

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

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**MEETING DATE:** May 13th, 2025  
**FROM:** Alex Hackenbrook, Public Works Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Blanchard's Landing Dock Replacement

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### INFORMATION UPDATE:

On Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> 2025, Public Works staff assisted Mr. Warren Verina, Parks Superintendent for Samuel de Champlain, with the removal & installation of the floating dock located at Blanchard's Landing (Talon Lake boat launch). Prior discussions were made with all parties involved in this project (Mayor, CAO, Myself, Ontario Parks, NBMCA & MNRF) to determine the required scope of work, if/what permits were needed to be obtained before the project could commence & where the material from the existing dock would be disposed of. After discussion with NBMCA as well as MNRF they determined that there was no need for permits to complete this project & Mr. Verina had the authority through Ontario Parks & MNRF to allow the project to move ahead.

Public Works staff attended the Talon Lake boat launch with a tandem plow truck & the backhoe to remove the old dock. Once the dock was pulled out staff broke it down into manageable pieces & loaded it into the tandem truck. Staff also removed the old tires used as a flotation device under the existing dock. Sand & silt build up on the boat ramp was also removed & loaded into the tandem truck. All materials taken from the Talon Lake boat launch were dumped at the Bonfield Municipal Landfill.

This project was completed without any issues & Mr. Verina was the on-site supervisor during the time of replacement. Public Works staff went above & beyond to help out the surrounding community & ensure that Bonfield residents can travel safely to their cottages using the newly installed Blanchard's Landing dock.

Attached are the photos of the removal and placement of the docks.

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