

November 3, 2017

Ronnie LeBlanc
Warden of the Municipality of Clare
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Dear Mr. LeBlanc,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Belliveau Cove Development Commission (BCDC) regarding the need for dredging at the entrance to the harbour in Belliveau Cove.

Over the past two decades, millions of dollars have been invested in and around the harbour in Belliveau Cove by all levels of government, fundraising and in-kind contributions. This has resulted in Belliveau Cove being one of the premier outdoor event and recreational destinations within the Municipality of Clare.

Owned by the Municipality of Clare and managed by the BCDC, the Joseph and Marie Dugas Park is now home to a farmer's market and weekly lobster boil during the summer, in addition to being the host venue for a number of community events and the starting point for a 5km seaside boardwalk trail. Tourism and cultural activities at the Joseph and Marie Dugas Park result in significant economic spinoff for the entire area.

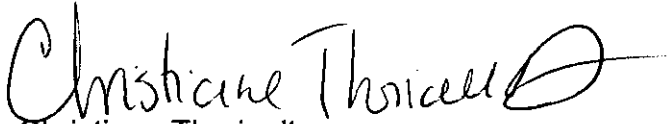
A key feature of this park is the adjacent wharf which serves as a marina for visitors to the numerous activities being held in Belliveau Cove, as well as a commercial port used by some lobster fishing boats. There is also renewed interest to use the wharf as an offloading site for other commercial sea products.

Over the past couple of years, a significant amount of sand and silt has begun depositing itself into the entrance of the harbour, resulting in navigational difficulties for vessels at low- to mid-tide. As a result, any future economic activity at the Belliveau Cove wharf is potentially at risk.

Therefore, on behalf of the BCDC, we would request that the Belliveau Cove wharf be given consideration for funding to undertake a modest dredging project at the earliest opportunity. Not only would this small investment help in preserving the important federal investments made around the harbour in recent years, but will also ensure that commercial seafood activity can continue to take place and grow.

I would be pleased to discuss this request to you further at a time of your convenience. I can be contacted at (902)-778-1598 or christianetheriault@yahoo.com. I look forward to hearing back from you in the near future.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christiane Theriault". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C' and a decorative flourish at the end.

Christiane Theriault
President
Belliveau Cove Development Commission

Cc. Colin Fraser, Member of Parliament for West Nova
Gordon Wilson, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Clare-Digby
Jacob MacLeay, Area Manager, Small Craft Harbours
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