



**Public Meeting of Council
Monday, May 27, 2019 at 7:00PM
Georgian Room, Rodd Charlottetown Hotel
75 Kent Street**

Mayor Phillip Brown Presiding

**Present: Mayor Phillip Brown
Deputy Mayor Jason Coady
Councillor Alanna Jankov
Councillor Julie McCabe
Councillor Mitchell Tweel**

**Councillor Greg Rivard
Councillor Kevin Ramsay
Councillor Terry MacLeod
Councillor Mike Duffy**

**Also: Frank Quinn, PRM
Brad McConnell, Dep. Police Chief
Christopher Drummond, PC
Nancy McMinn, PS
Scott Adams, PWM
Richard MacEwen, WSUM**

**Dean Worth, PF
Brett Turner, APC
Jackie McKinnon, AA
Wayne Long, EDO
Ramona Doyle, SO**

**Regrets: Councillor Terry Bernard
Peter Kelly, CAO**

Councillor Bob Doiron

His Worship Mayor Phillip Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

7:09PM - Frank Quinn, PRM opened the meeting with a power point presentation which gave an overview of the background, description of proposed floating dock system, map of proposed location, liability insurance, parking, and summary of the steps taken to date, including positive feedback from the success of the Flotilla Event (as part of 2017 Art in the Open), the request for proposals, Council passed a resolution July 8, 2018 (carried 7-0) for the purchase and installation costs of the dock system to be placed in Victoria Park, communication with city's insurer to discuss liability, discussions with Charlottetown Harbour Authority (CHA) regarding entering into a water lot lease agreement. In the end, with the lateness of the 2018 season it was decided that the installation be postponed until 2019.

Initially it was perceived that since the floating dock system was on water and it was a seasonal/temporary structure that it was not defined as 'development' as referred to in the Victoria Park and Promenade Bylaw. It was noted that the City, along with the CHA, permitted the Flotilla Event to install a floating dock system for three weeks, as part of the 2017 Art in the Open. Upon further discussion, City Council decided that since the proposed floating dock system will have to be connected to Victoria Park in some fashion, this would then fall within

the definition of 'development' and thus, would be subject to the provisions of the Bylaw, therefore requiring that a public meeting be held.

Brad McConnell, Deputy Chief of Police then gave a presentation on the CPD services, which included providing statistics with regards to the number of calls received by CPD for disturbances, etc. within Victoria Park.

In summary, Dep. Chief McConnell stated that only 1% of all calls received in 2018 had to do the area of Victoria Park. A total of 48 calls to Victoria Park were recorded throughout the year and of those 17 (35%) were recorded in July during high volume users for the park. Deputy opened the floor to questions, however, there were no questions asked.

At this time, His Worship asked Chair Tweel if he has any further opening remarks prior to opening the floor for public feedback.

7:33PM - Chair Tweel mentioned that we are continuing to work towards a barrier free City and in doing so; the implementation of a floating dock system furthers that goal.

At this time the public was invited to provide feedback on the Floating Dock:

7:36PM - Ray Campbell, 105 Spring Park Rd, Charlottetown, walks the boardwalk pretty well everyday sometimes twice a day, believes it's a pretty nice place. He was a commercial fisherman for most of his life. He knows the reason for so much stone protecting the boardwalk is because it's a pretty nasty piece of water at times and remembers when the yacht club lost many boats to storms. He was not against the floating dock as long as it's away from where the playground is that was put there last fall for young families with young kids because there is limited parking in that area of Victoria Park. There is a book stating that PEI is one of the best places to kayak and canoe. There is 3 rivers around Victoria park, East, West, and North. It is also a tidal place with a raging river 3 times a day coming in which he believes the city is promoting for kayakers and canoers. Last year our first responders had to retrieve 3 bodies out of that surrounding area. And as a commercial fisherman we lost quite a few fishermen over the last year out to sea, and we've lost 1 so far this year, it would be nice if this was the last but it probably won't be. If you put something up there people will come, now will they be warned of all the dangers of that water. There could have been a lot more than the 3 who died in the surrounding area, if the naval hadn't been doing training when the boat flipped over that had many people aboard it. I'm just saying that I'm not against a floating dock, but to promote it for novice kayakers and canoers' because they are very unstable boats. I would think twice about that. There are other things down there that can be done, especially when I notice when I walk that there is a lot of little kids and sometimes they get away from their parents rushing to get to the playground. Maybe pedestrian lights would be good when they have to go across their. There are lots of other things that can be done at the park to make it better for young kids and young parents and even old people. Because the walkway that goes down there is wheel chair accessible there's no handrails, so if you come off and go down and happen to make one mistake you're going to go over the bank and do quite a header. The water is a lovely piece of water to look at, but it's a very dangerous piece of water. But promoting that to novice kayakers and canoers is going to put pressure on first responders.

7:41PM - Mathieu Arsenault 3 Douglas St, Ward 4

Prepared a presentation as the chair of Fusion Charlottetown, an organization with over 1700 members, a lot of a younger demographic, but not exclusively the younger demographic. The reason he was here to speak was on behalf of this organization because if we look in the room with lots of lovely faces here but maybe a little older. Part of the problem with our demographic, a lot of young families aren't here right now, and also the way they communicate is through a digital means. As part of Fusion we collected and want to be a partner with the City, we engaged the members of Fusion on the floating dock and wanted to bring that perspective forward. In the survey that we sent out with 82 respondents and 78% spoke favourable for the floating dock. The uses they were saying were to swim, to dip feet in the water, kayaking. On behalf of the members of Fusion, I would say this is a positive project and we want to see Charlottetown move forward. Like Tweel said Victoria Park is second to none, it's a beautiful park, and we can enhance it even more. We don't take anything away by adding a floating dock.

7:43PM - Vernon Rodd, 11 Admiral St Charlottetown. I am going to be speaking against the dock from a different perspective. For one, our forefathers got it right when they did Victoria Park, so let's not add to it just because somebody else has something doesn't mean we need it. On the Thames there is a big ferris wheel, but I don't think that is appropriate for Victoria Park. The other I'd like to note is if it's looked at as an extension of the boardwalk, I'd probably go along with that because then it's not taking away from anything. By putting it with kayakers I am worried that you won't have the ability to police that area properly and that there will be a lot of people using it tying up parking spots that a lot of seniors do use in the summertime to sit by the water to get refreshed by the breeze and cool off. The other thing he wanted was to put a moratorium on the dock for 1 year, and in that one year know how much traffic is going through Victoria Park. That's easy to do you've got the monitors by putting bumps on the road. You look at those pictures; they show a fairly busy Victoria park. Look at the tree's there's not a leaf, that's either taken in the fall or spring of the year, so that's not the busy time at Victoria Park. So you're adding more and more stuff, yes we need access to the water for the people of Charlottetown, but there is other places I've talked to a bunch of you about other different options besides Victoria Park. Yes there is spots outback by the Culinary Institute or something of that nature which already has close parking. Look at those options, this I hope is a catalyst to council, we need access to the water in different ways and maybe we need to purchase land where people will give us access to that water, but putting more stuff in Victoria Park when it's already congested is a mistake.

