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# PORT SEVERN MAIN DAM CONSTRUCTION COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

**SESSION HIGHLIGHTS  
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REVISION 1**

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## Executive Summary

This document contains proceedings from a community consultation held on April 5, 2019 in The Township of Georgian Bay in Port Severn. Including observers, over 30 people attended, including representation from Parks Canada, SEGBAY Chamber of Commerce, residents from Severn Township, OPP, EMS, Fire Service, resident associations, church community members, and other businesses/entities close to the project and the Township of Severn and the Township of Georgian Bay. The purpose of the consultation was to provide a consistent, well-vetted community-based summary of the concerns and proposed solutions for access during the Parks Canada's Main Dam Construction for 2019-2021.

The session began with a briefing from Parks Canada on the site, the history, the current status, and concerns raised in a survey conducted by SEGBAY. The group was then asked to share any and all concerns to consider during the construction. Over 100 issues were raised. These were narrowed down to the top 16 and then further prioritized into a list of eight issues. The group then brainstormed solutions and strategies that the community could undertake for each of these eight. An action plan was created with key players identified. Below are the highlights.

### Key Issues and Concerns

1. Essential services (access for people w/o transport)
2. Access to small business by vehicle, foot, water
3. Confusing / lack of wayfinding & signage
4. Water access to southern Port Severn
5. Access to public washrooms
6. Informing that community is "open for business"
7. Parking congestion (on, near site)
8. Traffic management

Top Issues	Next Steps	Champions
Essential services (merged with 2. access to small business)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Access to a shuttle service / ride sharing /taxi license</li> <li>2. Dock at Kelly Road, Severn Township - water shuttle /taxi possibility with help from community / business partnerships?</li> <li>3. Potential small allotment of dockage set aside for limited use in Severn Township</li> <li>4. Develop a Port Severn app, info on businesses, services.</li> </ol>	SEGBAY, BSR
Signage	Working Group to develop a coherent wayfinding action plan ... need clarity from PC on what they can fund (detour signage, translation for signs on PC property, additional \$ tbd)	Roni, D-M Dunlop, Armand, PC Natalie, Mark, Roger, Jennifer
Water access to southern PS	Severn Township to consider investing in dock size at Kelly's dock, based on options allowed by PC	Township Jane / Chad at PC
Public washrooms	Propose Severn Township to supply, maintain a portable public washroom that is kept in stock and cleaned on a daily basis in the high tourism season	Township
Inform that comnty is "open for business"	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide tourist ambassadors training [Township &amp; BIA digital main street program]</li> <li>2. CELEBRATE! Plan to kick off the summer with an event celebrating the lock rebuild. Canal opening day 2021??</li> </ol>	SEGBAY, Parks Canada
Parking congestion	fix it by end of May	Parks Canada
Traffic management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GPS detour/routing strategy (Waze, Mapquest, Garmin)</li> <li>2. South side turnaround solution</li> <li>3. Update and communicate via social media and websites to highlight best routes and open offsite parking</li> </ol>	PC PC, Roger, Mark PC, Township

## Path Forward

<u>Task</u>	<u>Resp/Date</u>
1. <b>Distribute results of 4/5 session</b>	[Erik/Jenn by 4/12]
2. <b>Tell Jennifer if you want to be off dist list</b>	All (None noted)
3. <b>Explore funding sources</b>	Working Groups
1. <b>METS bus</b>	
2. <b>Signage</b>	
3. <b>Working groups to come back with requests</b>	
2. <b>Communicate highlights to District, County, Cottage Associations, Tourism Ontario, MTO</b>	Working Groups
4. <b>Reconvene Working groups</b>	

### Editor's Notes:

- a. The symbol // or ... indicates that two similar ideas have been merged together.
- b. This document contains the meeting proceedings and is not intended as a "Final Report"

## 1.0 – Issues and Concerns

### **With regards to the Main Dam construction, what are the important issues and challenges that need to be addressed?**

Note: Participants were divided into eight groups. Each group brainstormed ideas. Then each group shared its three most important concerns (1.1).

