



Report to Council

Department: Community Services
Division: Community Services
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Subject: Colchester Harbour Operating Agreement Renewal with the Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)
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Recommendation(s)

The following three (3) recommendations are provided for Council's consideration:

- a) That report Community Services-2022-002 entitled "Colchester Harbour Operating Agreement Renewal with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada" be **received**;
- b) That Council **approve** By-Law Number 2121 to renew the operating agreement of the Colchester Harbour with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans under the same terms and conditions for an additional five (5) years commencing February 1, 2022; and
- c) That Bylaw 2121 be read a first, a second and a third time and finally passed on February 7, 2022.

Purpose

To obtain Council approval to renew the lease with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to operate the Colchester Harbour beginning February 1, 2022.

Background and Discussion

The current operating agreement of the Colchester Harbour with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans is set to expire on January 31, 2022, and the Town has received the renewal agreement for an additional five (5) years under the same terms and conditions of past agreements.

The Town has been in partnership with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to operate the Colchester Harbour ever since the Municipality was incorporated and even prior when it was under the operation of Colchester South Township.

Financial Impact

As per the agreement the rent is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) plus taxes per annum or twenty percent (20%) of Gross Revenue plus taxes whichever is the higher amount. The past fees paid as per the agreement were \$28,086 in 2018, \$27,194 in 2019, and \$21,307 in 2020. This has been the standard rent requirement in all previous agreements.

Consultations

Dept. of Fisheries and Ocean

Manager of Parks and Facilities

Director of Corporate Services

Link to Strategic Priorities

- Manage, invest and plan for sustainable municipal infrastructure which meets current and future needs of the municipality and its citizens.
- Create a safe, friendly and inclusive community which encourages healthy, active living for people of all ages and abilities.
- Provide a fiscal stewardship and value for tax dollars to ensure long-term financial health to the municipality.
- Manage responsible and viable growth while preserving and enhancing the unique rural and small town character of the community.
- Improve the experiences of individuals, as both citizens and customers, in their interactions with the Town of Essex.
- Improve the Town's capacity to meet the ongoing and future service needs of its citizens while ensuring the corporation is resilient in the face of unanticipated changes or disruptions.