further possible plans which would deal with the important beach slope question. As indicated, the (any) beach renovation is probably possible, it is a matter of commitment of effort and resources.

## **CANAL WATER QUALITY**

The points discussed in this section are based on short conversations with pertinent staff and officials of various offices and organizations but are not formally cited and should be considered, for the purposes of this proposal, as anecdotal in nature. Points made should be considered as subject to appropriate verification and/or correction if there is any city interest in taking the proposal to the next step.

The quality of the water in the Recreational Canal (RC) would be of paramount importance in the consideration of a possible public swimming area to be created along the canal shoreline. The RC is presently used by the public for swimming or other activities which involve possible immersion (e.g. kayaking, canoeing, paddle-boarding, etc.) in several canal areas. These areas include the International Flatwater Centre, the SCUBA Park, the PenFinancial Flatwater Area, and various ad hoc swimming areas along the canal shoreline. The waterway is also used for numerous competitive events and it is my understanding that water quality tests are required to be carried out related to these events and that these tests are the responsibility of the organization or institutions involved.

Before moving forward on any plans to create the proposed public swimming area one of the recommended steps would be that a comprehensive review of all existing water-quality data be undertaken. This would include data from all individuals, organizations and institutions which have been involved in water testing for specific events on the RC over at least the past five years or so. The RC is the sole source of drinking water for the City of Welland so the ongoing water test data from the Welland Water Treatment Plant should be included in this review. All this could be collated and combined into one comprehensive water quality background document.

It is also recommended that this review be updated with additional data from a new and ongoing program of canal water testing to be commissioned by the city and undertaken by the Niagara Region Public Health Office.

#### **CANAL JURISDICTION**

Since the city owns the Recreational Canal, it would seem clear that it has full jurisdiction over the land and water involved. However, based on my experience I would urge caution on this point and the undertaking of due diligence to provide full, written, legal confirmation of this jurisdiction. This would include confirmation that not only the canal shoreline property but also the bottom of the canal and the full water column in the canal, all are owned by the city with no restrictions and no limitations (including any which might exist through omission in existing documents).

Since the Recreational Canal was formerly part of an existing federal body of water (the Welland Ship Canal) there may be some uncertainties related to the actual water column in the RC. Similarly, it is my understanding that the Province of Ontario claims ownership of the bottom of virtually all bodies of water in the province and any objects (especially material of archaeological interest – e.g. shipwrecks) which may be found on any of those bottoms. Since the canal was a federal responsibility this may preclude any bottom claims by the province but this point should be reviewed as well. It would seem prudent to also examine any possibility of First Nations claims related to the RC. This would seem unlikely but since there have been First Nations claims in the 19<sup>th</sup> century involving canal land and activities in Dunn and Cayuga Townships, a quick examination of the point might be in order.

## PUBLIC SWIMMING AREA - SAFETY

Undoubtedly the city staff has sufficient experience and expertise to properly address questions related to public safety on any proposed beach. This would include standard safety considerations such as lifeguard staff, necessary life-saving equipment and the creation of safety protocols to deal with any emergency.

The standard process of establishing and marking-off safe swimming areas on the water surface would be particularly important in a canal location because of the somewhat unusual nature of the swimming area in close proximity to a rapid drop to relatively deep water levels.

Of course the city would have to create the necessary by-laws to provide legal safety regulations for public swimmers and also for the maintenance of good order and safe behaviour on the beach. These may already be in place related to other public activity and/or park areas in the city but may need some additional attention in the event a beach is created on the canal shoreline.

The city staff also is probably aware that the Lifesaving Society of Ontario offers a site audit service which might be of interest if this proposal moves forward. In this audit, the society inspector/team examines the swimming area, evaluates all aspects of it, and makes recommendations to the site operators. Binbrook Conservation Area carried out such an audit for its beach and found it to be a very important and helpful exercise. The audit recommendations were found useful in day-to-day practical terms and also in terms of liability risk-factor considerations. Information on the Lifesaving Society site audit can be found at:

http://www.lifesavingsociety.com/safety-management/safety-audits.aspx

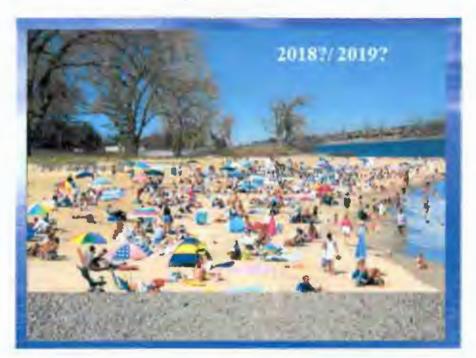
## **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

There seems no need to try to deal here with some other important considerations related to this proposal for a public swimming area. Two of these considerations would be liability and cost.

In terms of liability, as referred to above, city staff will have abundant expertise and experience in dealing with the critically important questions related to the liability surrounding a municipally-approved and operated public swimming area.

At the same time, in terms of the establishing the cost/budget for creating the proposed beach, this would seem to be a straightforward, every day activity for city staff and thus it is unnecessary for any detailed comment here. However, it does seem to the unpracticed eye that, in relative terms, the creation of the beach would not be overly costly and the annual operational costs, taking advantage of existing city resources, would be manageable. Certainly, the recreational benefits accruing to the public in the city, and in the region, from the proposed beach would have to be considered a significant return on the city investment.

If this proposal is found to be of interest, here's what the future of our suggested RC beach location might look like, somewhere down the road...



Respectfully submitted to Welland City Council April/2017

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## The Welland Go Quietly Bylaw<sup>1</sup>

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I have studied constitutional law, and legislative drafting when I was in law school.

## Introduction to Constitutional Law As it Applies to this Situation

For every one else's information, we are Dominion, which has two levels of government, whose legislative powers come from the The British North America Act, 1867, SS 1867, c 3, now known as The Constitution Act, 1867.

Section 91 of the Constitution Act sets out Classes of Subjects that are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Government.

One of them is 91-10 Navigation and Shipping.

One of the great lies visited upon us, is that the City of Welland has legislative jurisdiction over the water way known as the "Welland Recreational Canal." This is not true. The Welland Recreational Canal is a Navigable Water Way, and is under the Exclusive Jurisdiction of the Federal Ministry of Transport.

The City of Welland derives its legislative authority from the Municipal Act, enacted by the Province of Ontario under section 92 of the Constitution Act, which reads:

Subjects of exclusive Provincial Legislation

- 92. In each Province the Legislature may exclusively make Laws in relation to Matters coming within the Classes of Subjects next hereinafter enumerated; that is to say, ....
- 10. Local Works and Undertakings other than such as are of the following Classes:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Corporation of Welland Bylaw 2005-92 and Welland Recreational Canal Corporation Policy approved July 20, 2005

(a) Lines of Steam or other Ships, Railways, **Canals**, Telegraphs, and other Works and Undertakings connecting the Province with any other or others of the Provinces, or extending beyond the Limits of the Province:

#### The Financial Cost of Ignoring the Federal Navigable Waterways Act.

This mistaken belief has cost the City of Welland a lot of money.