These were discussed, similars merged, and then individuals voted on his/her six most pressing issues (1.2)

### **1.1 – Formulation**

Top THREE concerns from each group...

**Note: Parks Canada noted that it is responsible for items 11 and 16**

- 1) Very confusing to get around -> Signage needs to be detailed. Signage locations at both point of entry off Hwy 400 with listings of businesses in the area and show distances.
  - 1.1) Lack of signage, wayfinding and detour signs make it confusing for drivers, especially in the winter (very small signs currently)
  - 1.2) Proper signage at either end of town and on the water advising detour information for atv's and snowmobiles for safety and to access the local businesses
- 2) Essential Services - Logistics for those without access to transportation, licenses, without full license and highway transportation
  - 2.1) No viable alternative for those who don't drive or own a car to access necessary services and preferred businesses on the opposite side
  - 2.2) no pedestrian or bike access for residents that do not drive to access services - seasonal residents - visitors - access to a shuttle service /uber for residents and visitors
- 3) Water access to southern Port Severn. Lack of public dock access for businesses that do not have their own docks. Businesses/residents have tourists using private or rented slips. ..Access for transient boaters, visitors by automobile, to the south side of the village (provisions, post office, restaurant)
- 4) Access to public restrooms on south Port Severn. Thousands of tourists entering Port Severn looking for public restrooms. On the south side, there are no options for tourists. ..No public washrooms on Severn side due to road closure. Severn is on Septic system and public washrooms are on Georgian Bay side at Park.
- 5) Off-site parking for the construction staff is filling up local parking spaces for local and visitor traffic ...Parking concern of construction crew that currently are using viable space needed for tourists
- 6) Informing travellers that the community is open for business and it is only the bridge/dam that's under construction

- 7) Access to small business by vehicle, on foot, by water. ..Severn Township dock needs financial assistance to extend the dock on a permanent basis (Kelly road) for those coming in and needing docking ..minimize disruptions to businesses, parishes and residents
- 8) Employment issues are already an issue seasonally. Transportation / access issues add additional challenges for young people and seasonal employers.
- 9) Access to additional dockage to access businesses via water vessels - need extra parking on Severn Side
- 10) Traffic management: tourist traffic management, accessibility for tourists, residents, employees; construction crews congesting main road in front of businesses.
- 11) \* Parks Canada: property owners concerns for water levels changing to a point that causes damage - ice, excess flow, low water etc.
- 12) agriculture and construction vehicles not allowed on 400 highway (they service both sides of port severn - north and south of the bridge)
- 13) TGB modified noise bylaw to allow construction extended hours, Severn Township does not have a noise bylaw, issues around working later during peak season. Parks Canada advised that Federal jurisdiction overrides any noise by-laws.
- 14) Proper gating/fencing/security required at the site is a priority especially during peak season, public safety a 24 hour importance
- 15) Trespassing is now a major issue as people trying to deal with the closure (on adjacent/nearby properties)
- 16) \* Parks Canada: indigenous community needs to be communicated with regarding traditional harvesting of fish in areas that are of a public safety concern

### **Ideas that did not make the 1<sup>st</sup> screening:**

Number of Contributions: 103

Team 1 –

- (1/1) Accessibilty for EMS and fire.
- (1/2) Waterways flooding / management during construction
- (1/3) Lack of exposure & access to small businesses.
- (1/4) Logistics for those without access to transportation, licenses, without full license and highway transportation
- (1/5) Snowmobile crossings are limited.
- (1/6) Visitor traffic by boat - docking at Lock 45 and walking across
- (1/7) Vessel navigation - confusion as to whether it is open for navigation can be anticipated as the season rolls through - especially with US boaters who are not aware yet. Signage and clear promotion within Lock stations throughout TSWW would be effective.
- (1/8) Congestion may be an issue, turnaround points
- (1/9) Park access for children on Severn side is cut-off.
- (1/10) Employment issues are already an issue seasonally. Transportation / access issues add additional challenges for young people and seasonal employers.

