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Assessment and Proposal for the Restoration of the Small Shack at Lanes Cove

Overview

The "Small Shack" at Lanes Cove is one of only two remaining fish shacks in Lanes Cove owned by the City of Gloucester. The larger of the two shacks was restored through a cooperative effort between the city and community volunteers in 2012. Shortly after the restoration of the Large Shack was completed a non-profit 5013C organization was established for the upkeep of the Shack and historic preservation of the surrounding Lanes Cove area. Having concentrated on the Large Shack since the Lanes Cove Historical Association (LCHA) was established, the LCHA Board of Directors would now like to turn our attention to the restoration of the Small Shack.

Assessment

An assessment of the small shack was done by the LCHA and found that much of the original building is either deteriorated beyond repair, or was destroyed in a fire and replaced by non-appropriate building materials some time during the history of the building. Although every effort will be made to preserve the remaining building, much of the existing shack will need to be replaced with period appropriate materials.

- **Floor and Sill**

The floor of the shack appears to be in relatively good condition. Once the trash is cleaned out of the shack, a more complete assessment of the floor will be done. It is likely that there are some floor boards, etc. that require securing or replacement, but in general the floor should not require extensive work. Likewise, the sill appears to be in relatively good condition but will require further assessment once the appropriate level of demolition is done.

- **Roof**

The shack roof is severely deteriorated and shows significant signs of fire damage. It is almost certain the entire roof will need to be replaced



- **North Side**

As in the case of the roof, the entire north side of the shack has been severely damaged by fire and needs to be completely replaced. Repairs were done in the past, but are of inferior workmanship and done with inappropriate material.



- **South Side**

The south side of the shack will require some level of structural reinforcement, the windows replaced and the entire side re-shingled. The goal is to preserve as much of the south side of the building as possible.



- **Front**

The front of the shack is the best preserved portion of the shack. It will however, require some level of structural reinforcement, the window replaced and the entire side re-shingled. The door and door hardware that greatly add to the character of the shack can be preserved and reused. The goal is to preserve as much of the front of the building as possible.



- **Back**

The back wall of the shack is severely deteriorated and shows significant signs of fire damage. It is almost certain the entire back wall will need to be replaced. The chimney that originally ran up the back of the shack has fallen and cannot be salvaged. No attempt will be made to reconstruct the chimney, or replace the wood stove the once existed in the shack.



- **Utilities**

The remnants of the now disconnected electrical system will be removed. No attempt will be made to reinstall electric service to the shack, or to bring any other utility service to the building.

Proposal

LCHA seeks permission from the City to restore the small fish shack at Lanes Cove. The restoration will be done with volunteer labor and with donated materials. The restoration will be done without cost to the City of Gloucester. The proposal is to begin the work on the Small Shack in the spring of 2019 with an anticipated completion date of fall 2019.

We also request that the City inform us of any and all prerequisites needed for the Shack restoration to begin, such as building permits, etc.

Thank You

Lanes Cove Historical Association Directors.