

Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

Community Health and Safety

Recreation



To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Frank Jeney, Corporate Leader - Community Health and Safety Services
Date: July 9, 2024
Subject: Belle River Marina Kayak Launch

Recommendation

Direct Administration to post a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purchase and installation of an accessible floating kayak launch dock system at the Belle River Marina, and preapprove in the 2025 Capital Budget up to \$100,000 for the Marina capital budget, as presented at the September 24, 2024 Council meeting.

Strategic Objectives

This does not relate to a Strategic Objective however it is a core service of the Municipality.

Background

During the 2024 Budget deliberations, Council made a motion to add a kayak launch to the Belle River Marina.

Resolution #59-02-2024 – Direct Administration to bring a report to add a kayak launch to the west wall of Lakeview Park.

Comments

Lakeshore residents and visitors have been requesting a safe and accessible space to be able to launch their kayaks for many years. Lakeshore currently does not have a kayak specific launch location. This accessible floating kayak dock system will have a safe loading and unloading area for people with kayak's, canoes, or paddleboards. It will also have an accessible launch for participants with mobility challenges.

The current plan, is to make this dock free to use, and publicly accessible all season.

Administration recommends installing the kayak launch within the Marina basin, to safeguard against waves having an impact of the launch area.

Others Consulted

Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA)

Department of Fisheries and Oceans

Financial Impacts

The estimated cost to supply and install the accessible floating kayak launch is \$100,000, plus HST. If approved by Council, this matter will proceed to a tender process.

Attachments

Belle River Marina Accessible Kayak Launch map

Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	- Belle River Marina Kayak Launch Concept and Location Map.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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Approved by the Corporate Leadership Team