(2) Team 2

- (2/1) Employees are unable to reach their places of employment via walking/biking (employees that do not have driver's licences).
- (2/2) In the event that the 400 closes (NB/SB), emergency services/residents would need to detour (40 min detour).
- (2/3) Turnaround congestion near the construction site.
- (2/4) Construction congestion (crews, trucks, equipment lining up along the road blocking access to businesses)
- (2/5) Significant confusion for snowmobilers due to lack of good signage.
- (2/6) Improved signage and maps for snowmobilers, ATV's, tourists during all seasons.
- (2/7) Port Severn - Open for Business (promoting Port Severn), to ensure that tourists do not think it is closed during the project.
- (2/8) Noise abatement during morning/evening/night to prevent disruption to businesses/residents/boaters. During the winter, drilling occurred during the night.

(3) Team 3

- (3/1) Lower water level - damages to docks and shoreline

(4) Team 4

- (4/1) Challenges for local businesses that depend on movement on each side of the bridge
- (4/2) Youth that cannot drive on Hwy 400 d/t G2 cannot get to work at local stores
- (4/3) Local business with heavy equipment cannot get across and cannot drive on Hwy 400

(5) Team 5

- (5/1) No communication with business owners directly
- (5/2) Transportation necessary to allow boaters foot access to both sides for dining and shopping. Also, student with license restrictions and seniors not comfortable on Hwy 400
- (5/3) Currently NO Parking signs are located on Severn side of Port Severn Road North and suggest to allow for two years a limit 1 hour parking change
- (5/4) Violation of Property trespassing and damage by construction crew and equipment
- (5/5) Boaters coming into the lock will have no clear communication of what is available of options of transportation or alternative docking for both sides of Port Severn
- (5/6) Hazardous navigation caused by increased current for boaters

(6) Team 6

- (6/1) ATV's have no alternate route north/south
- (6/2) Baxter snow riders can't get the groomer across therefore another club has to help and we have to groom further north to compensate
- (6/3) Snowmobile riders can use an alternate route over Little lake but confusing access to the businesses
- (6/4) Local events compromised (cycling, walking, etc.)
- (6/5) Safety concerns: Atv's have been observed using the 400 to cross over. Snowmobile riders have been crossing on ice which is not a marked trail and not listed as "available" by the OFSC
- (6/6) Boaters on the Gbay side would have no where to dock without affecting the



proper function of the lock and if they could dock would have no way to access businesses/government services on the south side

(6/7) Public opinion is trending to "avoid the area" which is counterproductive to all local interests, tourism, etc.

(6/8) When using watercraft as an alternative where would one dock?

(7) Team 7

(7/1) An active transportation link is required for TGB to Severn

(7/2) Water management of the dam and capacity of the dam during construction

(7/3) Ensure the construction does not impact tourism in a negative way

(7/4) Ensure the historical integrity of the dams/structures is not lost in the construction

(7/5) Ensure the navigation channels are clearly marked, and the flow dissipation from the dam is not impacting navigation

(8) Team 8

(8/1) Access for customers to get to the store

(8/2) How are the boaters going to get access

(8/3) Lack of parking because of construction staff and equipment

(9) Team 9

**1.2 – Prioritization**

<b>Item</b>	<b>What are the EIGHT most important?</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>#votes/26</b>
2	Essential Services - Logistics for those without access to transportation, licenses, without full license and highway transportation	0.85	22
7	Access to small business by vehicle, on foot, by water. ..Severn Township dock needs financial assistance to extend the dock on a permanent basis (Kelly road) for those coming in and needing docking ..minimize disruptions to businesses, parishes and residents	0.81	21
1	Very confusing to get around -> Signage needs to be detailed. Signage locations at both point of entry off Hwy 400 with listings of businesses in the area and show distances.	0.77	20
3	Water access to southern Port Severn. Lack of public dock access for businesses that do not have their own docks. Businesses/residents have tourists using private or rented slips. ..Access for transient boaters, visitors by automobile, to the south side of the village (provisions, post office, restaurant)	0.77	20
4	Access to public restrooms. Thousands of tourists entering Port Severn looking for public restrooms. On the south side, there are no options for tourists. ..No public washrooms on Severn side due to road closure. Severn is on Septic system and public washrooms are on Georgian Bay side at Park.	0.62	16
6	Informing travellers that the community is open for business and it is only the bridge/dam that's under construction	0.62	16
5	Off-site parking for the construction staff is filling up local parking spaces for local and visitor traffic ...Parking concern of construction crew that currently are using viable space needed for tourists	0.54	14
10	Traffic management: tourist traffic management, accessibility for tourists, residents, employees; construction crews congesting main road in front of businesses.	0.54	14
9	Access to additional dockage to access businesses via water vessels - need extra parking	0.46	12
8	Employment issues are already an issue seasonally. Transportation / access issues add additional challenges for young people and seasonal employers.	0.35	9
11	Property owners concerns for water levels changing to a point that causes damage - ice, excess flow, low water etc. (Parks Canada complete)	0.35	9
14	proper gating/fencing/security required at the site is a priority Especially during peak season, public safety a 24 hour	0.19	5

