

JSCA Planning Committee
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2007

Present: Dan Wallace, Chair; Mark Scott, Brian Key, Chris Stairs, Mike Cotter, General Manager.
Guest: Dave Thomas, MacSailing
Regrets: Gail Owen

1. Marginal Wharf

The Vancouver Park Board will be hosting a Public Forum, or Forums, this Spring regarding the future of the Marginal Wharf immediately east of the Jericho Sailing Centre. The “Marginal Wharf” is a large concrete and wood structure which is approximately 70 years old. It was originally a taxi way for the Department of National Defense’s large Stranraer seaplanes to make their way between the on land hangers and the ramp leading into the sea. The wooden support structure has deteriorated substantially. Every time a drift log gets in there in turbulent seas it acts like a battering ram against the pilings.

The Committee discussed how governments have dealt with other publicly owned derelict waterfront facilities in the past including Steveston Landing, Lonsdale Quay, West Van Pier and the Expo lands. Individuals and groups outside of the JSCA value the strolling and viewing opportunities provided by the Marginal Wharf and those activities should be included in any potential solutions put forward by the JSCA.

The Committee, after much discussion and consideration put forward the following general ideas they would like to see included in the Marginal Wharf project:

1. More ocean access for small, naturally powered craft.
2. A more effective facility to support the Disabled Sailing Association.
3. Maintain and enhance public water viewing.
4. Educational Component-interpretive signage regarding history, environment, wildlife and the Port of Vancouver.
5. Increasing compound to the east with a gate to access the “Marginal” area.
6. More serviceable ocean access, increased utility for naturally powered ocean craft.
7. Improved safety.

The Park Board is drafting terms of reference for the project which should be available in the next few weeks. These terms of reference should assist the JSCA in further developing a planning strategy with respect to the Marginal Wharf and will be considered at the next Planning Committee meeting.

2. Adjournment

Next Meeting Tentatively April 24 @ 1900H