7:46PM - Becka Viau, brought forward the flotilla project that's been mentioned a few times in this presentation as part of art in the open which happens at Victoria Park in the summer months and we had presented a floating dock for 3 weeks where 12 artists engaged with the water and with the public through an accessible floating dock exactly the same that has been shown here in the presentation except it was a different configuration. We really saw great benefits from it; we weren't overly rampaged by people, lots of people were just overly grateful to have access to the water where they could take a wheelchair down in a much more fluctuating spot where the dock sat on the bottom of the harbour at low tide, so you can imagine the shift there. We had a wheelchair down on the dock system, no railings, we had people with people of various types of abilities accessing it, all very grateful to have access to the water in Victoria Park where they also had accessible parking, so they could access the boardwalk, and they could get to the dock. It was a very positive experience for young and old and of all abilities. There was a very beautiful moment in flotilla when one of the artists was

engaging and dropping a microphone and recording the sounds of the harbour with a young girl with cerebral palsy that had 2 canes but was able to get to the water sit down on the dock and engage with the water safely with someone else there. During the project it was exciting to see people kayaking and canoeing to the dock. I think there's a lot of a concern of people going from the dock. But actually we were getting a lot of people coming to the dock, from launching at the Yacht Club, Stratford, and from other parts in the harbour and coming to that park and getting out and accessing the park that way, which was interesting because we weren't expecting that. We had paddleboards and other things on the dock site that we were expecting people to be attracted to take out; when otherwise we were getting people coming back in. Ultimately we found that it was a great promotion of active living and even active transport potentially in the city in the summertime. Ecotourism was brought up by someone else, PEI is known as one of the best places to go kayaking and I suppose I need to find that report because it sounds positive. Why not be a leader and access some of that ecotourism money and bring it into Charlottetown to help support more accessible development in other areas including Victoria Park, which isn't super accessible. I really appreciate having more accessible parking spaces being mentioned as part of the plan. I want to talk about security; there was a gate at the front of the ramp down that stayed closed. There was a sign that said when it was closed you don't go in. We didn't have anybody cross it. When it was closed when it said it was closed. It does come with lighting on the sides of the docks as well. So even at night, we were open until midnight. There would be some people hanging around with performances happening, but it quieted down when the park quieted. There wasn't much trouble like the police said. Victoria Park is actually one of the least dangerous spots in Charlottetown at night. I'm here tonight also as a young mother, I had to take special time to be here and I thank everyone tonight for taking special time out of your schedules to be here tonight. We all have caregiving responsibilities I'm sure, with PEI today. As a mother of two young children, having access to a launch for a kayak that is safe in downtown that's accessible enables my children to participate in water sport activities with their disabled uncle who would not be able to access the water via another launch. The question of accessibility is really, really important, and was really, really important when we made flotilla as well. If you're going to talk about water accessibility, than let's talk about accessibility. I also want to bring up the fence. There was a fence before at Victoria Park, I don't know if people my age remember, but we did have a fence at Victoria Park before there was a boardwalk and everyone hated the boardwalk and everyone decided that the boardwalk was bad and that it was going to be bad for downtown and for Brighton and bad for Victoria Park. The fence got kicked down in the middle of the night and got pushed down and then something had to be done. And I do appreciate everyone coming and speaking their voice today, but I do hope that Charlottetown is open to some change before we push down another fence and we can create a more accessible waterfront.

7:52PM - Mikey Wasnidge, 55 Pownal, wanted to address this crowd because he feels that this is the group he needs to talk to right now. Every time I come in front of the council it feels like it's a younger generation speaking to the previous generation and pushing for some sort of progress. This is the smallest piece of progress that makes a big impact it can be removed it turns into the wild Wild West we just take the docks out or we move them down. It's not going to destroy Charlottetown, I've been following the story and it's the ruining the pristine nature of Victoria Park, our crown Jewel of Charlottetown. I love Victoria Park, but the swimming pool, the ball diamonds, the boardwalk, the playgrounds; those were all interfering with the pristine beauty of Victoria Park. And now it's what makes Victoria Park the crown jewel. So I hope you guys will think about this when you're standing up and I hope that the previous generations will

take a bit of a stand with youth right now and speak up in support of a little bit of change because it's part of a bigger better change for Charlottetown. The only reason parking is an issue is because Victoria Park provides so many different ways to enjoy the space. If there wasn't a pool, ball diamonds, a boardwalk, a place for us to go play Frisbee, nobody would have any issues with parking because nobody would use the park.

7:54PM - Alice Crook, 25 Admiral St. fully supports the proposed floating dock system. I've long felt that it's so unfortunate that we have this beautiful waterfront park with such limited water access and basically people can only get to the water by clambering over the rocks, we all see people doing this, including people with young kids. So if there is a concern over safety, I'd say there's more a concern about that and then there's the whole tidal issue. You're often only accessing the beach and the rocks and the mud flats, so really the floating dock will make it not only more accessible to families but also create the possibility for people who have mobility issues to get to the water too and that could be seniors as well who will be able to go out on the dock and enjoy the water. There's a lot of talk about parking and I don't think the decision should be based on having the most number of convenient parking spaces. I think it's really important to improve accessible parking, but part of the whole point is to increase active living and people's activity and so if people park in the overflow areas and walk down to the park or the boardwalk that's a great thing. I don't think we need to focus the decision based on how much parking we have. Someone just said that's for people who can walk people who can't, can use the accessible parking spaces.

7:56PM - Mary Gates, 46 River Ridge Dr, Charlottetown, has lived on Prince Edward Island since 1968. Thank you for allowing me to speak here tonight and I want to acknowledge that the council has already done a lot of time and effort on this project. But I have 3 areas that I'd like to bring up, but I'll only talk about 2 because another gentleman already brought up the congested parking. Who can remember Hurricane Juan and the destruction that it caused. Hurricane season is coming again according to the weatherman, now if winds can blow hard enough to blow over a big tractor trailer, or do damage to a house, or snap the power poles off the confederation bridge, what's it going to do to this floating dock? In the 1970's I was the head nurse at the Prince Edward Hospital and one day the ambulance brought this young fella into us. He had been out playing and swimming at the North Shore having a grand time and he decided to dive into the water but it was too shallow and he broke his neck along with permanently damaging his spinal cord and he was paralyzed forever. Young people don't think about danger, they just want to have a good time. Are the young people going to be jumping off the dock? Are they going to be diving off there? The first rule in life is that you never assume anything because it probably won't happen. You think your children are going to be safe down there playing around that and they may not be. You have to warn them and teach your children to be safe. My second concern is safety.

7:58PM - Ken Desroches 12 Rosemount Court, I'm here tonight to clear up. I wrote an article in the paper against this dock and it's been misunderstood. I have no problem with the dock being there. I have a lot of problem with it being used to launch small craft and let me tell you why. Number 1, when we were doing the eastern gateway plan I was associated with that. The consultants were very clear, if you want to have a place to launch small craft canoes and kayaks, you have to have a building to store them in. People will not go home from work, have their supper, had to the garage, put the kayak on the car, take the car down to the water, after they're out of the water put the kayak on the car, and take it back home again. You just won't

get the kind of use that you're hoping for. Number 2 I was on a patio on Vista St. and this lady said look over there and I did and I said it's really beautiful isn't it? And she said you idiot were talking about the dock. She said that's where it should be. There's no reason why you can't build a very safe docking system for canoes and kayaks there, why you can't build a building to house the items that are there. It's outside the traffic that's off Victoria Park and the City already owns it. There's already parking there. That was her suggestion and I thought it was a good suggestion that should be explored. The third thing I think is really, really important is the safety issue. I had one lady when I was campaigning who told me she was definitely opposed. She was also opposed to the disabled playground that's there and I said why. And she said I have a grandson that can't go to that playground because there's no way they can get him out of their vehicle in a wheel chair and into that place safely. She said it's a beautiful playground, there's dozens of other places in the city that you could have put it, those issues could have been addressed, Victoria Park was the wrong place. That's the conclusion I come to when we talk about not the dock being used to launch small craft. Because I don't think it will work, I think it's a further safety issue and I think it's not necessary.