	importance		
12	Agriculture and construction vehicles not allowed on 400 highway (they service both sides of port severn - north and south of the bridge)	0.15	4
15	Trespassing is now a major issue as people trying to deal with the closure (on adjacent/nearby properties)	0.15	4
16	indigenous community needs to be communicated with regarding traditional harvesting of fish in areas that are of a public safety concern (Parks Canada complete)	0.15	4
13	TGB modified noise bylaw to allow construction extended hours, Severn Township does not have a noise bylaw, issues around working later during peak season	0.12	3

## 2.0 – Solutions and Strategies

Each group was assigned one issue and then brainstormed potential solutions. Each group was then invited to “migrate” to the next issue, review the ideas, and add 2-3 new strategies. After two round robins of this approach, each issue had 8-12 potential strategies. These were debriefed as a plenary and the key next steps highlighted for each issue (section 3)

### 2.1 – Essential Services

After brainstorming ideas, it was noted that many of the solutions for issue 1 and 2 were similar. These were merged, discussed, and then the group voted on the four best solutions for the community.

Number of Contributions: 62

*PROBLEM: Essential Services - Logistics for those without access to transportation, licenses, without full license and highway transportation (employment, youth etc.) ..No viable alternative for those who don't drive or own a car to access necessary services and preferred businesses on the opposite side*

Item	Pick FOUR	Average	#votes/19
1	access to a shuttle service / ride sharing uber for residents and visitors ..Ride Share / Volunteer Drivers - who does liability and insurance fall on. Hastings example ..Hold information session on possible Uber drivers to offer transportation and have this posted in all key areas (public dockage at Lock45)	0.84	16
3	Dock at Kelly Road - water shuttle /taxi possibility with help from community / business partnerships? Pilot Project for future revenue generating.	0.79	15
5	Potential small allotment of dockage set aside for day-time/time limited use at waterfront businesses with existing docks. This would be a contribution as a community partner at a time in need. ..Public docking is for short term shopping (time limited, not overnight or long term)	0.58	11
9	Develop a Port Severn app, free download, information on businesses, services, access, hours of operation and tips for parking/boat slips.	0.53	10
6	Call for proposals of private, licensed taxi (car) service in the village; fixed rate for service along the detour route.	0.42	8
7	access to additional dockage to access businesses via water vessels - need extra parking	0.37	7
2	Can we reroute the existing METS bus to include a stop in	0.11	2

	Severn side?		
4	Temporary community postal boxes on North side for people for access	0.11	2
8	Bike rental kiosks (similar to cities)	0.05	1

## **2.2 – Access to small business by vehicle, foot, water**

*PROBLEM: Lack of Access to small business by vehicle, on foot, by water. ..Township dock needs financial assistance to extend the dock on a permanent basis (Kelly road) for those coming in and needing docking*

### **Other Potential Next Steps:**

(2/1) access to additional dockage to access businesses via water vessels - need extra parking

(2/2) water taxi for foot traffic.

(2/3) Bike rental kiosks (similar to cities)

(2/4) Public docking is for short term shopping (time limited, not overnight or long term)

(2/5) Hold information session on possible Uber drivers to offer transportation

and have this posted in all key areas (public dockage at Lock45)

(2/6) Develop a Port Severn app, free download, information on businesses, services, access, hours of operation and tips for parking/boat slips.