The Environmental Screening for the Welland International Flatwater Centre, contemplated the WRCC being able to push an area 3 meters deep by 21 metres wide by 250 m in length into the Welland Canal in order to widen the Canal. Instead of applying initially for a permit for this work, and finding out if it could be done, a lot of engineering work was done only to be wasted as the Department of Transport in 2011 clearly told the WRCC that they could not dump this amount of dirt into a Navigable Waterway.<sup>2</sup>

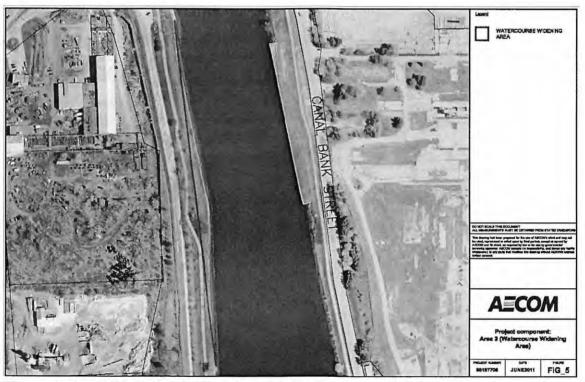


Figure 1- the Original Canal Widening to Bring the Course to International Standards

The fallout from this lie, was that we were unable to live up to another lie that we had made in the bid for the 2013 World Junior Championships, and we then had to spend about \$150,000.00 on a wave dampening system that was used once.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Email from Enviro Ont@tc.c.ca to Jessica Romano

The Pan Am Committee said that they did not want to use the Wave Dampening System, or pay for it, as part of the Pan Am project so this is was a loss that we the tax payers of Welland had to eat. This dampening system is those white pipes lying broken on the side of the Canal. You can see them if you drive down Canal Street.

Incidentally the WRCC continued to state in its promo material that the Canal is 125 meters wide from the 750 m to the 1000 m even though it is known throughout the world that it is only about 104 m wide. The reason for this continuing lie, is that the minimum width for a World Championship Canoe and Kayak Course is 125 m.

It is clear constitutionally, that the City can not pass a bylaw which limits the access of Canadians to their Navigable Waterway. The Federal Navigation Protection Act R.S.C., 1985, c. N-22 defines Navigable Water as "navigable water includes a canal and any other body of water created or altered as a result of the construction of any work.

## Uninsurable Risks Created by the WRCC to which we continue to be exposed as a result of Unauthorized Construction on the Canal

Again as an aside the Navigation Protection Act states:

3 It is prohibited to construct, place, alter, repair, rebuild, remove or decommission a work in, on, over, under, through or across any navigable water that is listed in the schedule except in accordance with this Act or any other Federal Act.

Were permits ever obtained to float the stage on the Canal, as it interferes with Navigation, or to sink the boat that the out of town scuba divers use?<sup>3</sup>

The WRCC says that risk is a reason for not allowing boats. But someone has already died diving off the unapproved stage. As no permit was obtained to build it, and there was no warning about the numerous underwater cables holding it in place, could an inquest into his death find that this was culpable homicide, and a charge of negligent manslaughter be suggested against the members of the WRCC Board? Certainly it is no defence to a wrongful death action.

Again on another total aside, the Amphitheatre was also built without a Building Permit, or an Inspection by a Building Inspector. When I enquired about on June 29, 2009 this as I fell down the unsafe stairs Mike Mantesso wrote me as follows:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Navigable Waterways Brochure on Docks and Boathouses

"The amphitheatre is not a building – there is no wall roof or floor, only seats. There is no plumbing. The retaining wall is a building under (d) since a retaining wall is a designated structure. The WRCC applied for and received a permit for the retaining wall.

This matter came up recently when there was an issue about the stairs in Chippawa Park, and it was clearly demonstrated the stairs were not required to conform with the Ontario Building Code since the stairs are not a building. I will forward your concern, by copy of this email to the WRCC, who will, I'm sure be interested in any comments or suggestions you have."

Needlesss to say, I never heard anything from the WRCC, and a number of people have fallen down the unsafe stairs and been injured. I guess it is only a risk when they say it is.

I am pretty sure that the grandstand at the WIFC has the same unsafe stairs and was built at least for that part of the project without an inspection or a building permit. I stand to be corrected.

Under the Building Code stairs must be

OBC Section 9.8 - Stairs, Ramps, Handrails, Guards, Stairs

- · · Must have uniform rise and run
- · · Maximum rise is 7 7/8"
- · · Minimum run is 8 1/4"
- · · Minimum stair width is 2' 11"
- · · Minimum headroom is 6' 5"

The WRCC will wave the "risk flag" as long as it suits them, but they have exposed us to incalculable, potentially uninsurable risks that are real, and had no interest in dealing with them. It makes me think that the risk issue is a red herring.

## Statutory Sloppiness of By-Law 2005-92

The Bylaw reads:

THE CITY OF WELLAND ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. In this By-law the following definitions do apply:

(a) "WRCC Canal" means the waterway, known as the Welland Recreational Canal, and more particularly described in the deeds of transfer from Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada. as represented by the Minister of Public Works and Government Services, to The Corporation of the City of Welland, registered in the Land Registry Office for the Registry

Division of Niagara South (No. 59) on the 31 st day of March, 1991, as Instrument No. R0760745. and registered in the Land Titles Division of Niagara South as Instrument No. L T133437, save and except the lands and premises described therein:<sup>4</sup>

I can tell you that I ordered up this deed electronically (at a cost of \$30.00+ to me yesterday) and I can definitively state that there is no reference to a waterway on this deed.

How can you be prosecuted for operating a motor boat on a waterway that does not exist according to the terms of the Bylaw?

#### The Go Quietly Policy

This truly is one of the most egregious slaps in the face to the Welland Tax Payors.

It is elitist and exclusionary, and has been part of a plan to exclude the residents of Welland from using the waterway.

When I was with the Welland Water Ski Club we paid \$2,000.000 per year to use 1 km of the waterway. The new user groups pay nothing, and they have all 9 kilometres for their exclusive use.

In the last year that boats were permitted on the canal we canal users paid \$16,000.00 in permit revenues.

Clubs don't pay to use the Canal.

Families could get out on the canal in boats and be active, waterskiing and wake boarding, and just picnicking. None of that happens any more. The general population of Welland is less active rather than more active as a result of the Go Quietly Policy

The elitists from Brock University like to remind us that we are the sickest, poorest, and most unhealthy people in the Niagara Region.

As was reported in 2009, by J D Corlett Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences,<sup>5</sup> when they were to be involved with Welland:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Instrument no. LT133437 registered March 31, 1999

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Brock University Human Performance Centre - A proposed partnership with the City of Welland Knutilla, Petis, and Corlett, October 22, 2009 and article by Joan Wiley

"Welland residents experienced 19% more deaths from circulatory system diseases, 58% more endocrine and 36% more nutrition and metabolic deaths than the Region as a whole. Welland residents have a significantly higher rate of hospitalizations than the Region for diseases of the circulatory; digestive system; respiratory system; injuries and poisonings; mental and behavioural disorders; symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and lab findings; diseases of the genitourinary system; and diseases of the musculoskeletal system.

The top five causes of death for Welland residents are:

- diseases of the circulatory system;
- neoplasms (cancers);
- endocrine, nutritional and metabolic disorders;
- diseases of the respiratory system; and
- diseases of the nervous system.

The Faculty of Applied Health Sciences has extensive expertise in the prevention of illness and disease, and how healthy lifestyle choices like physical activity can improve the health outcomes."

In 2011 we signed an agreement with much fanfare, and spent a huge amount of money on a Plan to build a Human Performance Centre a 358 page document finished in March 2012, at an undisclosed cost. Shortly after that cost, Brock threw us under the bus, and the Field of Play improvements went from:

"With respect to the landscape of the Canal, the 3 proposed buildings will have an overall positive cultural landscape impact as they will also be designed to complement the Canal open space setting by having a nautical theme and using natural materials such as wood and stone with landscaping that also includes uses connected to the water."

to the over the top 7 million dollar white elephant that we now have.

We could have had an affordable facility that Welland tax payers could have been able to afford to use, but we do not.

#### The Role of The Clubs in Increasing the Use of the Canal

There are two Clubs who basically have all of the canal to their own use - the Notre Dame Rowing Club and the South Niagara Canoe Club.

The Notre Dame Rowing Club came to be when two elitist groups of Rowers could not get along in Dain City. Litigation ensued, boats were stolen from one site only to appear elsewhere.

We also should not forget that the club has a history of exclusion. Who remembers their first regatta? - the Irish Chase, which ws restricted to Catholics only.

