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**Welland Waterway Advisory Committee**  
**Monday May 9, 2022 5:30pm-7:00pm**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Unapproved Minutes**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Initials</b>
<b>Committee Present</b>	Jeff Etling	WWAC (Chair)	JE
	James Takeo	WWAC (Vice-Chair)	JT
	Margaret Molland	WWAC	MM
	Amy Datema - Regrets	WWAC	AD
	Carol Sernasie	WWAC	CS
	Michelle Leone	WWAC	ML
<b>Staff Representation</b>	Erin Carl	Supervisor of Festival and Events	EC
	Tera Bourbonnais	Customer Service Clerk, Recreation & Culture Division	TB

## Agenda Items

- 1. Call to Order: 5:33 pm**
- 2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – None**
- 3. Dragon Boat Canada Presentation**

3.1. Chloe from Dragon Boat Canada presented – Dragon Boat Canada is the sport governing body for dragon boat in Canada. We represent about 80k people country wide. We are responsible for all aspects of sport management including competitions, training etc.

The Welland Waterway has been an integral part of our overall competition and athlete development strategy for the last 15 years. We have a multi-year agreement with the city to use the WIFC.



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In 2013 we successfully applied to Trillium in partnership with Welland, which allowed us to obtain a fleet of dragon boats (12-14k each) we currently have 14 boats which are for the exclusive use of the Canadian championships, National Team training and club crew racing. All boats must be the same as they are provided for races and not brought by the individual teams. The city stores and secures the boats for us and the city has always included Dragon Boat in the conversation regarding the onset and use of the waterway. Welland is our #1 venue in the country and has been the home of the national championship for 6 out of 10 years. This includes training and selection camps annually as well as the dragon boat clubs that run on the waterway.

The Canadian championships typically include about 3500 people per day of the 4-day championship: this does not include coaches and officials. We have a combine which is held in the fall of even years, and our world championships and national teams are all encompassing which includes junior all the way to 60+. This year the combine will be in Welland and will include about 600 athletes.

Dragon boat Canada would love to remain engaged with the city, the staff are so pleasant and easy to work with and we appreciate the venue and positive partnership (with the city) very much.

**4. Conflicts of interest – none**

**5. Adoption of Minutes – Carried**

**6. Business Arising from previous meetings/minutes – none**

**7. New Business**

7.1. We (the city) are still waiting to hear from the Region about trimming the greenery around the signs on Merritt Island.

7.2 Jeff requested for the committee to have a tour of the WIFC, Erin advised we need to focus on getting the construction completed in time for the Canadian summer games, and in September we can revisit this and schedule a meeting to be a tour instead.

7.3 James would like to see the community boat house and Erin will investigate scheduling the various facility tours.

7.4. July 11<sup>th</sup> will be the first date when we can first do a tour of the facilities, Erin will set it up.



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7.5. James asked if Amy is still a part of the committee as she has missed a few meetings. Erin will look into getting in contact with her to inquire if she would still like to be a member of the committee.

**8. Next Meeting June 13, 2022, via zoom**

**9. Adjournment 6:24pm**