## **2.3 – Wayfinding and Signage**

*PROBLEM: Very confusing to get around -> Signage needs to be detailed. ..Lack of signage, wayfinding and detour signs make it confusing for drivers, especially in the winter (very small signs currently)*

### **Selected next steps:**

(3/1) Working Group to develop a coherent wayfinding action plan [Roni, D-M Dunlop, Armand, PC Natalie, Mark Jennifer ] need clarity from PC on what they can fund (detour signage, translation for signs on PC property, additional \$ tbd)

### **Other Potential Next Steps:**

(3/2) Signage along blue line and on 400 identifying what business are at what exit ... Signage locations at both point of entry off Hwy 400 with listings of businesses in the area and show distances.

(3/3) (in town signage) - Proper signage at either end of town and on the water advising detour information for atv's and snowmobiles for safety and to access the local businesses

(3/4) Action plan to easily and widely distribute maps & pamphlets to businesses, residents and tourists

(3/5) Signage on snowmobile/atv trails and secondary roads begins outside of area. Ensure that the signage is updated so that people are aware before they reach the dam.

(3/6) Signage at LCBO with arrows directing traffic to certain businesses and also at the 4-way corner stop off exit 156 with arrow directions to businesses

(3/7) additional signage further south on the 400 indicating the construction and "we are open for business"

## **2.4 – Water access to Southern Port Severn**

*PROBLEM: Water access to southern Port Severn. Lack of public dock access for businesses that do not have their own docks. ..Access for transient boaters, visitors by automobile, to the south side of the village (provisions, post office, restaurant)*

### **Selected next steps:**

(4/1) Severn Township to consider investing in dock size at Kelly's dock, based on options allowed by Parks Canada .. can we extend dock by moving buoy boundaries?  
[Township Jane, PC Chad]  
(4/1.1) Docking should be limited to short term visits (no overnight/long term stays). Needs to include enforcement.

### **Other Potential Next Steps:**

(4/2) See if the businesses with slips will be able to offer rental slips by the season to Township for temporary docking for transient boaters to have temp access. \* note: liability  
(4/3) Petition private waterfront owners, near or in town, (on both sides of the lock) if they will rent a slip from their existing dockage for the season \* note: liability



## **2.5 – Access to Public Washrooms**

*PROBLEM: Lack of Access to public restrooms. Thousands of tourists entering Port Severn looking for public restrooms. On the south side, there are no options for tourists. ..No public washrooms on Severn side due to road closure. Severn is on Septic system and public washrooms are on Georgian Bay side at Park.*

### **Selected next steps:**

(5/1) Propose Township of Severn to supply, maintain a portable public washroom that is kept in stock and cleaned on a daily basis in the high tourism season ie. mid May to Thanksgiving \* Kelly's Road, O'Hare property? Township]

### **Other Potential Next Steps:**

(5/2) Township to consider installing portable washrooms on South side

(5/3) Portable washrooms

(5/4) Potentially place portable washrooms in LCBO parking lot (the portion of the lot where cars are unable to park). Would need to be discussed with LCBO.

## **2.6 – Informing people that community is “Open for Business”**

*PROBLEM: Informing travellers that the community is open for business and it is only the bridge/dam that's under construction*

### **Selected next steps:**

(6/1) provide tourist ambassadors training to the Parks Canada to highlight the communities and their benefits .. Canadian Yacht Magazine, Parks Canada, Twitter Boating Info, training for lock staff as local ambassadors, volunteer ambassadors, students (community hours) ... "ask me" t-shirts and pamphlet/map hand outs [Parks Canada training, ambassador pilot program] [Township to fund Chamber involvement] [Township & BIA digital main street program]

(6/2) CELEBRATE! Plan to kick off the summer with an event celebrating the lock rebuild. Portable washrooms and school bus transportation on the day of the event. Then Promote. piggyback on canal opening day 2020?? [SEGBAY, Parks Canada]

### **Other Potential Next Steps:**

(6/3) at Exit 153 and 156, have a story board with closed loop audio visual presentation that the patron can operate that verbally informs them what businesses are open in the area

(6/4) Offer a Radio channel that informs travellers that informs them of bridge closure and goes on to advertise on businesses available to them for both sides of Port Severn

(6/5) Billboard signs at both exits that list Businesses open within that particular exit

(6/6) Post signage on highway/website/public radio/other about Port Severn Tourism "passport contest" directing them to a website (Township, Segbay?) landing page which offers them rewards for visiting (participating) businesses and community locations. A prize/reward/discount is awarded for filling (re-filling) your passport or variation of this idea.

