**Keeping You Informed: Bronte Marina Building**

April 10, 2015

**What decisions have been made since the last project update in October, 2014?**

* A stakeholder focus group determined that future use of the Bronte Marina Building will be best determined within the context of a broader **Harbours Master Plan**.
* Council has approved the budget for development of a Harbours Master Plan in 2015.
* Northshore Boatworks Ltd. will be permitted to operate out of the Bronte Marina Building until the Harbours Master Plan is complete and future use of the building has been determined.

**What is a Harbours Master Plan?**

**A Harbours Master Plan is a comprehensive 10-year plan that will establish a vision for both Bronte and Oakville Harbours and the important role they play in the future of Oakville.**

**Who will the town consult with to develop the Harbours Master Plan?**

Consultation will include engagement with local residents and businesses, Business Improvement Associations, boaters, boating clubs and associations, Halton Region, government agencies, tourism operators, historical societies and the general public.

**When will the Harbours Master Plan be complete?**

It is expected the Harbours Master Plan will take 9-12 months to complete, with public consultation beginning in fall 2015.

**Why is NorthShore Boatworks permitted to stay in the building beyond June 30?**

**With other tenants vacating the building last fall there is a reduction in the level of repairs necessary now that there is a single tenant. Repairs can be made to the building to ensure it is safe for the light industrial use of Northshore Boatworks.**

 **Will the town be continuing other marine services in the harbour?**
Yes, the Harbours office will operate as usual. All harbour amenities including the boating and BHYC facilities, dock and launch operations, haul-outs, storage, washrooms/showers, parking, mast stepping or un-stepping, bottom washes will remain unchanged.

**What is the status of the dredge in Bronte harbour?**

Over the last few weeks dredging has occurred within the inner harbour to remove accumulated silt to ensure mooring slips and the channel are available for recreational boating. The permit for dredging work ended March 31 and 18,500 cu m of silt has been removed. Further dredging work will be done this fall to remove approximately another 4,500 cu m of silt.

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