

# A Stakeholder Approach to Lake Planning



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This presentations focuses on the collaborative efforts of the Town and the community towards lake planning.

### In 2006 the Town of Osyoos adopted

#### “dock regulations”

- Lesson's learnt regarding the provincial approval process through Casa del Lago
- The Province must respect local bylaws
- Any dock over 30m requires a variance



### Water Zoning

- The dock regulations were a stop gap measure, the Town wants to formally extend its zoning powers over the water
- In 2010, Zoning Bylaw 1085.80, 2010 was given 1<sup>st</sup> reading, but was abandoned following:
  - an abundance of written submissions, and
  - A very well attended public hearing and public information meetings



### **A new Stakeholder Process is born**

- Council Resolved to abandon Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1085.80, 2010 in its present form and direct staff to draft a new bylaw using a stakeholder involvement process.
- In preparation for the meetings staff conducted a pictorial survey of the lake, and further familiarized themselves with senior government legislation, as well as determined we needed science...



### **The Lake Recreational and Commercial Use Task Force**

- **4 sectoral Task Force members** representing lake users such as
  - Private moorage owners,
  - RV strata / park water users,
  - resort operators, and
  - commercial business operators
- **4 sectoral community-wide Task Force members** representing broader public interests in lake sustainability and good management practices.
- **2 Town Councilors**, the Director of RDOS Area 'A', the Director of Planning and Development, and the Community Planner



### **LRCU's Objectives**

- Promote environmental sustainability of Osoyoos Lake, foreshore, and adjoining upland areas;
- Protect safety of water users;
- Avoid overloading and congestion of our finite resource base;
- Ensure adequate access to Lake by all user groups including residents, second home owners, and visitors;
- Reclaim public lands and water for community benefit;
- Promote the aesthetic appeal of Osoyoos as a resort community; and
- Strengthen the Town's regulatory and enforcement powers.



### **Work List**

- **A "work list" consisting of 9 items was prepared for the task force**
- **The task force added 3 more items**



## Greater Control of Approval Process



### Proposed Solution

- Rezoning required for group moorage, strata moorage, or a marina
- This allows for a more local process
  - “Osoyoos” ads in newspaper, Landuse signage, and a mail-out to adjacent property owners
  - Local elected officials would approve rezoning prior to the issuance of a provincial tenure

## Limit number of boats per upland property



### Proposed solution

- 3 boats per Single Family Dwelling
- 1 slip per 2 dwelling units for strata type developments

## Protect public swimming areas



## Solutions



## Roped off swimming areas

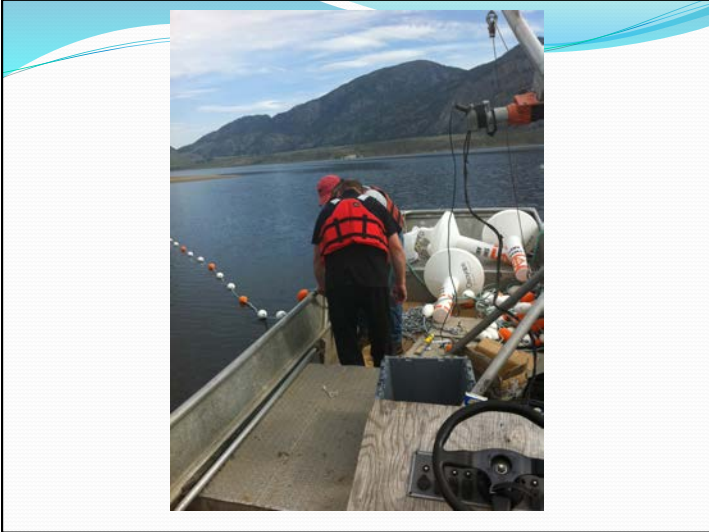






- **Transport Canada boating restrictions were in place since 1995**
- **The Town will be applying for additional boating restricted areas**





## Canada's Warmest Welcome



## Lessons learnt

- Important to liaise with RCMP
- Town has applied for Licence of Occupation for waters fronting Town owned lands

## Prohibit private moorage in front of Town lands with out permission and payment





### Proposed solution

- Previous bylaw disallowed moorage in waters fronting Town owned lands
- Now its proposed to allow “semi waterfront parcels” and anchorage areas



### Environmentally friendly and safe anchorage





### Proposed solution

- Town anchorage areas would need to be cleaned up as a condition of permit
- Town could promote a lake clean up day
- Town educate...



## Educational Role



- “Go slow” buoys
- Signage
- Brochures
- RCMP presence on the lake augmented this year

## Work in progress

1. Swim areas protected
2. Town paying closer attention to the recreational activities on the lake
3. A new water bylaw will be advanced to Council in the short term

## Questions & Answers

Thank you

