

BOAT RAMP AT RANTA PARK

Mayor Prue and Council, I stand here tonight to present to you My thoughts on the proposed boat launch at Ranta Park.

I have read the report on the study and recommendations of the proposed ramp at Ranta Park at 1500 Front road north.

There were two suggestion of the location of the ramp. The first one being in the canal at the south end of the property would be the more costliest of the two studies.

The second of the Two proposals makes more sense, there would need to be parking for at least 40 trucks and trailers. The ramp entering directly out into the Canard river would be doable. The prevailing winds are south west and knowing wind can be an issue I would suggest contacting Walker Aggregate to see if they would be interested in donation of boulders for a break wall. I also know that there would need to be approval from ERCA and the involved Government bodies. Note that a break wall would help eliminate or slow down the buildup of silt that settles in the canals and canard river.

While I am aware marinas don't make money, I am aware that if the town along with group such as the A M A Sportsmen put together a plan for thing such as a silver base derby and walleye derby, and advertise in your tourism plan, the spinoff is money being spent in the town. Starting small and building on things is key to the towns success.

In closing I would ask town administration to consider moving forward with working on a plan for a public boat launch. It's only been two years from the time this has been asked for and I feel it is too soon to give up on it.

Thank you

Rodney Ferriss

President A M A Sportsmen's association.