My wife's interest is in health literacy, and as I edited her masters and PHD level papers, I picked how important making correct health promoting decisions is. My own interest is in physical literacy or the acquisition of physical skills to enable people to engage in work or sporting activities. It took me 18 months to learn how to stay up in a racing kayak.

Restricting use of the Canal to a limited number of people who fancy themselves to be "athletes" does nothing to enhance the general health of the citizenry of Welland. We have to find a way to get people out on the canal. Not being able to use the canal does not promote the ability of people from Welland to make proper health promoting decisions.

When I was with the Welland Water Ski Club we trained a lot of kids to ski. One of the reasons that we had the number of people using the Canal with motor boats was the success of converting skiing students into active families, which is something that the Clubs have not been successful at.

Unfortunately the Canoe Kids Camps do not have a high conversion rate, and that is probably for a lot of reasons - it is a solitary non-family activity, requires complex physical skills, and it is expensive.

The Commodore of the South Niagara Canoe Club and his wife race with a team from Toronto, the Jetstart Dragon Boat Club. Their pictures are on the Jetstart Website. The Jetstart Website training page, lists a number of places to train, but does not mention the indoor tank at the Welland International Flatwater Centre.<sup>6</sup>

The one event that they were to have here in September 2016, the Canal Challenge attracted no participants.

Finally, you can only participate in SNCC events if you have a computer and a credit card. There is no place to walk in and sign up. You have to first know where on the internet to go, and fill in a number of pages of information, and finally pay by credit card. This limits who can participate.

This will discourage the poor and non-computer literate from participating in events on the Canal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Two pages from the Jetstart Dragon Boat Club Website

#### The Role of Flatwater Events

We paid \$150,000.00 to Dragon Boat Canada to host the World Dragon Boat Championships in 2015. The budget stated that we would have a Legacy of \$212,500.00 and Dragon Boat Canada would get \$62.500.00, In the end we got nothing.

The advertised tangible asset - dragon boats - valued at \$180,000.00 are here, but we can not use them. This was confirmed to me by the mayor and the Executive Director of Dragon Boat Canada.

We were to receive a \$225,000.00 as a Legacy Fund after the World Juniors in 2013. The agreement for the use of the fund was signed in June 2013. One month later, it became clear that the event was way over cost, and Barry Sharpe wrote the funder Sport Canada, telling them that they had taken the Legacy fund and applied it to the cost of the WIFC. Curiously there was never any reference to the missing legacy funds after that, and the WRCC was never given any credit for donating them to the cost of the WIFC.

In addition to that cost overrun that cost us our Legacy fund for club development the WRCC failed to pay \$256,000.00 to Brock for housing the athletes, even though they received the funds for it. This again was never disclosed, and no explanation given for this cost over run.

I have spent years trying to document the cost overruns and hidden costs, such as the 2011 trips that the Councillors took to Hungary, which was not as advertised accounted for in the 2013 budget for the World Juniors.<sup>8</sup>

My estimate would be that we have lost over a million dollars in planning for and hosting these events.

## The Planned Lack of Access to the Waterway for the People of Welland

There used to be public docks in Welland for people to use. The WRCC let them rot, and failed to repair them in 2009 as the costs of the Amphitheatre went from \$250,000.00 to \$600,000.00.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Legacy Agreement Approved on June 26<sup>th</sup> 2013, and letter cancelling it by Mayor Sharpe on July 22, 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Welland Tribune Article by Allan Benner August 10,2011 Canal Corporation Costs Concern Councillors

I did fight to get the docks repaired for the people of Welland. See my email of July 10, 2009 documenting the sorry state of the docks at Lincoln Street. But the WRCC did not fix them up, they tore them out, leaving the citizens of Welland with no public dock access to the waterway.

## **Summary**

The role of local clubs in promoting the health of the citizenry of Welland is illusory. The canal is almost always empty, and there are not enough people are not engaged in these activities to justify the continued exclusion with people using motorized boats.

There is no justification to allowing the very elite few who are mostly not from Welland to use all of the Canal. They can have the 1 km at the South end and they can use it to their hearts content, and pay for the use of their Welland International Flatwater Centre.

The by-law is not within the jurisdiction of the City of Welland to pass, and a prosecution might cost many thousands of dollars, as there would be many intervenors, and the end result is already known due to Section 92 of the Constitution Act.

The city will have to remove all of the unauthorized improvements from the Navigable Water Way know as the Welland Recreational Canal, or obtain riders from their Insurers confirming that they are aware that the improvements are illegal as they impede Navigation, and we as tax payers can not continue to be exposed to these uninsurable risks. The two biggest concerns from an insurance standpoint are the floating dock at the Amphitheatre, and the sunken boat at the Lincoln Street docks.

We have to have public access docks that can be used at Lincoln Street. My wife and I are two of the few recreational kayakers with racing kayaks, and it is very difficult to get safely in and out of a racing kayak on shore. Finally we need public access to the docks at the WIFC.

Until the Lincoln Street Docks can be rebuilt, the locked gate at Colborne Street has to be opened so that old and disabled paddlers like myself, can get down to the remaining docks in Welland. Otherwise, you have to drive down the bike path to get to the docks.

It certainly appears that the local Dragon Boating scene is moribund, but as most of them are not from Welland, we do not have to worry about them. Our local competitive team the Warlocks have in fact been racing as part of the Canadian Senior Dragon Boat Club for a few years, and now it looks like the more competitive members have joined the Jetstart Club so they have somewhere ele to go anyway.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Email from DougThomas to Stephen Fischer

We doe need to get behind Richard Dalton and get more Welland children and youth participating in on Canal Activities. That means that we have to find accommodations for the families of Welland who want to waterski or wakeboard or fish with their children, in addition to canoeing and kayaking at the Flatwater Site.

We can no longer afford to keep the canal for use by a select few. We have to increase the health outcomes of our young people.

It would be criminal if we did not.

April 6, 2017

Douglas R. Thomas

#### THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND

BY-LAW NUMBER 2005 - 92

A BY-LAW TO ADOPT A 'GO QUIET' POLICY AND 'URBAN FISHING INITIATIVE' RESPECTING THE USE OF THE WELLAND RECREATIONAL CANAL WATERWAY; AND TO REPEAL BY-LAW 2003-77

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Welland Recreational Canal
Corporation has recommended to Council the replacement of Waterway Use and Safety
Policies established by By-law 2003-77, with a new 'Go Quiet' Policy and 'Urban Fishing
Initiative';

AND WHEREAS Council accepts the recommendation and therefore deems it necessary and advisable to enact this by-law.

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- In this By-law the following definitions do apply:
  - (a) "WRCC Canal" means the waterway, known as the Welland Recreational Canal, and more particularly described in the deeds of transfer from Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Public Works and Government Services, to The Corporation of the City of Welland, registered in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Niagara South (No. 59) on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1991, as Instrument No. RO760745, and registered in the Land Titles Division of Niagara South as Instrument No. LT133437, save and except the lands and premises described therein:
  - (b) "WRCC" means the Welland Recreational Canal Corporation, which manages and operates the Welland Recreational Canal lands under a Licence from The Corporation of the City of Welland.
  - The recommended 'Go Quiet' Policy and 'Urban Fishing Initiative' of the WRCC shall be and the same is hereby adopted.
  - No person shall operate or use any motorized watercraft upon the WRCC
     Canal, except with the express written permission of the Welland
     Recreational Canal Corporation issued in accordance with the said Policy.

- 4. Any person who contravenes any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction, is liable to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.00 for each such offence.
- This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the date of its passage.

READ A FIRST TIME BY COUNCIL THIS 21st DAY OF June, 2005.

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READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED BY COUNCIL THIS 19 DAY OF July, 2005.

