

STAFF REPORT: Recreation



REPORT TO: Council
MEETING DATE: February 8, 2010
REPORT NO.: DOR 10 20
SUBJECT: Department of Fisheries & Oceans Funding
PREPARED BY: Shawn Everitt,
Director of Recreation
Ryan Gibbons, Harbour
Manager

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR 10 20, "Department of Fisheries and Oceans Funding" for information purposes only.

B. Background

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Small Craft Harbours Division for several years has provided funding through a grant program which is applied for each year to support our Capital Project Plan.

Each year the Town applies for this funding and in the past the Town has received funding in the amount of approximately \$40,000.00 for the year. This funding is provided to us with conditions that;

- a) we use the funding for Capital works within the Thornbury Municipal Harbour;
- b) we must apply for the funding in the form of a written request to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
- c) funding will only be available for fifty percent (50%) of the works up to \$40,000.00. (We must spend \$80,000.00 to receive \$40,000.00)

This year staff was contacted by The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada and notified staff of additional funding available up to approximately \$40,000.00. The key conditions for this funding are;

- a) the project must be completed by March 31, 2010 and that;
- b) the project be an enhancement to the Thornbury Municipal Harbour.

This funding is unique from the perspective that the Town is not required to provide any funding. This funding will be provided to us without any additional monies spent on our behalf.

Upon notification of the available funding staff was challenged to provide projects that could be completed by March 31 2010 and would also fall within the \$40,000.00 limit. Staff has identified one project within the Capital budget that falls within the funding limits which can be completed by the deadline. The second project identified by staff

was not projected within the five year capital model. The second project is an upgrade to the harbour's boat loading and launching area. We will be purchasing a new loading dock with an L shaped design in order to maximize the speed of loading and launching boats in peak times such as the Salmon run, long weekends, etc. The loading dock will also be fitted with a new aluminum ramp to ease the transition from the shore to the loading dock area.

A contract is being developed similar to the contract currently in place for the replacement of B dock. This contract will be for the supply of the new docks and ramp.

As weather is always an unknown in the early spring and the possibility of ice still being in the harbour, staff will install the new products as delivery will be required prior to March 31 2010, in order to receive the Department of Fisheries and Oceans funding.

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

New docks that are replacing the existing docks are built to raise the wooden section of the docks and float higher out of the water. This removes pressure treated lumber from the fish habitat and should provide a healthier environment for fish and other wildlife. Within the contracts for the dock replacements we provide our environmental code of ethics as well as environmental awareness conditions that must be agreed to prior to the commencement of the projects.

E. Budget Impact

100% funding from Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Loading Dock	\$19,101.60 + GST
Loading Dock Ramp	\$ 5000.00 + GST
<u>D Dock Section</u>	<u>\$10,915.20 + GST</u>
	\$ 35,016.80 + GST

F. Attached

1. Quote from T&W Enterprises

Respectfully submitted,

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Ryan Gibbons, Harbour Manager

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Attachment 1 to DOR 10 20 Department of Fisheries and Oceans Funding

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QUOTE

Town of The Blue Mountains
Thornbury, Ontario

Attn Mr Shawn Everitt, Director of Recreation

Re: Launch Ramp Dock and Access Ramp

To design, fabricate and deliver 70 feet of dock for use at the launch ramp

Square footage	70 ft X 8 ft = 560 sq ft
Harbour Rate	\$ 34.11 / sq ft
Total Cost	\$ 19,101.60 plus GST

To design, fabricate and deliver one only aluminum ramp to provide boater access to the launch ramp dock

16 ft X 4 ft aluminum access ramp c/w handrails and handicapped accessibility	\$ 5,000.00 plus GST
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To design, fabricate and deliver 40 feet of dock to replace first sections of D Dock.

Square footage	40 X 8 = 320 sq ft
Harbour rate	\$ 34.11 / sq ft
Total Cost	\$ 10,915.20 plus GST

As per our discussion we are aware of the March 31, 2010 project completion date and will guarantee delivery by that date.

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