



Symposium #20 - The Year of Renewal

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Welcome to the 20th Annual Symposium. The Symposium recaps the annual events that have taken place, reviews the ongoing work of the Association over the past year, and presents plans for the continued development of our working waterfront.

We would like to note that Sandy Marshall, Chair of LWAI for many years and the Association's guiding light, has retired from the Chair position. Sandy will continue as a member of the Board. Donna Knickle and Jim Mosher have assumed the position as Co-Chairs.

With changes to Crown Corporations by the Nova Scotia Government in 2022, Develop Nova Scotia was incorporated in the newly established Build Nova Scotia. We are pleased to have as keynote speaker today, Mr. Jonathan Veale, Vice President from Build Nova Scotia. He will share with us the Build NS mandate and goals and how their Lunenburg waterfront ownership will grow moving forward. Lunenburg MLA Susan-Corkum Greek will offer her comments on this significant piece of Lunenburg and the LWAI.

Build Nova Scotia and Invest Nova Scotia have been jointly working to develop the way forward for the Zwicker Building and there have been several parties who have expressed interest in taking space here. The goal is to engage a tenant who has long term goals for the facility and that preferably would be an Ocean related organization that would add long term jobs to the area. Advancements have been made but no news or announcements are ready to be shared. It is a wonderful facility and deserves the well thought attention and decisions that these government departments are contemplating.

As we reported at our last Symposium, LWAI believes the 5-year review of the Lunenburg Master Plan is an essential document needed to guide the way forward of all stakeholders. There are many areas within the waterfront as well as others that require consideration in the development of a Master Plan. Build NS has indicated that their mandate includes developing Operations Plans, not the format of a Master Plan that we have enjoyed having in the past. LWAI continues to promote the importance of creating a new 5-Year Master Plan and is working with the government to secure this as our go-forward blueprint. The focus of LWAI is to pay attention to the development and growth of the "Working Waterfront" of the whole harbour. This goes beyond the traditional fishery and marine skills, to include opportunities in new ocean technologies and research. Of course, we continue our interest in and will continue to monitor the properties that are presently under review by BNS, including Zwicker and those properties currently being evaluated due to significant deterioration.

Jason Huskilson, ABCO Industries, will share an update of his business efforts, Heather Kelday from the Nova Scotia Sea School will provide their plans for 2024. The Lunenburg Shipyard has been a significant area of growth this past year. We considered it so significant and therefore important to invite Capt. Brad Boutilier back again this year to share what has taken place and their go forward plans.

Thank you for attending the LWAI Symposium #20 - The Year of Renewal.