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#### Welland Recreational Canal Corporation (WRCC) Policy

Policy Title:

Date of Approval:

Wellland Recreational Waterway ~ Go Quiet Policy

July 20, 2005

Lead Role:

Welland Recreational Canal Corporation

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Policy No:

99-POL-01

Support Role:

City of Welland By-Law Enforcement

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Reference:

P&R-2005-07

Review Date:

November 2010

#### Policy Statement:

The Welland Recreational Canal Corporation (a.k.a. WRCC Canal, Old Canal, Welland Recreational Waterway) is to be used by non-motorized watercraft only, unless an organization, association or corporation is otherwise granted permission by the WRCC.

#### Purpose:

To reduce the negative impacts on public safety, noise pollution, bank erosion, bank stability, insurance costs and risk management of motorized watercraft use on the Recreational Waterway and increase the potential for multi-use quiet enjoyment and flatwater sport event attraction by restricting the use of motorized watercraft to those persons granted permission to use said watercraft as part of an association, club, or corporation, making application to the WRCC.

#### Scope:

This policy shall apply to the waterway under the administrative control of the WRCC, by way of by-law passed by Council of the City of Welland.

#### Procedure:

Motorized watercrafts are hereby prohibited from using the Welland Recreational Canal. Applications for 'permissive use' may be made to the WRCC Board of Directors in writing. Applicants must be an association, organization or corporation meeting common objectives of the WRCC, with adequate insurance coverage naming the City of Welland and the Welland Recreational Canal Corporation as 'Additional Insured'.

#### Compliance:

By-law 2005-92, being a by-law to establish and regulate the 'Go Quiet' Policy for the canal, must be complied with by all members of the public and enforcement is to be carried out by By-law Enforcement staff, duly authorized to do so.

#### Romano, Jessica

From: Sent: EnviroOnt [EnviroOnt@tc.gc.ca] Tuesday, April 05, 2011 9:38 AM

To:

Romano, Jessica

Sublect:

FW: City of Welland Pan America Games Site Preparation 2015: Welland International Flat

Water Centre - Request for Information

Attachments:

NWP\_App\_Guide\_EN.pdf

Hello Jessica,

Please refer to the advise below from Transport Canada's Navigable Waters Protection office regarding the portion of the Welland Recreational Canal (in between Lincoln Street and Humberstone Road) for which the above referenced project is considering work on – it is considered navigable. Transport Canada is responsible for the administration of the Navigable Waters Protection Act (NWPA), which prohibits the construction or placement of any "works" in navigable waters without first obtaining approval. If any of the related project undertakings cross or affect a potentially navigable waterway, the proponent should prepare and submit an application in accordance with the requirements as outlined in the attached Application Guide. Any questions about the NWPA application process should be directed to the Navigable Waters Protection Program at 1-866-821-6631 or <a href="https://www.nwpapeleon.org/n

Transport Canada is also responsible for the administration of the *Railway Safety Act* to ensure the safe operation of railways. The Act addresses the construction and alteration of railway works, the operation and maintenance of railway equipment and certain non-railway operations affecting railway safety. Pursuant to the Notice of Railway Works Regulations, the project proponent will be required to give notice of the proposed project to the following: the railway whose line is to be crossed, the municipality in which the crossing works are to be located and the authority having responsibility for the road in question. An approval may be required for certain railway works that depart from engineering standards set under the regulations or where an objection has been filed against the work.

The Act and Regulations are available at the following Internet sites:

Railway Safety Act: http://www.tc.gc.ca/acts-regulations/acts/1985s4-32/menu.htm

Notice of Railway Works Regulations: <a href="http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/SOR-91-103/">http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/SOR-91-103/</a>

Any questions about the Railway Safety Act and the Notice of Railway Works Regulations should be directed to **Scott Lee**, Acting Manager of Engineering, at **(416) 973-5525** or <u>scott.lee@tc.gc.ca</u>.

Please note that certain approvals under the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* and the *Railway Safety Act* trigger the requirement for a federal environmental assessment under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA). The proponent may therefore wish to consider incorporating CEAA requirements into the project.

In the future please send correspondence about this project to the undersigned. Please contact us if there are any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

#### **Environmental Assessment Coordinator**

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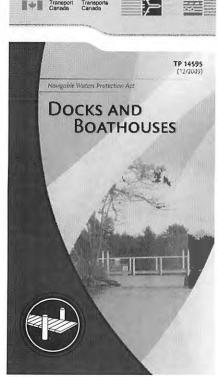
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This brochure outlines the specific standards and criteria under which Transport Canada considers docks and boathouses projects to be "minor works" and does not require an application under the Navigable Waters Protection Act (NWPA).

These criteria are based on the terms and conditions outlined in section 3 of the Minor Works and Waters (Navigable Waters Protection Act) Order.

Failure to construct the work in accordance with the standards and criteria identified in this document and outlined in the Order as referenced in section 13 of the NWPA may result in enforcement action.

#### Definitions

Dock: Includes a wharf, a pier and a jetty.

Boathouse: A structure built fully or partially over a waterway for the housing or storage of boats.

Navigation channel: A charted channel, a buoyed channel or a channel that, based on local knowledge, exists for navigation purposes.

When is a dock or boathouse considered a minor

A dock or boathouse project meeting all of the following criteria and standards is considered a minor work and does not require the submission of an application for review and approval under the NWPA if:

- the works are at least 5 metres (m) from the adjacent property boundaries and property line extensions;
- the works are at least 10 m from any dock, boathouse or other structure that is fully or partially in, on or over the navigable waters;
- the extremity of the works that is furthest from the land is at least 30 m away from any navigation channel.
- the works do not extend further in, on or over the navigable waters than any adjacent docks;
- the works are not associated with any other proposed works, such as launch ramps, breakwaters, landfill, dredging and marinas; and
- the works are not used for float planes or other aircraft equipped with floats.

#### NOTE

If your project involves temporary works, these works may be subject to the criteria listed in section 10 of the Minor Works and Waters Order and referenced in the Transport Canada publication Temporary Works (TP 14893).

You should note that other laws and regulations may be applicable to your project.

For more information, visit Transport Canada's website at http://www.tc.gc.ca/marinesafety/oep/nwpp/menu.htm or call 1-877-842-5606. A Minor Work

Historically, many projects pose no threat to the ongoing safety of navigation if positioned and constructed in accordance with specific standards and criteria. Such projects are considered by Transport Canada as minor works and, as such, no application under the NWPA will be required.

The NWPA is a federal law designed to protect the public right of navigation. It ensures that works constructed in navigable waters are reviewed and regulated to minimize the overall impact on navigation.

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- Part 1 of RO508186; and
- Parts 2 & 3 of RO509731; and
- Part 1, 59R-10252

#### **EIFTHLY:**

All of PINs 84105-0186(LT) and 64105-0187(LT).

#### SIXTHLY:

Part of PIN 84423-0014(R), being composed of:

- Lot 223 Broken Front and parts of Lots 222 Broken Front, 229 and 230, and part
  of the Road Allowance between Lot 223 Broken Front and Lot 229, in the
  geographic Township of Thorold, and part of Lot 22 Broken Front, Concession 2,
  in the geographic Township of Crowland, and part of the original bed of the
  Welland River lying between the geographic Townships of Thorold and
  Crowland, designated as Part 1 on 59R-3478; and
- Part of Lot 215 Broken Front, 222, 223, 224 and part of the Road Allowance between Lots 223 and 224, and part of the Road Allowance between Lots 215 Broken Front and 222, in the geographic Township of Thorold, and part of Lot 21, Concession 1, in the geographic Township of Crowland, and part of the original bed of the Welland River lying between the geographic Townships of Thorold and Crowland, designated as Part 8 of 59R-3681;
- That part of the Road Allowance between Lots 222, 223, 224 and Lots 222
  Broken Front, 223 Broken Front and 229, extending west of the water's edge of
  the Welland River to the east limit of Part 2 of 59R-3406; and
- That part of Lot 238 Broken Front, the Road Allowance between Lots 238
  Broken Front & 238 and Lots 223 Broken Front & 229, being that part of Part 1,
  59R-3477 lying to the north of Parts 2 & 3 of RO509731 and Part 1 of
  RO508186.

