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Sent via email: Pamela.Mehlman-Shand@novascotia.ca

Re: Request for Signage at Provincially Owned Public Wharves and Naming of Lane at Eel Brook Wharf

Dear Pamela,

On behalf of Council, I am writing to request that the Department of Public Works consider the placement of appropriate signage at all provincially owned public wharves. The primary reason for this request is public safety. Clear signage would allow emergency services to quickly and accurately locate wharves when responding to calls. This is especially important in situations where every minute counts.

Request for Signage at All Provincially Owned Wharves

Council wishes to emphasize that our request applies to all provincially owned public wharves across the municipality. The consistent placement of signage at these sites will improve wayfinding for both residents and visitors, and will ensure that emergency responders are able to reach wharves without delay or confusion.

Eel Brook Wharf - Road Naming Concern

In addition to the general request above, we would like to highlight the case of the Eel Brook wharf. This wharf is accessed by a lane that is currently misidentified on Google Maps. At present, the lane appears under "Beech Lane", which creates confusion for residents, visitors, and service providers, as there is another "Beech Lane" located in Eel Brook. A civic number has been assigned to the wharf, which now creates 3 civic numbers along this same lane.



For these reasons, we ask that the Department explore the formal naming of this lane, if not already done. Some key considerations in support of this request include:

1. **Future Development** - There is land along this lane that could accommodate new lots and buildings. Assigning a proper name now will help minimize the number of address changes required if additional dwellings are built in the future. At present, there is one full-time resident and one part-time resident using the lane.
2. **Clarifying Map Data** - Naming the road may help resolve the current duplication of "Beech Lane" entries on Google Maps. Because Google's Road data is tied closely to signage and Street View records, the posting of an official sign would likely correct this issue and reduce confusion for residents, visitors, and service providers.

Council believes that addressing both the signage and naming concerns at this time would provide significant safety and clarity. We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your consideration. Please let us know if further information is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Nicole Albright'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Nicole Albright
Warden