## Stephanie Olewski

**To:** Sandy Kitchen

**Subject:** RE: FW: Cedar Island Boat Launch

From:

Sent: June 15, 2022 7:11 PM

To: Susan Rice < <a href="mailto:srice@kingsville.ca">srice@kingsville.ca</a>

Subject: Cedar Island Boat Launch

Hi Sue;

I would appreciate your help in directing the following letter.

Thank you so much

Pat

Dear Mayor Santos, Kingsville Town Council and to whom if may concern, The purpose of this letter is to formally and publically address the concerns in regards to the management of the Cedar Island Boat Launch and area surrounding including the parking lot. This concern has been identified by many residents of Cedar Island, Montego Bay Cres and members of the boating community.

Over the past few years boating has become even more popular and we are very fortunate to live and enjoy the access we have in the Town of Kingsville to Lake Erie. One of the well-used boat launches in Essex County is the Cedar Island Boat Ramp located at <u>599</u> Cedar Island Road, Town of Kingsville. This ramp has continued to be used by our residents and neighbouring communities.

There are several concerns that have been noted by local residences of concern financially, environmentally and safety concerns. There are also concerns which are a direct reflection of the Town of Kingsville including the Mayor, Town Council and Parks and Rec Department. First off I would like to recognize the money that has been spent on the new boat ramp and the dock which was a great addition. Thank you. The following community concerns need to be addressed:

- Proper signage for the entrance and exit to the boat launch and parking area. A sign at the entrance identifying "IN/OUT" would be necessary to prevent traffic congestion, collisions and confusion. Proper "IN/OUT" at the boat ramp at the entrance for vehicles and entrance at the water for boats. This is common signage which will prevent marina collisions, arguments, confusion and allow for proper safety of people on the docks and on the water.

- A camera would be a suitable crime prevention tool and would also allow the Town and Police to Monitor the activity at this location and ensure the safety of those using the ramp.
- The dock/ramp needs to be staffed from 8am-8pm at a minimum. This would allow for additional revenue to the Town of Kingsville for boat ramp fees and fuel. Besides the revenue that would be generated by fuel purchases it would also ensure order and ensure the safety of people on Town property. The staff working the boat ramp need adequate training, responsibilities, direction and need to be engaged in monitoring the ramp and fuel dock. Assisting boaters upon their arrival and departure at the ramp is critical
- The new booth needs to have a clear view of the dock and fuel area to allow employees to monitor the gas and boat launch areas for safely securing vessels and ensuring that proper fueling laws are met therefore removal of the old booth is imperative
- Proper signage and location for the portable bathroom "port-a-potty," unfortunately many people are using the bushes on the south side of the property which is inappropriate and against the law.
- Residents of Montego Bay face the boat ramp and parking lot. Left over orange safety cones, saw horse, buckets, trash washed ashore is a constant eyesore. It would be appreciated if the attendant could advise township staff to remove

Sincerely, Patricia Pandolfo Sent from my iPhone