8:02PM - Roddy Maclean, 198 Grafton St, The situation looks very good to me; I think a floating dock system is going to be excellent. The thing is if we could try it for a year and see how it goes. Congestion is a big problem to think about for the long term. I'm a tour guide with Coach Atlantic and I do a lot of tours in Victoria Park. This year there will be 99 ships, but this business is really expanding (cruise ship business) and in a few years it's going to be harder and harder to drive around Victoria Park. So, if you have another facility in mind after maybe a year or two that would be fantastic.

8:03PM - Sue Fraser, 15 Abby Dr, Charlottetown. My first comment is in relation to being the former manager of Park and Recreation, when there was at least 4 key city plans executed and they were all very expensive plans with very highly regarded consultants in the field and those plans were the Eastern Gateway Plan that Ken just mentioned, the Victoria Park Masterplan that we're talking about tonight, the Parks Masterplan that preceded that and the City's Waterfront plan. And I can tell you from being part of all those consultations that the common thread in every single one of them was people's value not only on seeing the water. We live on an island and people who are living in Charlottetown can't see the water, so that was one of the big ones. And it was also actually accessing the water, so that was something that they said in every single one of those plans. And those are people that came out and wanted to be heard and I think at the end of the day members of council have to respect the people have already spoken to that and it's a very highly placed value. I think the deal breaker at the end of the day, and this is my second point, it appears to be the slip. The whole idea of launching watercraft. The city already invested in an EZ Dock system down at the Yacht Club, they have assigned parking spaces for the public to use, maybe it's the best kept secret I don't know, but it's been there for about 6 years. And the city invested in this great slip that you can take your kayak down (or small watercraft), it's highly accessible for people who have mobility issues, and they can launch from the Yacht Club, that's been there all along. Paddles Inc., I believe, is now over at Peakes, so people will now soon be launching from Peakes Quay as well, people who are renting small watercraft from there. I don't think we need to deal with those small watercraft, because I think that's what's upsetting people at the end of the day, the increased traffic of watercraft being launched from there. That was my second point, I think at the end of the day we need to be inclusive, we need to ensure that everyone gets to enjoy the beauty of Victoria Park, and whether that's pulling over to the side in a car or enjoy race night on

Wednesday Night or whether its to actually get out of your car and actually walk out to the end of one of these fingers and getting to sit on the water.

8:05PM - Frank MacEachern, 47 Highland Ave. Commended the initiative taken on this project and has almost changed his mind 4 times tonight because there has been some very good arguments made on all sides. I think it's a great idea, there's actually 2 ideas here. 1 is access to the water and 2 a venue to launch small craft. I applaud the idea of having access to the water. I'm not sure the floating dock is the best way of doing it, but I definitely believe that the access to small watercraft there is 2 better places in the City of Charlottetown. Some of them were already brought up, Queen Elizabeth Park, and the province owns a lot of land out along the drive into Riverside Hospital that is a much more sheltered friendly place for kayaking and canoeing. It would reduce city's liability because you're not unleashing people to the harbour which can be very volatile at times with winds coming up quickly and tides changing. I would urge council to consider Queen Elizabeth Park or discuss with the Province accessing some land behind the hospital to launch watercraft. It would be better for the water crafters and reduce congestion. You could maybe reconsider whether or not the Jetty Finger is the right venue for the opportunity to be accessing the water.

8:08PM - Brain Gillis, 71 Greenfield Ave. Thanked council and staff for hosting the meeting and all the work put forth on this project trying to move it forward. Every good idea takes a lot of hard work. My reaction to what has been presented is that it's a very good idea, it's creating a more open access to the water at many different levels including disability is important. But, this is the wrong location. In the handout that was given tonight, it was referenced that on page 68 there was a note that the objective of creating accessibility to the water was part of the masterplan. Now, one of the good things about reports is that they've been created with a lot of good work and community input from many citizens. The ekistics plan that was done in 2013 is probably one of the highest quality investigations into preserving our environment that I have read in many years. I know that there are at least 3 councillors sitting at the podium who participated on council in 2013 when that study was developed. And what I encourage for all councillors if you have not read the Masterplan, do not make a decision on the floating dock in isolation. In some of the points that were brought out in that masterplan, there were 4 founding principles for the preservation and nurturing the ongoing trusteeship that this community has for Victoria Park. 1 of those first ones is collaboration, which we seem to be hearing a lot about these days, but collaboration is what we're doing here tonight, we're listening to different opinions and were hearing the different sides to what is being proposed. I think we need to continue to collaborate, but were missing an essential component, the public has been isolated from the planning process and management of Victoria Park. In the ekistics report it spelled out very clearly 3 distinct options for how the city could proceed with nurturing collaboration. That does not mean isolating staff and council without ongoing prioritization and debate on how you implement the plan. The latter most important guiding principle is balance. You have to balance the active uses in the park with passive uses, the cultural interpretation of the park, and the esthetic heritage considerations of that piece of land. It is a unique privilege for any community to be gifted 40 acres of parkland as a trusteeship to guide and continue it for future generations, including for the youth with us here tonight looking at their way of participating.

8:13PM - Bob Hutcheson 68 Beach Grove Rd, Grew up in the post war years and had the delightful experience of taking my lifeguard and red cross exams in the water at the base of

Brighton rd. in about the second week of June when the temperature of the water was about 48 degrees Fahrenheit. Those were very real experiences; one of those very real experiences was that they had a very large floating dock at the need of Brighton Rd. It was there and it was taken away because after the hours that the park was open, kids would find their way out onto the raft and they were diving and they were jumping. There was some accidents, but I never heard of a loss of life yet, but as a person who was a trained lifeguard I can tell you this. If you do not establish a place for people to gather, without having proper safety controls, and when you have taken all the people who are in Victoria Park and all the children in that wonderful playground, that place is just swarming with people. If you decide that you're going to allow people to use this dock, you can tell me there will be no swimmers allowed there, well ill laugh in your face, because there will be swimmers, it's just a question of when they get there and the circumstances and whether they're looked after safely. Know one fundamental mistake that's being made here, where in a place where the population has just increased significantly with this wonderful playground, now you're talking about adding people, welcome or unwelcome, who are going to be coming there and wanting to swim and so on. The points that have been made today about the wonderful opportunity we have here is absolutely great, but you have to have safety in mind. You know how many people who have drowned and how many people came very close to drowning in Charlottetown Harbour, let alone Rustico, or Ebenezer or wherever it is. It happens. The Red Cross has done a wonderful job over the years of monitoring safety concerns and drawing the public's attention. But I haven't heard a mention of the safety advisory work by the Red Cross. If you want to give people a place where they can swim, then find a place that's not in isolation because you need to monitor them. But find a place for when kids gather there, there's somebody there keeping a constant eye on this child and that child, and the elderly people who may be tripping and stumbling. But you have to have safety, and that's only been a side issue here tonight. I commend to you that you think on these things and decided against the present proposal.

