

The Corporation of the Township of Pelee
Regular Meeting of Council
COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Date: November 14 ,2023

Resolution 2023 – 241	
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Dayne Malloch	Seconded by: Councillor Michelle Taylor

WHEREAS, Small Craft Harbours is a nationwide program run by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and their mandate is to provide the commercial fishing industry with safe access to waterways as well as vibrant hubs for community life, recreation and other marine services.

AND WHEREAS, The Township of Pelee has an ongoing lease agreement with Fisheries and Oceans Canada for the Small Craft Harbours' facility, known as the Scudder Marina docks water lot.

AND WHEREAS, The Township of Pelee is through the aforementioned agreement committed to Rental rate for the Small Craft Harbours' facility (Scudder Marina docks water lot), at a rate of \$500 per annum or 20% of gross revenue (whichever is the greater),

AND WHEREAS, The Township of Pelee has invested a significant amount of municipal funds over the years to improve / replace the Scudder Marina docks located within the DFO Harbour with the intent to improve the overall asset, improve user experience, increase revenue while maintaining safety standards.

AND WHEREAS, the Township of Pelee was recently made aware that the Small Craft Harbours Divestiture Program no longer exists.

THEREFORE, The Township of Pelee hereby requests the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to reinstate through the Divesture program as a means for Small Craft Harbours to transfer ownership of harbours to other levels of government, particularly in the case of:

- recreational harbours that are tourism assets
- Harbours that house DFO infrastructure in disrepair or decommissioned.
- Harbours where lessees have made significant improvements to the infrastructure within the harbour driving up fair market value
- Particularly on islands where the harbours serve as ingress for emergency service and egress for residents in the case of emergency.

AND FURTHER that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans be made aware that The Township of Pelee is reluctant to continue to invest in a property that it may need to purchase in the future at a market value that is escalated due to the improvements made to the facility through the use of municipal funds which are collected from the same residents that will be responsible for the cost assessed to purchase the said water docks.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dave Epp, Member of Parliament for Chatham-Kent Leamington, County of Essex Council, Caldwell First Nations and Minister Gudie Hutchings, Minister of Rural Economic Development of Canada requesting their support.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
X	CARRIED		YES	NO
	DEFEATED			
	DEFERRED			
	REFERRED			
	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED			
	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)			
	WITHDRAWN			
MAYOR – CATHERINE MILLER		INTERIM CLERK – MARY MASSE		
<i>C. Miller</i>		<i>Mary Masse</i>		

The above is a certified to be true copy of resolution number 2023 –
Mary Masse
Township Interim Clerk