(6/7) Announcements/information sharing on social media and local business websites & government websites (all levels)

## **2.7 – Off-site Parking Congestion**

*PROBLEM: Off-site parking for the construction staff is filling up local parking spaces for local and visitor traffic ...Parking concern of construction crew that currently are using viable space needed for tourists*

### **Selected next steps:**

(7/1) Parking Congestion: fix it by end of May [Parks Canada]

### **Other Potential Next Steps:**

(7/2) lease out private properties to accommodate construction workers vehicles

(7/3) expanding staging area for parking of construction parking - remove grass area to provide for parking

(7/4) work with contractors for unnecessary work vehicles to park off site

(7/5) Consider shuttling construction staff from an off-site parking area to reduce congestion at the site.

(7/6) Make arrangements to lease a turn around and public and contractor parking area on the South Side of the Georgian Bay Township side of the bridge

(7/7) highlight the parking areas via social media and websites.

(7/8) Need off-site parking for construction crews - summer, peak weekends in spring and fall - with shuttle to/from for workers

## **2.8 – Traffic Management**

*PROBLEM: Congestion & Traffic management: tourist traffic management, accessibility for tourists, residents, employees; construction crews congesting main road in front of businesses.*

### **Selected next steps:**

(8/1) GPS detour/routing strategy (Waze, Mapquest, Garmin) [PC]

(8/2) There needs to be a space for vehicles with trailers to turn around (South Side). A reasonable amount of space, or keep them from entering into the dead end areas ("last chance to turn around" signs). [PC to explore options with contractor, Roger, Mark]

### **Other Potential Next Steps:**

(8/3) Update and communicate via social media and websites to highlight best routes and open offsite parking [PC, Municipal sites]

(8/4) Deliveries of large shipments should be scheduled for off-peak hours (early mornings, evenings) during high-season, and have staff to flag and facilitate traffic in vicinity of the delivery.

(8/5) Consider means to secure public parking spaces in the village, both sides of the lock, for the period of construction.

(8/6) illuminated signage to better indicate construction

(8/7) communication strategy with local media (radio stations) to inform the public of the construction

(8/8) Alter the NO parking signage on the Severn side to say "one hour limit parking" between Rawleys and the Bush

### 3.0 – Action Plans

#### Ranked Actions aggregated Details

#### **(1) Essential Services - logistics for those without access to transportation**

- 1.1) access to a shuttle service / ride sharing uber for residents and visitors  
..Ride Share / Volunteer Drivers - who does liability and insurance fall on. Hastings example ..Hold information session on possible Uber drivers to offer transportation and have this posted in all key areas (public dockage at Lock45)
- 1.2) Dock at Kelly Road - water shuttle /taxi possibility with help from community / business partnerships? Pilot Project for future revenue generating.
- 1.3) Potential small allotment of dockage set aside for day-time/time limited use at waterfront businesses with existing docks. This would be a contribution as a community partner at a time in need. ..Public docking is for short term shopping (time limited, not overnight or long term)
- 1.4) Develop a Port Severn app, free download, information on businesses, services, access, hours of operation and tips for parking/boat slips.