8:18PM - Ryan Bolger 87 Oak Dr. I have 2 issues about this. The first issue is I'm somewhat pro for it because I would never be able to go on the water, and the fact that I could wheel down on there and look at the water. I think it would be beautiful to go there in the morning and see the sun open up on the water. I think this thing itself is a good stepping stone for more accessibility in Charlottetown that has a lot to do. The only concern that I have with the transfer bench to go down onto the water. Let's say I go down by myself, I'm a T6 paraplegic and my back support isn't that great. I need to transfer onto that board and then onto the boat itself. If I did it myself, I'd be taking a big risk, I'd have to have 2 or 3 people to help me. For someone who's very independent like me I might try find a way to get down there and look at the water, but would be concerned about going onto a boat. But all for it for going down to look at the beautiful water.

8:20PM - Marsha Carroll, 33 Pond St, Executive Director of Council of People with Disabilities. Here to speak on behalf of people with disabilities. I've had many conversations with my board of directors about the proposed floating dock. We are for the floating dock, we think it's a great idea, we think it's a great step forward in terms of inclusive design for people with disabilities. We've been working with the City and council for a number of years around how we can promote more inclusivity in the City of Charlottetown. The city of Charlottetown has been leaders in this in terms of adopting a disability lens a number of years ago. As a result of that adoption and then we move forward with a barrier free city design report. I've heard tonight that there's been no consultation, but there was nearly 300 hundred people that attended that

particular consultation piece. We did the work over a full day and a number of follow-up consultations. There was a good report written and a number of recommendations made about how we become more inclusive and how we allow all the citizens of Charlottetown to experience full citizenship. I've heard a number of people here tonight say that this is the wrong location, but I would argue that it's the right location because of its proximity to the boundless playground. Then we've got a full service piece of a family being able to come there if one of the children, or parents, has a disability, they can spend time at the playground and then they can go over and access the water. As far as I know from the designs and feedback that we got from wheel chair users on our board of directors that it is an inclusive design, that it is a good design. I was really interested to hear Ryan's comments, because those were not some of the comments we heard. When the City adopted the disability lens in the use of their programming design that was a big step forward because it actually allows the city to then create inclusive infrastructure. That's what were seeing proposed here this evening and again we see this in the masterplan, this lines up with the masterplan for Victoria Park and it lines up with the active transportation plan that the city has. It's an inclusive design and again we feel that it's a good step forward. I'd like to address the safety issues that people are talking about tonight as well. They're saying that people are going to dive off the dock and perhaps become disabled as a result of that. There's people diving off rocks now, in a space that's probably not safe and accidents could happen. I don't know how we're going to monitor or live our lives in a space that is so risk reduced that nobody experiences any fun or sense of play. All we can do as a community and community developers is move forward using an inclusive lens, an open heart, and understand that people with disabilities and people with mobility issues have an absolute right to navigate this city and to participate in all the activities that take place here. Please be inclusive and open your minds to that.

8:24PM - Douglas Coles, 31 Westwood Crescent, Made 3 small points. Ken Desroches indicated you require a building because people will not go home from work, pack their kayak, drive to the park, unload it. I've done it for 16 years I'm going to continue to do it. We don't need a building. The second point was the suggestion that Queen Elizabeth Park is a good launching point, it's not it's good for 1 week every 2 weeks on low tide. You don't have a launching point you've got a mud flat. The third point I'd like to make is I support this access point, as is, as shown, and I wish you would support it too.

8:25PM - Donna Jean Wallen, Kensington Rd. Sent a letter on May 1st to Mayor and Council, and in that letter some of the points I had have already been brought up. I have to say the reason I'm bringing it up again tonight is that the mayor and one councillor are the only people that replied to my email with any comments. So, when you're suggesting that people email you, let's get it done. The other thing that I wanted to say was my concern is safety and the possibility of injury. And I know that Marsha just brought this up, but to be really honest one of the things I spoke to Becka via email and I asked her about the art in the open. My understanding was that there was some security there, so can I ask the question. Are we looking at some sort of security system in place other than the police officers, like a lifeguarding/security system in place in the proposal, and if we do what is the cost of that? Frank Quinn responded, as of right now we don't have detailed security plans of what we are doing. Hearing from people tonight and what their concerns are, and if those are things we need to look into and address, we will bring that forward to council for their consideration. So it would just go to council, and we would have to attend that meeting?

No

I had another question from your presentation regarding rules and regulations. What are those particular rules and regulations that have been highlighted that are to be addressed with respect to the dock?

They are still in the draft format, as we would actually bring them forward to our insurer for their review, but there would be things like, no diving, no swimming, hours of operation (morning till dusk). There could be other things like no running, no horseplay, things that are common sense rules, but you do have to put them in place for people to be aware of. And someone has to police them.

There would be the public; the biggest police in the City is the general public. So, we would hope to utilize the general public, but we would also have the police department and our park patrol. We hear from the public on a general basis, when there is concerns and issues, and we take them very seriously and we put in the necessary steps to address those at the time.

But, if we don't have somebody there at the time, it might be too late.

And that could be something brought forward to council.

The thing that I was saying too was, yes were going to put a gate and fence up, but I don't know how many of you in here, I know I have, climbed many fences when I was a teenager. It sure as heck wasn't a deterrent, if anything it was kinda the dare. So, I do have that concern of kids in the park, some may have the same thing to go for a dive if it's not patrolled. I would like to see that we have the possibility of preventing accidents on the water, not creating them.

8:30PM - Liz Murnahan, 17 Gower St. has been a lifetime resident of Charlottetown. I would like to echo the comments made by Mr. Campbell and Mr. Desroche. I do believe that there should be some accessibility to the water on Victoria Park. But I don't agree that there should be a floating dock. I think council should be guided by the legislation that is in place governing Victoria Park. There is one on the books, that it's supposed to be for passive recreation and I do believe that kayaking does fall into that category, but as an avid walker the Victoria Park boardwalk is very congested with people getting out of their cars and setting up strollers, trying to access the boardwalk and the playground. I don't think that taking a kayak off of a roof rack and getting it down into the water is conducive to people with varying degrees of disabilities having freer access to the boardwalk itself are compatible. Two easy remedies to get access to the water itself rather than small craft would be to alter the stone rocks that are already in place and make them a little bit safer for people who just want to get down into the mud flats. And for people who have wheelchair accessibility, then create a better ramp up by Brighton lighthouse and there out of traffic and can more easily and readily access the water from that point. I do think that further study has to be done with regards to water safety, where the tides are because it's a very dangerous point in Victoria Park with the 3 rivers converging there. As a person with disabilities myself, my main problem with Victoria Park which I dearly love and enjoy pretty much every day of the winter that it's not too icy to get there, is the accessibility to the park itself. Because parks and recreation does not work in consult with public works, so my problem is with accessibility getting to the park with the terrible conditions of the sidewalks in the rest of the city. So, to me it's like putting a sunroom on a shed, there are other priorities to be taken care of in Charlottetown before you start a floating dock.

