



Statement of Principles: Dock Ownership & Use

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Dock access has become an emotional and difficult issue in our community. As a group of dock owners and supporters in the Shuswap, it is critical that we communicate clearly what we want – and do not want. We are seeking nothing more and nothing less than a reasonable, consistent, and fair method for granting semi-waterfront property owners access to authorized docks along the Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail, based on the key principles below.

BC Dock Owners are Seeking:

1. Formal permission from the CSRD as upland owners to allow docks and dock access for semi-waterfront owners;
2. Fair, achievable, and objective criteria for dock licence approval and renewal;
3. The ability to transfer dock access and usage to subsequent semi-waterfront purchasers;
4. A meaningful dispute resolution mechanism;
5. Successful completion of the Rail Trail to the benefit of our entire community; and
6. A positive response to our repeated invitation to meet with the CSRD, first issued on **October 27, 2021**. This meeting should include all members of the Rail Trail ownership group and be mediated by a neutral third party.

BC Dock Owners are NOT Seeking:

- Ownership of any portion of the Rail Trail.

The above principles represent what any property owner would want: reasonable, consistent, and fair rules from their regional government. We ask the community to join our call for the above principles to be respected as we separate fact from fiction and move our community forward together.