Save and except the following lands, being composed of:

- Part 1, 59R-5213; and
- Part 1, 59R-10252; and \*
- Parts 8 & 9 of 59R-9255; and



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Part of Pin 64427-0014(LT), being composed of part of Lot 223, geographic Township of Thorold, designated as Part 5 of 59R-3681, save and except Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11 & 12 of 59R-9255.

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All of the above lands being in the City of Welland, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara.



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# BROCK UNIVERSITY Report to the Capital Planning and Facilities Committee Information Item

TOPIC: Faculty of Applied Health Sciences Community Outreach Initiative:

"Brock University Human Performance Centre"

– a proposed partnership with the City of Welland

October 22, 2009

M. Knuttila – Provost and Vice President, Academic
D.Petis – Vice President, Advancement
J. Corlett, Dean, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

#### **BACKGROUND**

Brock University through its academic planning process identified "Community Outreach" as one of the four pillars of *Brock 2014: knowledge, engagement, transformation – An Academic Plan for Brock University.* 

In Brock 2014, Brock University stated its commitment to enhancing and strengthening its engagement and partnerships with its alumni and with the external communities of the Niagara Region and beyond. Community outreach is mutually beneficial. At the local level, the synergy it creates will enable the University to play a more active role in the economic, social and cultural development of the Niagara Region and will create opportunities for community partnerships that will enrich the content and increase the relevance of the University's research, teaching and learning activities. In a broader sense, active partnerships with other institutions at provincial, national and international levels will generate mutually beneficial opportunities through research and development projects of global significance.

The Faculty of Applied Health Sciences has identified the City of Welland as a potential partner for the Faculty to help realize Brock University goals.

#### **POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP**

The Faculty of Applied Health Sciences has a number of "revenue generating" activities that currently do not have an established home, and miss the potential synergies, leveraging of research activities and turning research into new SME (small and medium sized enterprises) opportunities.

The City of Welland and Faculty of Applied Health Sciences have been exploring at a concept level, the establishment of a facility or shared facility that houses the following potential programs:

a) Firefighter Screening Program – The Faculty's program has captured the overwhelming majority of screening requirements for Ontario municipal firefighter job applicants and contributes significant net funding to the operating budget of the Faculty. Up to 4,000 people participate in the program annually being certified as able to physically handle the job requirements of firefighting. Currently, the program does not have a permanent home and there is no space in BRIC-Brock Research Innovation Centre (on Lockhart Drive) to house the program. As a result the set-up and breakdown of the required testing equipment every weekend from rental space throughout St. Catharines is a significant time consuming process.

With a new facility, the program could expand to offer advanced professional training leveraging current Faculty strengths and expand to paramedic and police applicant screening. This would

create about 45 weeks a year of people coming from all over southern Ontario and with the advanced course work, staying two or three nights for multiple day courses. This program needs about 16,000 sq ft of testing space and would also need a classroom facility of some kind to do the course work.

- b) Exercise and fitness testing laboratory that would leverage Welland's initiatives to attract Flat Water sports to its training and competition facilities by drawing athletes and teams to Welland for competitions and tournaments and this facility is needed for Firefighters' Screening Program.
- c) A Skating Lab could provide the fourth location for research. The facility would support skating treadmill training and testing. Brock currently fully utilizes its facility on campus and could conduct more research if it is available in the local area.
- d) Continuing Education programs the Firefighter program needs a classroom facility which could leverage the expertise of Faculty members to provide continuing education in health and wellness topics that would allow easy access to the Welland and Niagara community to run evening and weekend courses that would generate further revenue for the Faculty.
- e) Brock Heart Institute Cardiac Program would be investigated to the potential of relocation or a satellite program to support the over 2000 Niagarans that do not have access to the benefits of this program to prevent the first or repeat cardiac attacks.

The Faculty is preparing a business case to evaluate the ability of each program to contribute to the net revenue for the Faculty and meet a need in Welland and Niagara community.

A facility of this nature would provide internship and co-op placement opportunities for Brock students, and research space for graduate students and faculty.

The City of Welland and Faculty are discussing a Memorandum of Understanding with Brock University to identify the understanding to secure the required space – stand alone or shared with another organization, to realize the full potential of the revenue generating activities of the Faculty.

#### **ANALYSIS**

1, City of Welland Demographics Align with Faculty of Applied Health Science Research

Welland's 2006 population was 50,331. Welland has lower incomes, lower levels of education, and other characteristics indicating lower Socio Economic Status. These demographics are more likely to experience illness, disability, premature death, have a higher prevalence of behavioural risk factors, and less access to health care and other services than those with a higher SES.

Welland residents experienced 19% more deaths from circulatory system diseases, 58% more endocrine and 36% more nutrition and metabolic deaths than the Region as a whole.

Welland residents have a significantly higher rate of hospitalizations than the Region for diseases of the circulatory; digestive system; respiratory system; injuries and poisonings; mental and behavioural disorders; symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and lab findings; diseases of the genitourinary system; and diseases of the musculoskeletal system.

The top five causes of death for Welland residents are:

- · diseases of the circulatory system;
- neoplasms (cancers);
- endocrine, nutritional and metabolic disorders;
- diseases of the respiratory system; and

diseases of the nervous system.

The Faculty of Applied Health Sciences has extensive expertise in the prevention of illness and disease, and how healthy lifestyle choices like physical activity can improve the health outcomes.

#### 2. City of Welland's Priorities Align with Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

Dean Corlett was invited by Damien Goulbourne, Mayor of the City of Welland, to serve on the Health and Wellness Services Task Force in 2006. On June 24, 2008, Welland City Council received a Health and Wellness Services Growth Plan.

The City of Welland Health and Wellness Services Growth Plan was developed in response to an identified community need to diversify the economic base and to increase access to health and wellness services in Welland. Through the process of community consultation and review of numerous documents, a growth plan model was developed that involves developing centres of excellence in health and wellness in Welland. Additionally, the need to enhance already existing community health and wellness services was identified as a priority.

Fundamental to creating a culture of wellness and prevention of illness, the growth plan identified further development of sports activities as a key element for future opportunities.

The plan called for a "Health and Wellness Campus on the Canal" that provided a centralized location within proximity to King Street that highlighted existing Health and Wellness programming at the Niagara Health System - Welland Hospital and related services and encouraged the development of community and regional health and wellness needs through an integrated approach to expand Health Services, Wellness Centres, Sports Training, Public Health Education, Research, Innovation and Health and Wellness Program Design.

The Faculty of Applied Health Sciences is well positioned to support the growth plan through its research and "revenue-generating" activities.

#### 3. Pan Am Games Bid - Welland International Flat Water Centre

The City of Welland and the Welland Recreational Canal Corporation is recommending consideration of our potential facility being part of the Welland International Flat Water Centre.

The City of Welland, through its Welland Recreational Canal Corporation, has been selected as the host site for the 2015 Pan Am Games - Toronto Bid for Canoe, Kayak, and Open Swim competitions. In early November 2009, the decision will be announced where the 2015 Pan Am Games will be located.

Should the Toronto Bid be accepted, as part of the Games legacy, Welland will have a \$9 million "Welland International Flat Water Centre". Through federal and provincial funding, the Games will invest \$5 million into the facility and the City of Welland is committed to a \$4 million investment. The City currently has \$2 million to build the facility and is exploring ways to generate the additional funding without a tax levy. This funding would not be eligible for other government programs.