8:33PM - Barbara Arnold, Jillian Dr. Is interested in this because has kayaked for 20 years on that harbour and there's more and more traffic, rather than looking at it like access from the park to the water, for me its access from the water to the park. And I think that's a really important thing, if you have access points for people elsewhere, it's really nice to be able to tie

up someplace for a short visit to the park, go to the dairy bar, it just makes it a nice trip, a destination when you're going out kayaking and it could give a lot more active use of the water and people, SUP's, and canoes if there was some place to go. Yes you have to be constringent of the tides and the wind, but 8 days out of 10 it is a safe and very lovely place to go kayaking. And people who kayak would understand that.

8:34PM - Heather McIver, 12 Holland Dr. Stratford. I'm a frequent user of Victoria park and the boardwalk and also am a young mom so I often have a very rambunctious 3 year old with me and he is in my eyes all the time and even if he wasn't the Victoria Park boardwalk is not gated, there's access to the water at any point of time and kids playing on the rocks. So, this would actually allow you to bypass the danger of the rocks. The second point I would like to make that was not echoed tonight is that we have had a dry run of a floating dock in Victoria Park already. We've addressed the safety, the night use, the parking, and it didn't end up on the front page of the guardian so I'm guessing it went pretty well. This is a temporary floating dock; it can be removed if it causes the chaos that his room is making it sound like we're putting up the Eiffel Tower in the harbour. We can remove it. We are very, very opposed to change in this room, and I don't think it's a coincidence that my demographic is not and we are very poorly represented here, but we are not the only voice in Charlottetown. There is a lot of people who are looking for change and the best thing about this change is that it's temporary. If we hate it, it can go away.

8:35PM - Dr. Janice Gillis, currently living in Traveller's West. Grew up on Belvedere Ave., my mother is still living on Belvedere Ave. 214. Charlottetown is very familiar and very near and dear to me. The most impressive person that spoke to me this evening was the first person who spoke. Because safety and loss of life, I'm married to a Tignisher, and we've lost some people very recently sadly. Now I admit that, he's from, St. Felix, but nobody knew where that was. This is a very, very important issue in terms of accessibility. Yes, we need more accessibility; the accessibility is not adequate even with building codes. Everything we can do, people spoke to more activity, we need to do that. But, I will tell you right now, not because I'm in a wheelchair, which I've been in for the last five years from a car accident. I'm sure that everyone in this room, that drives to Victoria Park, as I have done since I've had a driver's licence at 16 knows that when you go around that strip, that circle, there is not, whether its peak time or not, an access. If I'm in my vehicle driving, my wheelchair has to come out and I have to go to the side. That road is not going to afford me my need to enjoy the water environment. Much less, when I have to try bring my canoe, or kayak, or whatever floatation device. So, I whole heartedly agree with the concept. I also disagree with the location, for reasons that Ryan suggested like would you feel safe on the transfer board and I have questions about that as well. But, the parking alone, one of my original questions was where are the four spaces now? Where are the three new spaces going to be? I was at the end of Belvedere Ave. today and I'm not a fisherman, I'm not nautically trained in any way. But, whether the tides were too low at the end of Belvedere at that park, or if over by Queen Elizabeth Hospital is better I don't know. But, what I do know is I will be in no way enticed to bring a kayak or canoe which I have done in the past, able-bodied and disabled to Victoria Park, because of what other people have spoken to tonight. It's too congested and I'm still looking at over the sea and wondering why there is an over representation of elderly, I'm not sure the political correct term. And I appreciate Barb's comment about yes; it's beautiful have the dock. Come there if you're experienced. But, I certainly understand the risks and dangers if you're inexperienced, much more if you're disabled and don't have full function over the paddles and the tides, so perhaps

both pipe dreams and budgets and all, so buy all means come and be able to kayak that way. But, those are as you said yourself, people experienced. And the safety factor is paramount. And will it encourage me to go there, the only other wheelchair person that spoke here this evening, said not so much, and I say no not at all. Because I barely want to fight the traffic at Victoria Park at the best of times. 100% we need to go ahead with this, and accessibility, we need to think about location for the accessibility part. And I'm not opposed to the dock, but I was very, very struck by the first person who spoke this evening about tides, risks, and children. The nurse that spoke, these things do potentially happen, whether its people gathering when you don't want them to be there, people diving when they shouldn't be. Signs don't prevent those things. All I can say as a person living the disability lens, that's what I see every day. So, as me in a chair, I'm telling you that Victoria Park, would I take a canoe there? Who would? Able-bodied or disabled, there's no place, what am I going to do with my canoe? How am I going to take it there? How am I going to take my kayak there? We've all gone the strip, so to me that doesn't seem like the logical place. Have you seen the arm in action personally or even a video, because there's even quite a drop down from where you scoot your bottom across and then have to get to the craft. And has anyone from council, well Marsha Carrol was here this evening to speak to it, the consultation, I wondered if you had consulted with them, but that's been answered. Even the fact that there was only 1 bid received; I wondered what measures were taken to ensure there wasn't a more functional or cost effective option out there and the durability and warranty on this item. These things whenever you have a monopoly, where there's only 1 bid, I was concerned about those items. I was also very concerned about where the four parking spaces currently are, and the three that will be added. Even if there were seven, there five cars along the drawing that everyone sees, even if there were seven right along there, I'm not bringing my canoe or kayak there. The traffic that goes by there, for me to open the door and access that, not going to work.

8:43PM - Cody Clinton, 114 Longview Dr, I want to speak in favour of the dock, like Mathieu. I am a board member of Fusion Charlottetown. This is something we see as a project that will enhance the city, and enhance the city for youth, and that's something we want to see done. A lot of my comments that I'm going to make were already said, but to echo a few of them. I have young kids, I'm relatively new to the city of Charlottetown, I am in Islander. But, we purchased a home here in Charlottetown about six years ago. I have a three year old and an eleven year old and I see Victoria Park as being continually enhanced by the services that have been implemented by the City, whether it's been the pool. I take the kids out after work, I drag the kids to the car and I get them in and we drive down to Victoria Park and we go into the pool. I don't think it's any different for young people with a kayak and a paddleboard; it's the same amount of work. I hear a lot of issues about parking, accessibility, and about this not being the right location. I guess the only thing that I really want to convey to Council is that it's important that we try. We've already purchased the dock, we have it correct? We could put it in the water; we could try it for a year. There's already been as Becka mentioned earlier, there's been the Flotilla already. We could try, we could gather the data, and we could determine what impact it does have on the park. I think as a council for the city to try and progress on some of these issues, we always want to try. We always want to push; we always want to see what happens. And we might make mistakes, and you know what, I hear a lot of people wanting to prevent accidents and I don't want anything to happen to my kids either. But, we can't control those accidents; we can't foresee everything that could happen. But, that doesn't mean that we can't try to give people access and see what happens. And, if there's a better location next year, the beauty of it is, it's only a temporary dock, it's only seasonal. We can move it in a year,

we can move it in 2 years, or down the road. But I would implore that council to really look at trying and see what happens, measure the usage. By all means, listen to the safety concerns.

