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Mayor and Council  
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Ladies and Gentlemen

Re: Canoe Wharf

Canoe Wharf is significant asset for the citizens of Canoe. Many of us walk down to it every day, and it certainly is a gathering spot in spring, summer, and fall – for kids, adults, and boaters.

Two or three years ago, the City removed the three old docks – due to rot – and left one new dock in their place. So, for the last two summers, there has been minimal space for swimmers, fishers, and boaters to co-exist safely on that reduced surface. This winter, one of the old piles collapsed and now it is a safety hazard, especially for swimmers who will be tempted to stand on it.



Submerged piling

I have reached out to City staff on more than one occasion asking when the dilapidated Canoe wharf pilings will be replaced and the remaining dock space “refilled” with new dock(s). I was told several times that the City is waiting on permission from a senior government to set new piles.

I read in the Salmon Arm Observer (April 27, 2022) that the floating docks at Salmon Arm’s Marine Park will soon be replaced. “The old wooden docks are being replaced with aluminum docks, which will include removal and replacement of the wood pilings with steel. Similar work was done previously where the dragon boats launch on the other side of the wharf.”

What about the docks in Canoe? Has the City received the necessary permission? If not, can Canoe citizens depend on City Council to push as hard for permission to set new piles in Canoe as they must have done in Salmon Arm? Can we trust that City Council respects our needs as much as those of the boating interests in Salmon Arm?

Yours sincerely

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