

Resort Village of Cochin
Council Comments 1 of 2024
April 18, 2024

1. Jackfish Breakwater Project

A public meeting was called and held on April 9, 2024. The purpose was to enable the Village Council to disclose funding options for completion of the Jackfish Breakwater Project and to allow ratepayers the opportunity to ask questions and make comments. 29 ratepayers attended in person and by Zoom.

Following the public meeting, Council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting and discussed all matters considered during the public meeting.

Council then resolved to proceed with an application to the Provincial Government for permission to issue a debenture in an amount not to exceed \$600K. That application has now been submitted. All indications are that we will have a positive response before the end of April.

Tenders seeking a general contractor close on April 23, 2024, and it is anticipated that a contract will be let in early May. It is the intention to begin stockpiling rock early in June with shovels in the ground around the end of August. The plan is to have the construction part of the project completed before the end of the year.

2. Further Breakwater Funding

As we have noted on numerous occasions, restoration of the breakwater is not just a Cochin matter but is a Lake Communities' issue. As restoration is so important, we encourage all Organized Hamlets which have yet to announce a donation, the Resort Village of Aquadeo and the Village of Meota to join with current donors and commit to provide financial assistance.

We are awaiting a positive funding response from the Jackfish Lake Watershed Association as such funding is consistent with their mandate and the free flow of water from Murray into Jackfish Lake helps insure proper lake levels.

In addition, we believe there are individuals and companies associated with the lakes that have the wherewithal and interest to assist in funding and we look forward to positive response from them.