8:46PM - John Riley, believes the dock should be tried. I also agree that being given access to that water to the disabled and to other people to, because you have park out there that hasn't grown one damn bit, but the population has. You're going to have to give them access to the water. You've got access for the kids, but you don't have access for the teenagers. All you've got to do is worry about the safety, and all you've got to do there is have a lifeguard for when it's being used.

8:48PM - Cathy MacDougall, 75 Walthen Dr. I'm going to go back to the first issue that was brought up from the very first person who spoke tonight on safety. I'm going to go back to when I was a young person; I know the adults are going to look at what the tides are. But, as a youth I was talked into going out with some people in a row boat out on the Charlottetown Harbour. We met up with those three tides and the coast guard rescued us and I'm lucky to be here today because of doing that. And, I'm sure there will be youth that try the same thing that we did. So, the other thing, everybody is talking about swimming, in order to swim you want some sort of smooth bottom. I don't know if you're going to drag that area, but I mean its shells, it's rocks, you're going to have to wear your water boots because you're not going to be swimming there. The other thing is there's a lot of elderly people that I take for a drive and the one thing that they want to do is drive around Victoria Park. Even as it is right now with the parking along the waterside, I've had four or five elderly people in my car say we're around Victoria Park where's the water I can't see it. They couldn't see it because of the cars that are parked there now. I know there's a group here who's getting older, they're going to drive around and have their grandchildren drive them around and be able to see the water. We can't see it now if you're driving around, so there's a parking issue. If you're walking on the boardwalk, you're walking this way, there's people going around the boardwalk that way their coming back around the boardwalk. If you're going to have somebody with a kayak, they're going to be going across. Those people who are walking either way. I know because of a friend of mine, spoke here earlier tonight and we have enough trouble walking on the boardwalk, she has a disability, and we have a hard enough time walking with the dogs that are on 10 and 12ft leashes that are getting in the way. I'm not talking about someone in a wheelchair; I'm talking about someone who has vision problems. So, there's a whole other side of disability too. I think they need access. Yes I want to see accessibility; maybe you could put somewhere where you do the same as when Becka had the floatation that you can walk down there. But, I'm not sure we want to be jumping off, or sailing off there.

8:51PM - Roger Langille, 23 Sinclair Ave., I've lived in Charlottetown for 40 years. Had a couple questions addressed to council. Is it correct that no motorized water craft are permitted to use the floatation?

That's correct (Mitchell Tweel?)

there will be a prohibition is that correct?

There won't be a prohibition Roger, but what we'll do is take the necessary steps to ensure that no motorized vehicles. (Tweel)

To make that happen, you say it won't be a prohibition, but if there isn't a prohibition, than they are permitted to.

Mayor- The effort is that there will be no motorized watercraft allowed to use the floating dock. How we enforce that, is another issue that you're asking.

The second question that I have, a lady spoke earlier and I didn't know this, but maybe its Charlottetown's best kept secret. Certainly I wasn't aware of it. That the City invested money to a ramp or some sort of access to the water at the Yacht Club, is that correct?

(Mayor) That is correct and Frank could you speak to that, how much we've invested so far at the Charlottetown Yacht Club?

Frank- Yeah we put in a floating dock system which is similar to the one here, I wouldn't be able to exactly say what we spent on it as I wasn't the manager at the time.

I'm not asking how much was spent. Is it correct then, that if I have a kayak or canoe, I can drive down to the Yacht Club and launch it on some sort of ramp at a cove there.

Frank- Yes that is correct, behind the Yacht Club.

And that cove is more protected, than the open water around Victoria Park. Is it not?

Frank- I wouldn't exactly know

My submissions are these. I am shocked quite honestly, to discover tonight that we have perfectly good access that we've paid for, in safer water. Anyone who's walked around the boardwalk, or who's walked by the Yacht Club knows that cove by the Yacht Club is calmer and safer than out by Victoria Park. I'm shocked that we have that and that isn't being proposed. I'm not opposed to having safe access to the water in Charlottetown Harbour, by pleasure craft or kayaks. But the proposal at Victoria Park, I echo Brian Gillis's comments it's just ill conceived. It's the wrong place. The boardwalk in the 40 years that I've been here was one of the best ideas this City has ever had. I walk it regularly, and I'll tell you 80% of the people there, including myself, wouldn't be out walking at all, were it not for the boardwalk. It's a wonderful thing to see that continue, and I don't think we should do anything that interferes with that or jeopardizes that. Now, one of the speakers earlier said that this room is filled by older people. Regrettably my hair, has some white in it too. But, younger people weren't prohibited from coming to this meeting, and I think City Council should take notice of who's here. In my mind the people here are the people who hold Victoria Park and the boardwalk dear to their hearts. I don't mean this unkindly, but I've watched the Victoria Park and the developments that have occurred and regrettably it seems to be in places, and it's not this council, it's been happening over decades, when the City doesn't know what to do with something, well we'll put it in Victoria Park. For years we debated, it's become a dumping ground regrettably, not of garbage, but it's just the go to place to put something. There was debates forever about the skate park, where are we going to put it? Finally, well put it in Victoria Park. And I don't know why quite frankly why that barn or shed structure was built, that show thing on the front lawn. In my view it's hideous, but that's just my opinion. The grant Brian Gillis mentioned from the Province to the City, it says in it that the City will not on any account whatsoever use the said lands for purposes of circuses, shows, or exhibitions. And yet we built that building I just referred to in which shows take place at. And it says if we violate this, we lose the land. My point is when this land was granted to Charlottetown; it was in the trust that Mr. Gillis spoke of where we've crossed the line already.

Mayor- Just on the shows and exhibitions you cannot charge to use that park.

My final point is that the City is being reckless with Victoria Park, and if we can't come up with a better place, I've heard a couple good suggestions, including the hospital, the one at the end of Belvedere, and the one we paid for, how about that one. What we do is we dump it all in Victoria Park, now I'm going to leave with a final quote from Canada's best known and talented singers, poets if you will Jonan Lee Mitchell, wrote a song years ago some of the people in this room might be old enough to remember it. Big Yellow Taxi, don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got till it's gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot.

8:58PM - Tom Connor, Queen Elizabeth Dr. I want to make two or three short points. I want to lay an issue to rest. Most kayakers that I've spoken with couldn't care less, whether there's a dock sticking out into the water for them to get into their boat on. They launch at a beach, and if they want to launch someplace else. There's a place half a kilometer in either direction up by the lighthouse is one. Down at the Yacht Club is another. Just as good, maybe better because there's parking. So, we don't need to talk about kayakers and whether they're going to use that thing. Second point I want to make is about access to water for people with disabilities. I've had a disability for the last five years using a cane, before I had a disability I could walk on a floating dock without too much trouble. But, I can tell you that they move, a dock moves as you move across the dock. And if there's any kind of water action, like a wave for example, you're going to be in a very hard spot if you've got a disability trying to balance yourself against those movements. So, maybe it's not such a great idea, water access is a great idea. But, a floating dock I don't think is the answer. The third point I want to make and it follows Brian Gillis's point, he talked about some of the principles of planning. I think this is another one if he had gotten the time. And that is to consider all alternatives, and I don't think you've done that. I think you've had an idea about a floating dock, that was probably handed to you by a consultant and you jumped at it. Well, you've got a chance now to jump back. And I have a suggestion, instead of sticking 50 or 80ft out of the water why don't you consider something with an access point parallel to the shore. You already got one there, it's a little step that goes down into the water, it's about 6ft wide, has plenty of access, you can sit on that step once you get down there. You can dangle your feet in the water and see as far as there is to go. And if you put a couple more access points like that, you wouldn't have people seeing this ugly piece of infrastructure. You wouldn't have them seeing anything, but you would have people using those access points.

