

STAFF REPORT: RECREATION



REPORT TO: Infrastructure and Recreation Committee
MEETING DATE: October 13, 2009
REPORT NO.: DOR 09 049
SUBJECT: Cradle Lot Area on Harbour Property
PREPARED BY: Ryan Gibbons, Harbour Manager

A. Recommendations

THAT Council accept Staff Report DOR 09 049 “Cradle Lot Area on Harbour Property” and approve the use of 170 m2 of the South West portion of plan 1023 lot 93, at the bottom of the entrance to the Thornbury Harbour, 41 Bruce Street North, for the purpose of storing boat cradles during the boating season.

B. Background

Boat cradles are normally steel framed supports for boats being stored on land. The boat is centered on the cradle and supported by steel framework on both sides of the boat to ensure that it does not fall. These cradles are required to stabilize boats for the purpose of Land Storage during the winter months when their berths aren't available.

During the boating season the cradles need to be stored. In previous years the cradles have been moved to the former landfill site on King Street West. This area worked well for the purpose of storage but has provided recent challenges with respect to transporting the cradles from the Thornbury Harbour land storage area to the King Street location.

As identified in the recommendation the proposed lot would be on the harbour property at the bottom of the hill at the entrance to the harbour. The area has been reviewed by Engineering and Public Works staff and it appears to be the best location with respect given to drainage and useful land. The property has also been reviewed by the organizers of the cradle storage and has been identified as a suitable location.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

Addressing the Town's municipal infrastructure needs

Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community

Ensuring long-term financial sustainability

Providing a strong, well managed municipal government

D. Environmental Impacts

Keeping the cradles on the harbour site should result in less fuel consumption due to the cradles not requiring to be driven the 1.2 km from the harbour to the King Street site.

E. Budget Impact

The project will cost approximately \$2000.00 from harbour operations budget, to remove the existing trees, 100% user fees. The remaining work will be completed by harbour staff and through donations from the Thornbury Yacht Club.

F. Attachments

Attachment #1 – Site Map

Respectfully submitted,

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