

# VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD MINUTES

## Special Council Meeting – June 13, 2006

4:30 p.m. – Council Chambers, Point Edward Municipal Office  
135 Kendall Street, Point Edward, Ontario

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### Council Members Present:

Mayor Kirkland

Deputy Mayor Robson

Councillor Bourrie

### Other

Brian McDougall, Director of Watershed Services  
St. Clair Region Conservation Authority

### Staff Present:

CAO Cramp

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### DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

### DELEGATION

Jim Fedora, Tim Peever, John Charest – Sarnia Underwater Club

Vicky Prail – Tourism Sarnia Lambton

Re: Shoreline Protection Requirements for Divers

Mr. McDougall advised that the tender allows for an extension of the existing cable that goes to the sunken ship. There will be a stepped area in the corner similar to the BWBA steps immediately south of the north pier of the Bridge. The steps will be about 24” to 28”. There is also the potential to add toe stone for an additional cost of approx. \$1,000. They will be continuing with the existing design from the BWBA shoreline protection.

Due to liability issues, it is not possible to make it too easy to access. Hazards must be limited and it has to be done in a way to ensure that there is no vehicle access.

It was noted that the steps north of the Bridge are approx. 30” to 36”.

Mr. Fedora expressed concern that the top stone is too high because they have a lot of gear to get over it. The steps down are difficult with large 50 to 70 lb. tanks.

Councillor Bourrie advised that he has been diving since 1991. At the present time, they have to jump off. A 24” step with a platform at the bottom would be a large improvement. It is not like stairs in a house but it will be a lot easier to access.

Mr. McDougall advised that the steps would be approx. 15 – 18 ft. wide and 2 ½ m. deep. It is important to note that there has to be a net “O” cut and fill.

Ms. Prail asked if a ladder could be installed. Mr. McDougall stated that it would not be possible as it would fracture the stone.

Mr. McDougall advised that the tenders close June 16. They will be provided with seven days notice to start work. It will take approx. two to three weeks to select the contractor. It is expected that work will commence within the first two weeks of July. At this point in time, the entire construction site must be fenced. The project will take approx. 60 working days or three months. The work must begin at this time due to the grant. During this time, no access will be available to the divers in that area.

Deputy Mayor Robson noted that it may be an inconvenience this year but it will be better in the long term.

Mr. Charest asked if there could be information signage about the wrecks. This could be an option for the future.

It was asked if access could be provided for a drop-off point when the private lands are developed. Mayor Kirkland advised that type of request is subject to negotiation.

It was noted that the students will not be able to be trained or certified this year.

Mr. Peever commented that they will be looking forward to the improvements.

Mr. McDougall advised that they will do everything they can to make it accessible and structurally sound. Large, flat rock will be picked. He will communicate timing with their Club and he left them a full set of contract drawings. The work will commence tentatively in mid-July.

Mr. Fedora thanked Mr. McDougall and Council for their time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Resolution #6**

Moved by Councillor Bourrie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 5:40 p.m. until the June 26, 2006 call of the Chair or at such time as a Special Committee meeting is held to discuss legal matters, property matters or personnel matters.

CARRIED.

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Mayor Dick Kirkland

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CAO Peggy Cramp