9:02PM - Laine McCarron 78 Barrymore Court, I'm in a bit of shock to realize we already have a slip to launch our kayaks and small craft. I've followed this issue all along, the best I could, and now maybe I missed it, but I don't think it was ever mentioned by anyone on Council or the previous Council that the taxpayers have already paid for a slip for these craft. And now we've turned around and spent money on another one. And I'm wondering do we have the receipt, can we take it back. Can we exchange it for one that doesn't have the launch aspect, because there seems to be a couple of issues here? One is the launching of the small craft, well we already have that. And the other one is and it's very important and I agree with that is the access to the water for families, particularly people with mobility issues. I think that's very important. It's certainly known in this room, and I don't think people would argue against that it's a great idea and something that we need. My concern with this whole thing whether were launching kayaks or just walking out on it, my big thing is location. Location, location, location. There's a safety issue no matter where you put it, if we find another spot, those safety issues are still going to be there whether it's at Victoria Park or the lower end of Belvedere Ave. or whatever. But, I'll come back to location and what I find troubling and I guess I'm one of these older folks, the gentleman I think he's gone now, the Nimrods' gentleman, I'm not sure his name. He spoke about what makes the park beautiful was the playground, well that's important of course. And all these other attractions, and the tennis courts, that's what makes the park beautiful. Well, those are important components of the park that have been there for as long as I remember. The tennis courts have been there, the ball diamonds, the playground and things like that. But we've added the garage, like the gentleman said, it's an eyesore. All I see is the garage door, and we've even dumped snow in there one year. And moving forward, we keep adding things, small things, the skateboard park, you name it. It's death by a thousand cuts, to

the park. In my opinion, what makes that park beautiful is the open green space. Can that somehow include an extension of the boardwalk, so people with mobility issues and others can have better access to the water. That may be okay and not infringe with the open green space, but we have to draw the line here at some point and say enough is enough. We take pride in this city and our heritage. I've been at many council meetings and I often hear the councillors speak about our beautiful downtown and our heritage. Councillor Rivard I know your familiar with the five hundred loss and the importance of that plan to preserve our heritage. And I hear councillors talking about the ambiance of the downtown, and we all love that. But, in my opinion, our heritage also includes our parklands. Victoria Park is the crown jewel, the four squares is included in that. And, I think council has an obligation to protect that heritage as well and stop nickel and diming and putting stuff in there that at some point in time we're going to be left with Coney Island type of thing.

9:07PM - Karen, 53 Fitzroy, Has been a citizen of Charlottetown for a number of years. I have a young family. I notice most of my tribe has already left the room, but I have to say that I'm a little disappointed in the tone and tenor of this session. I would like to really commend the mayor and council for their progressive way of thinking. Perhaps, the design element of this particular structure is not exactly perfect. Maybe there are approaches that could be made or changed, but I really think that young families and young people should be afforded access to the water. It is an extension of that green space. It is not a creation of another ugly attraction in the park. I heard a lot about safety as I sat and listened, and as I said I'm a mother, I've raised small children in and around that park. I have teenage children now that spend a lot of time in and around that park as well. Probably, could be doing some really dangerous things, because that is what children do. And as parents that's what we need to allow them to do so they can understand what acceptable risk is. I have to say that the only way that we can ensure safety of our children and young people in the park, is to prohibit them from accessing the park themselves. Let's just ban the kids from the park. That's what I'm hearing. And that's how I feel as a young person and I particularly take exception to the gentleman who insinuated that only those who are here and the demographic that is largely represented here are the ones who should be listened to and heard.

9:10PM - Stella Newman, 46 River Ridge Dr. Because I heard some comments, I figured I'd better correct some of the images that are in your mind. I'm 75, I've been in the park since I've been five, and so I have a good memory of everything. I swam at the Brighton slip at the end of Brighton Rd. That's where we took our Red Cross swimming lessons, and the water became polluted. So, Kiwanis built the pool for us, thank God for Kiwanis. Then, when we're twelve we had to leave the pool, then you had to go around Victoria Park, where the raft was and the fence and the bathing houses. The fence was all around the park at that particular time. Now, we did swim towards a raft, but eventually many years later it became polluted. So, we had to leave there and then there was no swimming in the park. Now, for the lady that got up and spoke about the Flotilla at the park, about the fence and because they had the boardwalk they had to pull down the fence. Well I was there when all that happened, and I was part of it. I tell you, the fence was coming down because it was rickety. The boardwalk was not there. I was on town planning board, and I was interested in many things, amalgamation, and of Victoria Park, and of when the city became responsible for the costs, and this was 30 years ago. And I didn't want to bring that up, but anyway at that time the first Victoria Park plan 30 years ago, the parks and recreation wanted to close one or two of the roads, and why because they were going to take a fence down and the grass was wet, people had nowhere to walk when the grass

was wet. So, they took the fence down, so with the two roads when parks wanted to do this. We mounted a campaign and we had 25 000 signatures and a packed Georgian room right here and that petition said we wanted one of the two roads to remain open to vehicle traffic. And, we initiated the building of the boardwalk. There was not a boardwalk in PEI at that time. So, I have to tell you that's how we got a boardwalk and that's why the fence is down. I'm glad people brought up the Victoria Park Masterplan, because this floating dock is just a little issue that came out of that. I did get a chance to review it when I heard about it. How this floating dock came, I read it, and of the people who were around giving their opinions it came to the youth for Victoria Park for this Victoria Park Masterplan for 2013. They wanted a basketball court, they wanted a soccer field, they wanted access to the water, and more food outlets. Now, to me that was the only thing that I saw the public wanted was this access to the water from the youth. I understand where they're coming from. I was part of the youth when we had access to the water. But, do you know how we had access to the water? It's called wooden steps that went down to the coastline into the water and that is a safe way for you to be able to get in. For people with disability, you can build a ramp of some sort that's very close to the water and that will give them access. You wouldn't be here at this public meeting unless a few of us really pushed the issue with parks and recreation to get this public meeting. Because I tell you, it was not going to happen. You didn't follow the bylaw, you said it in your script. You were prepared because I gave you a lot of emails Mitch. And you got a lot of information from those emails, so you're well prepared for this meeting. With the bylaws, councillors I have empathy for you. You are on the mercy of any chairman of any city department, to give you all the correct legal and bylaw information before making a decision. Especially, a very costly decision. If that information is not forthcoming the City of Charlottetown and its residents are in a lot of trouble. Keep in mind this Victoria Park issue that we do have bylaws that are there and they weren't followed this time and they weren't many times before. Now, remember we've got the old hospital coming down, just remember you have to follow the bylaw. Only green grass can grow there, then you can have your meeting. Now, I want to talk about the floating dock. I do not want it, but Mitch has been pushing for safe access to the water for boardwalk users. I guess, it depends on what safe access to the water means to you, kayakers, canoers, etc. To dangle your feet for some, not everyone will be able to do that. It's darn near physically impossible for most of us. For all the rest, no different than on the boardwalk except maybe more stability on the boardwalk. Is that extra stroll really necessary for \$52 000+. My vision of safe access to the water requires actually getting in the water, not looking over at it, or feeling on bouncy water. It's whether to swim or paddle, cool off on a humid day, or be in a wheelchair in the water like the Kiwanis pool is apparently going to offer this summer. The floating dock does not allow that kind of access. Mitch wants to prevent accidents from climbing on the rocks, whether this floating dock goes in or not, children and adults will always climb on those rocks. They are adventuresome, curious, and just human nature. Safety in the water, on the dock, on the boardwalk, and the Victoria Park roadway is a very big issue here. Mitch says no swimming, or motorized craft users are allowed. No lifeguard, no matter what your rules are, they are going to come. And the temptation to be at that dock is too great. You know the saying, build it and they will come. Parking, good luck. Last Saturday was an absolutely beautiful day at Victoria Park and the Victoria Park roadway was jam packed with moving cars. Bumper to bumper all the way, I was there. No possibility of going over the speed limit that day, not many took Mitch's advice to park in the provincial parking lot. To the parks and recreation, and only one is here, besides Mitch. This spring we are overburdened on the Victoria Park road way, the boardwalk, and bike lanes with a lot of problems without the floating dock. Please, start fixing

