

Below, is the website where this note from John Birch, president of the LaSalle Park Marina Association was posted and where you can read it for yourself. If they have taken it down by the time you look, we have a screen capture of it that we can send you. Underneath Birch's letter you will find the ad for the Open House on the study that shows only three partners for this study, as all sources do, and neglects to mention the fourth "silent" partner that paid for ¼ of the study.)

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!topic/BSBCNEWS/E3Sj8S2jWvA>

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**For release to: LPMA & BSBC with 1 attachment**

Dear Fellow boaters and friends

If you want a LaSalle Safe Harbour, and to discover the capacity of recreational boating needs now and projected in future for all of Halton Region, Burlington & Oakville, it is important that you make every effort to come to this study meeting and support it.

To support it with your presence and in writing to the officials in the attached document.

Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Rd near the North Service Rd, Thursday December 5 @ 7PM.

There will be a PowerPoint presentation by TOURISTICS / ShorePlan Engineering starting at 7:15PM.

The preliminary data strongly indicates that the LaSalle Safe Harbour project will only just touch the edge of demand over the next 20 years forecast, and that the Region wide market will need at least another 2,000 slips. All marina's are currently full (99.2% capacity with wait lists), and there is a current shortfall of over 700 slips.

The demographic data and trends TOURISTICS will present are fascinating. It will show robust growth in boating, the types of

boats, the age groups and gender balance, and a pressing need for more facilities of all types - and that younger folk are very very much getting involved.

This is excellent news on the viability of the LaSalle project proposal and its long term sustainability.

LPMA are cofunding this \$43,000 Phase 1 study together with Burlington, Oakville and the Region. It is the best \$6,800 we have ever spent.

Please see attached PDF announcement, it reads better than the plain text below.

Kindest regards,

John Birch

# Recreational Boating Feasibility and

Capacity Study Open House

**Thursday, December 5, 2013**

**7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**Halton Regional Centre**

**Dakota and Glenorchy Rooms**

**1151 Bronte Road, Oakville**

Conducted in partnership between the Town of Oakville, the City of Burlington, and Halton Region, the *Recreational Boating Feasibility and Capacity Study* is taking a comprehensive look at the current state of recreational boating in the

GTA/Golden Horseshoe area, with a specific focus on Halton. Presently, all marina facilities are operating close to maximum capacity and maintain waitlists. To determine if additional harbour capacity is required within the next five to 20 years, this study is examining: changing demographics of the area; impacts of changes on demand for recreational boating; sources and location of demand; current pricing strategies; economic, social, and recreational trends, and; trends in boating types and berth requirements.

We want to hear from you! At this public open house, you will have the opportunity to learn about the study including its research and findings and next steps. The open house will begin with a presentation, followed by an opportunity for you to provide feedback on what you have seen and experienced and also to ask questions of staff and the consultants.

If you are unable to attend the open house in person, you may submit questions or comments at any time to:

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