If the Bid is successful, funding will immediately be released to Welland to fast track the design phase of the project. To leverage the potential of the planned facilities for the Welland International Flat Water Centre that has direct and indirect synergies with the Brock University "Human Performance Centre" concept, Brock will need to work through the details of a joint project and its implications. There is potential for Brock to leverage the PanAm facilities to reduce its required space needs.

# Health and wellness in Welland

By Joan Wiley

In the city of Welland, in an empty field along the Old Welland Canal, will soon rise a breakthrough facility that focuses on human fitness and health.

Brock University's Human Performance Centre will be part world-class athletic training centre, part national-calibre firefighter testing facility and part community health-and-wellness resource.

The Brock facility will be part of the soon-to-be constructed \$10-million Welland International Flatwater Centre. Welland was part of the successful 2015 Pan Am Games bid and will host canoe, kayaking and open water swimming events. The Flatwater Centre will support these international sporting competitions, and our facility will be part of that legacy of the Games.

The Centre is another example of Brock's partnership efforts with surrounding communities to help strengthen Niagara culturally, socially and economically.

"The best of our Faculty's teaching and research expertise will be translated through the centre in Welland into much-needed community services in health and well-being," says John Corlett, former Dean of Applied Health Sciences. (On Sept. 1, Corlett became the new Vice-President, Academic at the University of Winnipeg.)

"We are particularly interested in reaching out to Welland's children and youth to promote healthy choices early in life to minimize many of the risks they face growing up."

Earlier this year, Brock and the City of Welland signed an agreement on how the City and the

University will work together on joint ventures. The first initiative is Brock's intention to lease space in the Flatwater facility for the Human Performance Centre. The centre will operate non-academic, revenuegenerating activities and research that support the work of Brock's Faculty of Applied Health Sciences (FAHS).

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Mayor Damian Goulbourne (BA '93) of Welland and Brock's president, Jack Lightstone, shake hands during the signing of a recent memorandum of understanding for the Human Performance Centre.

The new centre will have a "smart gym" to record activities in digital video, which could then be used for teaching via the Internet and improving sports performance. It will also have an education centre to accommodate up to 125 people.

As well, the Faculty of Applied Health Science foresees several other possible areas of involvement:

- The permanent location of our successful firefighter screening program and associated testing operations;
- A comprehensive
- exercise, fitness, and performance laboratory testing capacity for athletes, community members, and health-care applications;
- An annual calendar of weekly community health, wellness, sport, and recreation educational and professional development events;
- Urban recreation programming, particularly for youth;
   and
- Skating assessment, training and development services in a skating lab.

Design work will start once the Pan Am Games finalizes its requirements with the City of Welland, with a goal to have the Flatwater Centre open by Spring 2012.

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#### BACKGROUND:

The Federal Government Canadian Heritage agreement states the following in its contribution agreement with CanoeKayak Canada. The statement is based on the plan put forward by the WRCC:

"The Legacy Plan will include a \$225,000 legacy fund. These funds will be used for coaching development, athlete development, local club development, volunteer development, high performance development and hosting development. In addition, the funds will be used for infrastructure improvements to the Human Performance Centre."

The Welland Recreational Canal Corporation has created and operates the Welland International Flatwater Centre. The Welland International Flatwater Centre mandate is to create an international calibre centre for Canadian national amateur flatwater sports; an event, performance and training venue of international standard that will provide opportunities for healthy club and community use in Welland/Niagara while delivering on the economic benefits of sport tourism through hosting of regattas and international competitions in the disciplines of rowing, canoe, kayak, dragon boat, open-water swimming, canoe polo, water polo.

The Legacy plan is a joint creation of: the Welland Recreational Canal Corporation, CanoeKayak Canada, the Western Ontario Division, Canoe Ontario (and its affiliate OCSRA), and the South Niagara Canoe Club. The Federal Government and the provincial government of Ontario declined participation, based on the contributing partners already engaged in the process.

#### GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

The legacy fund will be directed by the management group, which is to be comprised of one representative from Western Ontario Division, the South Niagara Canoe Club, Ontario Canoe Kayak Sprint Racing Affiliation; Canoe Kayak Canada and the Welland International Flatwater Centre. The legacy fund will provide support exclusively for sprint canoe initiatives that contribute to athlete and coach development in the Junior and U23 pathway

The legacy fund will be activated within six months of receiving the audited financial statements of Cance Niagara 2013. At the inaugural meeting of the management group, the legacy strategy will be reviewed to ensure the appropriate principles/strategies have been developed for implementation of the legacy. In addition, the management group will determine the allocation of capital and expense for the quadrennial.

The legacy fund capital, beyond that apportioned to the WRCC as per the contractual agreement between CanoeKayak Canada and WRCC, will be managed by an independent financial management institution duly approved by the legacy management group. A financial management institution will be appointed within six months of the receipt of the audited financial statements. The firm renewal will be on a quadrennial basis. The operations of the legacy will fail under the jurisdiction of OCSRA, in cooperation with the Welland International Flatwater Centre.

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The legacy funds will be used in accordance with the agreed upon priorities established at the beginning of each quadrennial by the management group. Changes in direction will require approval from the legacy management group (in 2014 the priorities will be established to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 and thereafter will follow the quadrennial cycle).

Assistance will only be considered up to the maximum grant based on the availability of sufficient funds in each fiscal year.

Annually, at an appropriate time to be determined, OCSRA will launch a planning and an application process to member clubs for the use of the facility. Only recognized CKC Ontario members are eligible to apply for grants and any one club is eligible for a maximum of two grants in any quadrennial SPRINT LEGACY PILLARS:

The six pillars of sprint legacy include:

- 1- coaching development
- 2- athlete development
- 3- local club development
- 4- volunteer development
- 5- high performance development
- 6- hosting development

A seventh pillar was identified, the human performance centre, which will only be eligible should CanoeKoyak Canada engage in national team sprint activities (fees for service) within the centre.

#### 1- coaching development

The ongoing development, education and retention of coaches at the club level in Canada is critical. The legacy fund may assist OCSRA and CKC Ontario Member club coaches in their ongoing development initiatives at WiFC.

#### 2- athlete development

Ontario Athletes involved in the junior talent development program may be eligible for training expenses at WiFC, provided that they do not receive carding from the provincial or federal governments. To be eligible athletes need to be living in Ontario and training at a recognized CKC member club.

#### 3- local club development

CKC Ontario Member clubs which are domiciled at WIFC are may be eligible for grants to support one-time infrastructure initiatives that improve the club's services to registered member paddlers, provided that the club has matching resources from another funding source and provided the activities align with CKC'S Healthy Club multi-disciplinary strategy.

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#### 4-volunteer development

CKC Ontario Member clubs may be eligible for grants to support the development of club volunteers for the purposes of hosting effective regattas, provided that the development initiative is open to other member clubs.

### 5- high performance development

OCSRA and CKC Ontario Member clubs will be eligible for grants to support the use of the WIFC facility.

### 6-hosting development

CKC Ontario Member clubs may be eligible for grants to support the hosting of regattas for OCSRA at WIFC.

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July 22, 2013

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Dear Mr. Vaillancourt:

The City of Weiland is committed to delivering the flatwater centre in legacy to our national teams, and provincial, regional and local clubs through the Weiland Recreational Canal Corporation (WRCC). To that end, I can confirm for Canoe Kayak Canada that the WRCC has been directed by the City of Weiland to allocate their portion (75% of all legacy and any surplus funds from operations of Canoe Niagara 2013) directly into Infrastructure costs for the Weiland International Flatwater Centre (WIFC) and to be recognized as such.

In addition, both the WRCC and the City of Weiland are committed to working with CKC and its Divisions in delivering legacy projects and utilizing the flatwater centre for the betterment of cance kayak in Canada. As part of that commitment, the WRCC has also been requested by Council to develop a business plan for the engoing operation and use of the WIFC. Instrumental to that plan is the recognition of community value resulting from the influence of national and developing national athletes and representatives of CKC being a part of our community development to enhance the opportunities of sport and sport tourism to our youth and our community in general.