those problems that need to be fixed. But, please withdraw the floating dock from the Victoria Park, and please allow City Council to make the situation right for everyone's sake.

9:20PM - Ann MacNevin, Belvedere Ave. I have five quick points here. The temperature of the water in June, like that gentleman said is frigid. There is nobody who's going to want to go in the water in June, not unless they have a survival suit on. So, we're looking at use in July, August, and September, and maybe the beginning of October. My first comment to Mitch when I walked in was, so where's your project? And I looked at a photo and said that's it, all this for that? This has to be a joke; it reminds me of when they were building the fixed link. Everyone was saying it's not going to be our island anymore. You've got a strip of pavement 22ft wide and it's hooked in one place and this isn't an island anymore. Oh my god get over yourselves. The second point is remember the dragon races here? There was a temporary dock with the dragon boats, everything went exceptionally well. That was one of the times I was on top of the hill watching everything going on down below, everything went swimmingly as it were. So, yes temporary, it can be removed, if a hurricane approaches. The city workers can go down and lift the thing out. When hurricane Juan was coming and the people left their boats in the Yacht Club, well can't fix stupid. You can't make enough rules or legislations against poor judgement and as far as letting little kids go down there and kids getting off on their own. Where are their parents? Why don't you know where your children are and what they're doing? We all remember what a mess Hurricane Juan made of the park, we were there we saw it, that's why those big rocks are there. That was barely a category 1, if a category 2 or better ever hits here, all the rocks are going to end up in the roadway and the place is going to be trashed. Has anyone in this room heard of global warming and sea level rise? That hasn't come up once tonight. That park is going to be gone. Enjoy it and use it up because it's going to be covered with water. You're talking about grandchildren, well unless your grandchildren are walking around today, their grandchildren are not going to see that park it's going to be gone.

9:24PM - Gaye Hood, 55 Weymouth St, people in PEI don't like change, and it doesn't matter where you put this floating Flotilla or whatever they want to call it, people are going to disagree no matter where you put it. Victoria Park, Queen Elizabeth, whatever, they're going to complain, they're going to say we want another public meetings. I'm in favour of the flotilla in Victoria Park and I think it's a great idea. But, people don't like change.

9:25PM - George Crawford, 516 North River Rd, there was one comment made this evening, about information sent to you Councillors. I sent an email to every councillor, I got two responses. Now, I don't expect the council here to answer every email that everyone sends them, whether they're for or against the whole subject. I'm going to read what I sent to each of you councillors in case you don't remember or didn't have the time to answer it. I've been a resident of Charlottetown since 1970. I've been involved over the years; I have not been involved in municipal politics, except when my friend George MacDonald wanted to become mayor. I said George I'll give you every ounce I have to get you there. Now it wasn't because Tex MacDonald was mayor, but it helped a lot. I'm glad George won. It would appear to me and others that city council made a mistake, firstly my ordering the floating dock. Now, I know you have new members on the council now, not everyone was on the previous council. But, without any public input as well and not us gaining support from the harbour authority. Minor, minor detail. The mistake was further emphasized when the recreation committee decided to place this floating dock in Victoria Park boardwalk, again without public input. We have public input tonight, and I know there was a lot of fighting to get it. They should have realized there

would have been some logical opposition for many reasons, especially the lack of available parking and the increase in traffic with the beautiful new addition of the children's playground. It is indeed unfortunate that the dock was purchased; it would appear that there is other locations within the confines of Charlottetown Harbour that could be utilized such as Queen Elizabeth Drive, the area off the co-op ball diamond at Queen Elizabeth Park. The area would probably not create a traffic nightmare, and I didn't know until tonight that there was a floating dock that evidently we've paid for without too much publicity and it's down at the Yacht Club. So if the kayakers and so on want a place for entry, there are plenty of other places for entry. Thinking of parking and safety, and I'm not against it in any way, having the floating dock placed somewhere else. I'm certainly against having a place in Victoria Park, and I'm going to suggest something that nobody else did, sell the damn thing to someone else that wants it. You're only going to be out \$50 000. And, you're going to save a lot of grief. If you can't find a place to put it, that's suitable to the majority of people. Sell it, get something for it and realize that you've made a mistake and say we'll own up to it.

9:28PM - Lewis Newman 46 River Ridge Dr., There are about 20 reasons against this but I'll only mention 3. Number 1 parking. Number 2 is parking. And number 3 is parking.

9:29PM - Kirstin Conner, Queen Elizabeth Dr., I echo the sentiment of Brian Gillis. Brian and I served on the Heritage Board for the City of Charlottetown a number of years ago. Keep in mind that Victoria Park is a historical site.

9:30PM - Bill Henry, 95 Prince Charles Dr., I just want to say there's a reason that all us white haired people are here. I noticed Cathy is gone, but I can remember driving her around on my tricycle. So, I know and love Charlottetown and Prince Edward Island. I think it is imperative that we maintain Victoria Park as a green open space with a minimum of things going on such as docks, playgrounds, the children are already there. The docks in particular bother me because I don't believe the harbour is safe to swim in anymore. And that's a pretty big thing when you're putting your toes in the water, just think about it you're probably going to end up with some kind of fungus.

9:31PM - Helen Bradley, after listening to all these today went very well. The gentleman that spoke on it being sturdy and lifeguards and stuff like that. That's fine during the day. But I have a funny feeling that there's so many dare devils today, you can get people highly intoxicated, people that are on drugs, people that want to go out for a swim and there's no security there. There's not going to be a guard on all through the night. That is one of my big concerns other than the parking.

Councillor Tweel I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for coming out here tonight. I think it was a pretty good exercise, I think everyone was given an opportunity to express their concerns and bring up some suggestions and recommendations and we certainly appreciate it. I want to thank all the member of council for being here as well.

Meeting adjourned