

STAFF REPORT: Recreation Department



REPORT TO: Recreation Committee

MEETING DATE: February 14, 2008

REPORT NO.: DOR.08. 04

SUBJECT: Boat Moving Fee

**PREPARED BY: Harbour Supervisor, Ryan
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council approve the one hundred fifty dollar (\$150.00) per hour fee for moving boats that are in incorrect berths and have been given sufficient time (seven (7) days) to have their boat moved from the incorrect berth.

B. Background

Each Fall there are boats removed from the harbour for land storage due to ice forming in the harbour. This procedure is called "Haul-Out". During haul-out there is one dock (E dock) that is used for the majority of the hauling of the boats out of the water for seasonal on land storage. In order to prepare this dock for "Haul-Out", all of the seasonal and transient boats must be removed from the dock. All of the boat owners using this dock are aware of the use of this dock for "Haul-Out" and are subsequently notified four weeks in advance of the removal of the boats. Each year there are five or six boats left on the dock for harbour staff to move. This proves to be time consuming and in some cases not possible due to weather conditions.

Over the course of the summer boating season there are boats that dock in seasonal slip holders berths. Some of the boats are transients and some of them are also seasonal slip holders. In cases where the seasonal slip holder notifies us that they will be using their slip in the near future, staff are required to move the boat that is in the incorrect berth if the boat owner does not respond or is not available to move out of the seasonal slip holders berth.

The process of moving boats that are in incorrect berths is not only time consuming it is also expensive. Staff time depending on the size of the boat is a minimum of one hour. In most instances three staff are required for a safe move. Staff must co-ordinate with the Harbour Supervisor the plan to move the boat. Almost every boat move is different, depending on wind, weather, size of boat, placement of boat, where the boat has to be moved to, etcetera. For these reasons I propose that a one hundred fifty dollar per hour (\$150.00) fee be charged to each boat owner that has been given sufficient notification (seven (7) days) to move their vessel.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan (Statement(s) identifying how actions further the goals of the Strategic Plan)

1. Managing growth to ensure the ongoing health and prosperity of the community.
 - 1.4 Prepare an economic development strategy
 - 1.5 Complete and implement all secondary plans
5. Ensuring long-term financial sustainability
6. Providing a strong, well managed municipal government
 - 6.6 Implement processes for continuous improvement

D. Budget Impact (cc: Treasury if required)

Fees charged will recover the cost of staff time and wages lost and will also create ninety dollars (\$90.00) per hour charged additional revenue for each vessel that is moved under the above stated circumstances.

E. Attached (Relevant documentation not personal information about an identifiable person)

N/A

Respectfully submitted,
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Harbour Supervisor

Signature