We look forward to the evolution of a mutually beneficial relationship which has already begun through the planning and development of the WIFC and will continue with each event and program that we share as your partner.

I trust this meets with your requirements for statement of our commitment and direction for legacy planning.

Yours sincerely

Barry Sharpe

Mayor

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### Canal corporation trips concern councillors



By Allan Benner, The Tribune Wednesday, August 10, 2011 5:56:22 EDT PM

Welland - WELLAND - Although Welland Recreational Canal Corp. representatives called it a night to celebrate, several councillors clearly weren't in the mood for cracking open the champagne.

Canal corporation executive director Stephen Fischer and board chairman Bob Mahler were at Welland council to officially present the International Canoe Federation (ICF) flag to Mayor Barry Sharpe, discuss the scope of the World Junior and Under 23 Canoe Sprint Championships the city will host in 2013, discuss the new international canoeing race series planned for 2012, and announce yet another world championship that was awarded to the city - the 2015 Dragon Boat Racing World Championships.

But Ward 1 Coun. Mary Ann Grimaldi and several of her colleagues wanted to know why the first time they heard about a trip the mayor, Mahler and Fischer took to Brandenburg, Germany, was when they



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read about it in The Tribune.

"Yes, this should be a very, very positive thing that's going on tonight. Do I like talking about this? No. But I have to tell you that what I liked even less was the Roses and Thorns in the paper, and the articles in the paper, and finding out that the WRCC and the mayor went to Germany without even mentioning it to council."

The canal corporation representatives said the trip to Germany did not cost taxpayers anything, since they were there as guests of the International Canoe Federation and the travel costs were paid for out of the budget for the 2013 World Junior and Under 23 Canoe Sprint Championships.

That's not the only trip city representatives will be taking related to the event.

Ward 5 Coun. Michael Petrachenko informed council that he and Ward 6 Coun. Bob Wright were invited to accompany Fischer to travel to Szolnok, Hungary, for the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships which begin Aug. 17.

That trip, too, will not cost taxpayers a dime, Fischer said.

"It's covered under the 2013 budget," he said.

But Ward 4 Coun. Tony DiMarco said he wasn't informed about that trip either until he arrived at city hall on Tuesday evening.

"We found out last night (Tuesday) they're leaving in a couple days for Hungary," he told The Tribune on Wednesday. "It just blows me away. I found out just before the meeting."

Asked about the procedure for selecting council representatives for such trips, city manager Craig Stirtzinger said it's at the mayor's discretion.

"The question to me is, 'Why go?' We have the Internet," DiMarco said. "Anything you want to find out about this, you can find online."

During the council meeting, Grimaldi asked the canal corporation representatives why they were expecting 1,250 participants although the junior championships in Brandenburg, Germany only attracted 650 participants.

Many of those participants were from other neighbouring European nations, she said, adding many of them are also "having economic issues right now."

"I have a concern of how you're going to pull in more people than Germany," she said.

Mahler said the additional participants are expected because the 2013 world championships planned for Welland will also include the under-23 division championships - making it a four-day event with twice as many participants as past championships.

Fischer said there is an "allure and the attractiveness of Niagara and Welland as a destination to race and to visit a world class site," as well as the travel costs associated with traveling to Brandenburg.

"Value to participants is the reason the ICF thinks that we'll actually hit that number," Fischer said.

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"I would like to have backup for these figures," Grimaldi said.

"I would be much happier with a breakdown of where these figures come from," she said, adding she'd also like to know how much money is expected to be brought in from the event.

Sharpe asked the canal corporation representatives to respond, adding: "I don't think anyone should leave here with an impression that members of the canal corporation or Mr. Fischer tapped these figures out on a calculator just before they came out for the presentation."

"Tonight we're we're here to celebrate the presentation and ceremony of the flag," Mahler said. "We didn't come here anticipating that this would be asked."

He suggested instead returning to council with "a proper presentation to explain this."

DiMarco also raised concerns about the budgets for hosting upcoming events, wondering how much the city will be expected to pitch in.

"The \$2.5 million in costs, where is that coming from?" he asked, referring to the 2013 world canoe championship budget.

Fischer told him sponsorship money, "considerable" entry fees, and other revenues will be provided to cover the cost of the event. The cost to the city, he added, is \$50,000 in in-kind services, such as running transit service for event participants.

"That's the investment that's being asked for by the city," Fischer said.

Fischer said the city will also be working with an individual who organized the world championships held in Halifax in 2009, to help ensure the event runs smoothly in 2013.

He said the ICF provided a \$13.3 million estimate for the expected revenue the event would bring in, adding the regional impact from the event is close to \$9 million.

"I remind council that not everyone who lives in Welland works in Welland," Fischer said. "So when we are supporting regional businesses, regional hotels, regional attractions. we have people who live in Welland who work in the region and we're supporting all of them by bringing these events to the city."

Sharpe intends to approach Niagara Region "and make a case that the region does need to support this."

"The event itself," Mahler said, "is so large that every hotel room in our community will be full," and that includes Niagara College's residence which will serve as an athlete's village.

"Our community will be overflowing. We can't accommodate all the people that are coming. We have to recognize we don't have that infrastructure. We'll have to engage our partners in the region."

Responding to a question from Ward 5 Coun. Rocky Letourneau, Fischer estimated that there are close to 1,000 rooms available in the city.



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more on the Virtual News Stand Letourneau said that means "we're inviting all these people to Welland and we're basically handing them over to the rest of the region."

He asked if additional hotels might be built in Welland to accommodate athletes.

During their presentation, the canal corporation representatives played a few videos used by the organization to promote the waterway. Grimaldi said those videos included footage of "Niagara Falls, the wineries, Toronto and New York State - not Welland."

"It blows me away," DiMarco said, Wednesday. "I don't know where they get those figures from."

He said the lack of upfront information is "very frustrating."

"This is one of my biggest concerns since I got on council."

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Re: Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words

Date:

July 10, 2009 8:13:35 AM

Thanks for reporting this situation.

WRCC Staff have been dispatched.

Sent on the TELUS Mobility network with BlackBerry

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**Subject**: Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words





The above pictures show one of the two remaining public access docks on the Welland Recreational Canal. Both are off Lincoln Street The other is in somewhat better shape.

City of 45,0000-9 kilometers of canal and this is 50% of the public access docks?