**2) Signage & WFinding: Working Group to develop a coherent wayfinding action plan [Roni, D-M Dunlop, Armin Seg Bay , PC Natalie, Mark ]** need clarity from PC on what they can fund (detour signage, translation for signs on PC property, additional \$ tbd)

**3) Water access to southern PS: Severn Township to consider investing in dock size at Kelly's dock, based on options allowed by Parks Canada [Township Jane / Chad at PC]**

**4) Washrooms: Propose Township of Severn to supply, maintain a portable public washroom** that is kept in stock and cleaned on a daily basis in the high tourism season ie. mid May to Thanksgiving \* Kelly's Road, O'Hare property? [Township]

**5) Open for Business: provide tourist ambassadors training** to the Parks Canada to highlight the communities and their benefits .. Canadian Yacht Magazine, Parks Canada Twitter Boating Info, training for lock staff as local ambassadors, volunteer ambassadors, students (community hours) ... "ask me" t-shirts and pamphlet/map hand outs [Parks Canada training, ambassador pilot program] [Township to fund Chamber involvement] [Township & BIA digital main street program]

5.1 CELEBRATE! Plan to kick off the summer with an event celebrating the lock rebuild. Portable washrooms and school bus transportation on the day of the event. Then Promote. piggyback on canal opening day 2020?? [SEGBAY, Parks Canada]

**6) Parking Congestion:** fix it by end of May [Parks Canada]

#### **7) Traffic Mgmt: three key approaches**

7.1 GPS detour/routing strategy (Waze, Mapquest, Garmin) [PC]

7.2 Traffic Mgmt: There needs to be a space for vehicles with trailers to turn around (South Side). A reasonable amount of space, or keep them from entering into the dead

end areas ("last chance to turn around" signs). [PC to explore options with contractor, Roger, Mark]

7.3 Traffic Mgmt: Update and communicate via social media and websites to highlight best routes and open offsite parking [PC, Municipal sites]

Note: Emergency Services: pls forward any concerns to Fire Chief... the dam construction does not affect our operations

## Appendices

### **A – Session Overview (Agenda, Invite, Survey)**

#### **Purpose**

To provide a consistent, well-vetted community based summary of the concerns and proposed solutions for access during the Parks Canada's Main Dam Construction for 2019-2021.

#### **Agenda**

1. Welcome and Roundtable
2. Presentation from Parks Canada
3. Issues, Concerns and Challenges
4. Strategies and Solutions
5. Who should be involved?
6. Next Steps

#### **Invitation**

Are you or the organization you represent affected by transportation in Port Severn as a result of Main Dam Bridge Construction? Let's find solutions together.

Join us for a facilitated discussion, and have your concerns and solutions heard in a rich, disciplined and energized exercise

where: everything gets said

As a collaborative effort, the Township of Severn, and the Township of Georgian Bay, in partnership with Parks Canada and the SEGBAY Chamber of Commerce, would like to invite you to attend a facilitated discussion

regarding transportation during the Parks Canada's Main Dam Bridge Construction for 2019-2021.

Your input and your attendance at this meeting is important - this is an opportunity to collect your concerns and to contribute to possible solutions.

Please join us on Friday April 5th at 11:30 a.m., at the BWCC for a full afternoon.

#### **Survey**

Dear

Please find attached an invitation to attend a community workshop. This facilitated workshop's end goal is to provide a consistent, well vetted community based summary of the concerns and proposed solutions for transportation during the Parks Canada's Main Dam Construction for 2019-2021. This summary will assist our community in working toward actionable items over the coming two years.

As an organization, we have set aside 1 individual technology assisted device for you at this facilitated discussion. We are using the Queens Executive Decision Making software known as the Group Decision Support Software (GDSS) This will aid in the process of participants at this meeting to create a list of concerns and potential solutions.

You are being invited to this community workshop because you are an important stakeholder, and because this workshop will give you the opportunity to be a representative voice for your business, organization or association.

There is a bit of homework that needs to be done by you on behalf of yourself and who you will be representing, and I ask that this be provided to me no later than March 29, 2019. I will send you a follow up email to remind you during that week.

Three questions for you to please solicit responses from your membership, and provide feedback in advance of the meeting. Question 4 is specifically for the participant.

1. Are you or your organization affected by the construction at the Parks Canada Main Dam Bridge Construction
  - a. This can be done by a poll... Yes or No.
2. Can you elaborate on any potential impacts?
3. Do you have a creative idea to solve regarding?
  - a. Boat access
  - b. Pedestrian access
  - c. Vehicular access
4. Do you (personally) have any dietary restrictions? We ask because we will be meeting at 11:30 a.m. sharp at the BWCC, and we will be feeding you lunch.

