

Minutes of BCMCA/PB meeting June 18, 2014.

In attendance: Ken McGuire, Cassio Thieves, Sean Smith, Ken Christie, JC d'Almeida

1. Putting a sensible ladder on the tide grid. This is a safety issue when boarding the tide grid from the float at low tide.

Blue Water Systems has been having personnel and other issues the past few months but they will be returning to the marina on June 19 to continue with the work which has not been completed.

2. Have the Burrard Marina "residency" removed from the list of "Field Houses" they are promoting as available on their website. We have a promise from them that it will be returned to the marina in 2015.

This has not been confirmed with the PB but Ken McGuire is advocating for us in this matter. The person responsible for the field houses at the PB is Jill Weaving and she is trying to get more field houses put in to the Artist In Residence Program.

3. When will the slanted docks and fingers will be leveled. This is a safety issue.

See # 1 above. Blue Water Systems still has to add whalers (planking) to the sides of some docks. When this is done then the dock can be leveled. Cassio also explained that as the docks and planking dry out in the summer weather, this causes the docks to become uneven in weight and leads to the tilting.

4. Could the marina monitor the bikes and remove "abandoned" bikes?

It was agreed that a sign will be posted in the bike lockup area stating that any bike left more than 2 months will be removed.

5. The paper recycling is often overflowing. Does anyone use the big green one in the NE corner of the parking area? Is there's room for it or another plastic bin with the other recycling bins?

This is an ongoing issue and Cassio and his staff are trying to inform people that those bins are for recycling paper/cardboard and not for garbage. The staff regularly transfer garbage and overflow to the green bin in the parking lot. At present no changes are planned.

6. Hooks, bench and shelves in the shower room.

Still to be done, probably by marina staff. Ken McGuire has advised Cassio to speak to someone in the city about this before he moves forward with the installation. This is to make sure that it is not in fact the responsibility of the contractor to do the work.

7. Temperature controls for showers?

Temperature is preset at the push button. Temperature can be adjusted but only from the back of the button, on the rear side of the wall. If you have issues with the temperature, please let Cassio know.

8. Wifi is often brutally slow, can it be improved?

There is no plan to add more repeaters to the system. According to Cassio, there are a few contributing factors to slow service; as the tide goes in and out, so will the service, also the aluminum masts of the sailboats tend to scatter the signal. The best solution is to get a WiFi antenna for your computer.

Other business;

We asked if foot markers could be added to the tidal grid.

Cassio explained that if someone wants to use the grid, then it would be wisest if they were to chat with Cassio/staff so they can inform the boat owner that the grid dries at 9 feet and that they should know their draft plus a few inches and understand the timing of the tide. I believe we agreed that marks would be added.

We asked if the marina could contact the city in regards to people throwing traffic cones off the bridge and into the marina.

Ken McGuire said he knows the person in charge of the bridge repair and he would give the person a call.

Ken McGuire moved onto the subject of the 2015 Capital Plan. He said that the 2 letters which were sent to the city from Sean and JC were well timed and hopefully will have influence towards the disposition of moneys. Ken went on to suggest that what we could do as a group to help him with the acquisition of funds for the marina would be to write more letters to the Malcolm Bromley (malcolm.bromley@vancouver.ca). Please keep these letters civil and polite.

Ken is asking for \$6.5 million for the marina over 3 years.

Ken also said that the next time we plan a function for the community, that the PB can provide us with food and drinks for the event. Coca Cola has a contract with the city, in turn they must provide the city with \$5000.00 worth of product for events and such.

Ken has also asked us if we help to encourage other boat owners to participate in the next survey. The survey helps the PB to determine how their performance is and what issues are out there.

Minutes written by JC d'Almeida