Public Input Section 4 - Public Meeting Presentations

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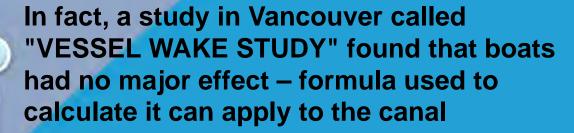
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Revenues (Cash and In-Kind)		Budget	, <u>au</u>	remaining		actuals	
Participant Admin Fees	\$	216,000	\$	140,400	•	175,000	
City of Welland	\$	150,000	\$	150,000	\$ \$	150,000	
WRCC (in-kind)	\$	50,000	\$	50,000	\$		
Foreign Exchange	\$	30,000		ລນ,ບບບ	9	50,000	
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Event Revenues	\$	145,000	5	85,000	\$	162,144	
Accomodation Revenues	\$	200,000	\$	80,000	\$	39,358	
Food Service Revenues	\$	110,000	\$	30,000	S	25,390	
Transportation Revenues	\$	175,000	\$	25,000	S	25,000	
Commissions and Sponsorships	\$	135,000	S	80,000	S	97,000	
	\$	1,368,800	\$	820,700	S	975,192	
Expenses (Cash)							
Accreditation Requirements	\$	65,000	\$	77,500	\$	74,000	
Broadcast (Livestream)	\$	230,000	\$	7,500	\$	16,500	
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Cost of Good Sold		na		na	\$	24,604	
Medals & Protocol	\$	45,000	5	45,000	\$	45,000	
Ceremonles & Celebration	\$	62,500	. \$	43,500	\$	48,569	
Volunteer Services, Outfitting	\$	31,950	\$	31,950	S	38,350	
Officiating Supplies	S	15,000	\$	15,000	\$	16,500	
Officials Accommodation	\$	55,000	Š	60,000	Š	94,000	
Officials Transportation		00,000	\$	16,980	\$	24,000	
Facility, Equipment	č	52,500	Š	80,000	\$	89,000	
Temporary Washrooms & Supplies	\$ \$ \$	45,000	5	42,000	\$	41,980	
Temporary Athlete Structures	\$	50,000	Š	45,000	\$	46,290	
Social Functions & Reception ISO	\$	21,350	\$	12,500	\$	14,529	
Security, Traffic Control, EMS	3	85,000	\$	60,000	\$	72,500	
	\$	65,000		80,000	\$	31,554	
Assignable Facility Wages & Venue Upgrades	\$	27,500	\$	17,000	\$	19,850	
Marketing & Advertising	\$						
Signage and Print		18,000	\$	16,000	\$ \$	14,100	
Contingency	\$	60,000	\$	15,000	7.0	10,000	
Dragon Boats (Tangible Asset Including duty)	\$	180,000	\$	167,000	\$	184,000	
	S	1,093.800	\$	796,930	\$	962,327	
Legacy Position (to be shared)	\$	275,000	\$	23,770	. \$	12,865	
City/WRCC	\$	212,500	\$	23,770	\$	12,865	
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## Public Input Section 4 - Public Meeting Presentations

 But they do use boats only for special interest groups.



 To quote "The calculated wake heights are clearly quite small relative not only to storm conditions but also to average ambient wave conditions in Douglas Channel, and are therefore considered to be insignificant in terms of their potential for increased shoreline erosion or impact on other vessels."

Erosion occurs without boats no matter what due to weather and time etc.







### FAIR AND EPublic Input Section 4 - Public Meeting Presentations E OF THE

 Canal Use for ALL – particularly people in Welland who pay taxes for it



There is no need to monopolize a canal that is paid for by all for so few

•The canal is not used for "most of the day" - used about 1 ½ - 2 hours per day meaning that is **empty 86% of the time** assuming 14 hours of light in the summer day

Kayakers and rowers do not need 11 km to workout – huge amounts of goose poop on \$200,000 docks not used for many days

## SOCIAL CPublic Input Section 4 - Public Meeting Presentations SE WHO CANNOT USE THE CANAL

Fewer outings to the canal with the family



Being yelled at to get out of their water enforcement is done by bullying boaters not illegal to federal government

Feeling of being unwelcome – being told they know they are selfish but they want the water – all 11 km for their exclusive entitlement

Being told we hate boaters and waterskiers by one of the grandfathers of someone in the allowed canal clubs

## PSYCHOLOGIC Input Section 4 - Public Meeting Presentations TO THOSE WHO CANNOT USE THE CANAL

Sense of sadness that others do not care



Sense of lack of control which adds to stress and lowers well-being

Reduced sense of accomplishment due to not being able to use water to improve physical performance

An inability to do the activity you love while others do theirs and to see an empty canal for most of the day and the despair that accompanies that

## PHYSICAL Public Input Section 4 - Public Meeting Presentations OSE WHO CANNOT USE THE CANAL

Reduced chance to participate in watersport physical activity – waterskiing is one of the best and most intense workouts

Increases the likelihood of weight gain and the Niagara area has high levels of weight related health problems

Is contrary to the recommendation of Public Health and the Ministry of Health Promotions mandate to improve an environment to encourage physical activity

It adds to health care costs by damaging all these areas of wellbeing by not allowing the ordinary person to just have fun instead of compete to be the best – only 1 can be first

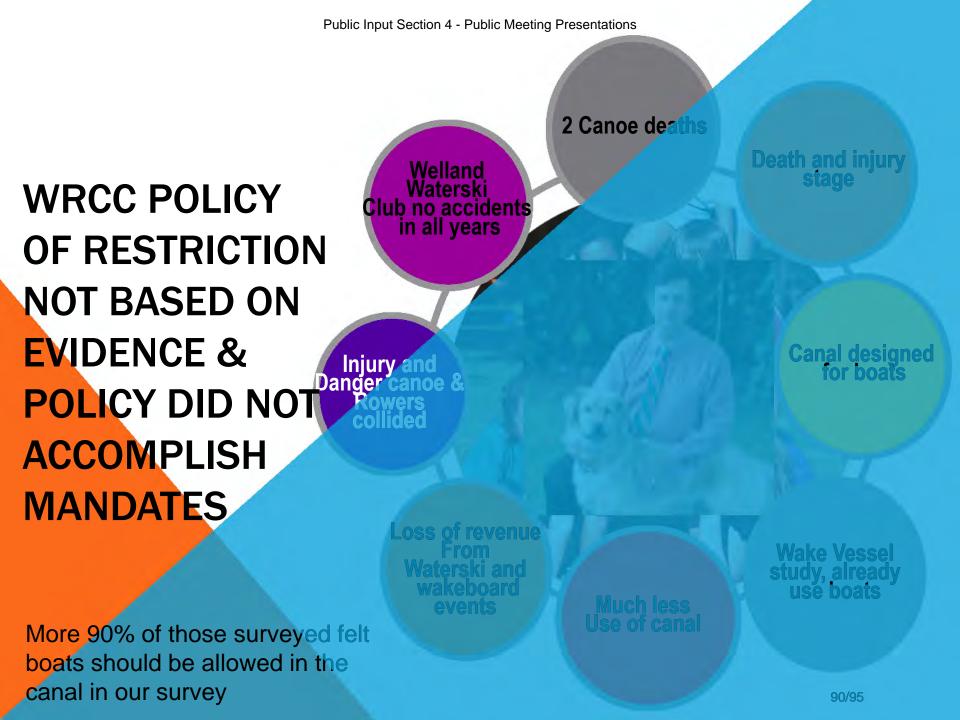
## FINANCIAL Public Input Section 4 - Public Meeting Presentations CANNOT USE THE CANAL



Huge taxes to Welland taxpayers for a 10 million building that is rarely used especially by those from Welland

- Welland Waterski Club paid \$2000 per summer for use of 1 km the canal in the 80's How much do the present groups pay for 11 km in todays costs?
- Despite paying over 120,000 in Welland taxes, our and other families has not been able to use the canal for its intended purpose

Those using the canal feel they are entitled to us paying their way – this is unethical, selfish and socially, psychologically and financial unacceptable



### WHAT IS THE TOTAL COST TO TAX PAYERS?

How much of the cost is being paid by those who use it? International Cost of Loans Centre Total and interest? Cost? Other buildings, Are those using it willing to maintenance, pay the millions it costs to and other use it? costs

hat are the total cost to lelland of the WRCC

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### WELLAND WELLBEING

### **Putting Families' Wellbeing First**



Well-being definition includes the following components

### Engagement

Cooperative
Involvement of
leadership,
Welland
Families for all
watersports

### Meaning

Give Welland families the ability to make a difference & control of their community resources

### Positive Relationships

Includes leadership, Welland families to cooperate & share

### Accomplishment

successfully
meet the soc,
psyc, physical
financial needs
of all Welland
Families

 All people have the right to improve wellbeing and it is a mandate of the Ontario government

### CONSULTATIONS AND COLLABORATION

**Putting Welland Families First** 



### Give the Canal Back to the people who pay taxes for it.

- Share the use of the canal
- Bring in all watersports events

### Share the waters legally:

 Developing, implementing, and evaluating policies of the WRCC

Assess the legality that contradicts the navigation Water Act???

### FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

### **Welland Putting Welland Families First**

Improve the Equality and Fair Canal use



Accountability Transparency Reduce special interest influence & open use to all

Expenses to meet Welland Family needs



# Thank you