Please advise via this email who will be in attendance from your organization, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via any of the co-ordinates below.



## **B – Participants**

*Use your mouse to click on white box below. Please sign in with your name and if you are affiliated with any organization*

- 1) Constable Kris Beatty, Southern Georgian Bay OPP Marine Unit
- 2) Roger Spitzig, Bush's Marina
- 3) Marilyn Taylor, Gloucester Pool Cottagers' Assoc.
- 4) Mark Taylor, Township of Severn
- 5) Keir Smith - Oak Bay Golf Club
- 6) Roni Carli, Port Severn General Store and Director of Segbay
- 7) Negin Company- Christie's Mill and Segbay Chamber
- 8) Armin Grigaitis Resident, A&A Services and Marine Contracting, Remax Baywatch Ltd ,SEG bay Chamber Board
- 9) Stu McKinnon - District Municipality of Muskoka
- 10) Wayne Gretzky, retired
- 11) Lachlan Pride OakBay Home Owners Association
- 12) Bryan Coxworth, Royal LePage InTouch Realty and Director Segbay Chamber
- 13) Bruce Stanton, MP, Simcoe North
- 14) Tony Van Dam Township of Georgian Bay
- 15) Jane Dunlop Deputy Mayor Twp of Severn
- 16) Peter Koetsier, Township of Georgian Bay
- 17) Kurtis Schlueter, Office of Bruce Stanton, MP
- 18) Tim Cranney, Township of Severn
- 19) Chad Buchner – Manager of Trent-Severn Waterway Operations, Parks Canada
- 20) Bonnie Mayer - Wildwood by the Severn -Resident & Board Member
- 21) Ernie Mayer - Wildwood by the Severn - Resident
- 22) Terri Barker, LCBO
- 23) Jill Snider - Port Severn Resident (Canadian Yachting Magazine)
- 24) Diane Madore Baxter ATV Trail Riders
- 25) Sybille Milligan Port Severn Campers Association Wildwood by the Severn
- 26) Dianne Malinowski - Wildwood by the Severn - Resident & Board Member
- 27) Arthur Christakos - Property Owner, Baxter Snow Riders
- 28) Stephen Trafford, County of Simcoe Paramedic Services
- 29) Natalie Austin, Public Relations Officer, Parks Canada

Staff present but not participating

- 29) Jennifer Schnier, Communications and Economics Officer
- 30) Laurie Kennard, Chief Administrative Officer
- 31) Sara Reimer ED SEGBAY Chamber of Commerce
- 32) Nicole Weber, Senior Trent-Severn Waterway Engineer, Waterways Project Delivery

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## **C – Process Overview**

The community consultation was conducted using an electronic meeting system (EMS), an innovative facilitation process developed from research at the Queen's School of Business. The Queen's EMS, called "the Decision Centre", combines expert facilitation with a state of the art group decision support system to enable groups to rapidly accelerate idea generation and consensus building. This facility consists of a network of laptops accessing software designed to support idea generation, idea consolidation, idea evaluation and planning. The tool supports, but does not replace, verbal interaction; typically 25% of interaction takes place on the computers. Feedback from groups who have used the Executive Decision Centre process includes: meeting times can be cut in half; participation goes way up; better idea generation and alternative evaluation; a more structured process; and automatic documentation of deliberations.

Over 500 organizations around North America use the Centre for meetings such as: strategic planning, visioning, annual planning, focus groups, team building, budgeting, program review, project planning, risk assessment, job profiling, 360 degree feedback, alternative evaluation, new product development and a variety of other meeting types.

In the session, participants were asked, for example, "**With regards to the Main Dam construction, what are the important issues and challenges that need to be addressed?**" Participants typed in ideas on the laptops all of which appeared on a public screen at the front of the room. These ideas were then discussed and categorized into common themes. The group was then asked "if we could only address five of these in the next year, which ones are most critical?" Individuals selected his/her top 5 and the overall results were then displayed to the group and further discussed.

**For more information on this process, please contact:**

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