



Canada Community Building Fund Assists Shelburne Marine Terminal Upgrade

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Project category: Tourism infrastructure

Nature of investment: Renewal/upgrade

National objective: Strong cities and communities

Project benefits: Increase tourism through national, international, and provincial channels to promote economic development and tourism

Completed 2020-21

Total project cost: \$852 819

Total CCBF \$141 555

Shelburne Harbour is one of the great natural harbours of Nova Scotia, if not the world.

A major infrastructure asset for the Port of Shelburne is the Shelburne Marine Terminal, which the Town of Shelburne acquired almost two decades ago. The terminal's T-shaped wharf is roughly 300 metres long and 15-20 metres wide. This shape has created two

inner basins, the deeper of which (to the west) is used by Clearwater and the other (to the east) by smaller fishing and recreational vessels. In addition to fish and other seafood, the marine terminal handles containers and bulk shipments. According to Harold Locke, Mayor of the Town of Shelburne, and Penny Smith, Warden of the Municipality of Shelburne, local estimates attribute approximately

250 jobs directly or indirectly to the terminal, including those in fisheries, tourism, ship repair, and general commerce.

Five years ago the marine terminal was in disrepair, which led to concern that a major asset of the port could be lost in the future. Along with assistance from Develop Nova Scotia, ACOA, and the Shelburne Port Authority, The Town



of Shelburne and the Municipality of Shelburne invested \$141,555 from their Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) allocations to provide upgrades that would prolong the life of the terminal. “The Municipality of Shelburne was pleased to partner with the Town of Shelburne and others in support of the terminal that acts as a vital economic driver for local

communities and to help secure its sustainability for the future” said Warden Smith.

Recognizing that cruise ships, sail boats, and other pleasure craft are becoming significant drivers of economic development, the Shelburne Marine Terminal has since sought to accommodate these vessels as well as the more

traditional users of the facility. The terminal is now in the difficult but enviable situation of all berthage being leased and may have to decline many one-time berthage and unloading opportunities in the future. “Shelburne harbour is one of the best natural harbours in the world ... and therefore in great demand” said Mayor Locke.

