



## Task Force report sets new course for Pier planning

The Centre Pier Development Task Force Final Report includes several key recommendations which the Pier Group has been advocating for years. But there is no indication yet whether the Municipality will implement the proposals.

***That's why we ask you to sign [our petition](#) urging prompt implementation of the Task Force recommendations.***

The Final Report, released in late October, came after months of hard work by Task Force members, and controversy over the minimal public consultation process set up by the Municipality. Council referred the Report to staff, but set no date for further action.

If endorsed and implemented by Council and the Harbour Commission, the Report's recommendations will open the door to a positively revitalized Pier and waterfront.

Previous municipal plans have called for all buildings on the Pier to be destroyed. But the Task Force concluded that "architecturally and socially significant" buildings on the Pier are important to the economic development of the town, and says that Council should "Create a team comprising all interested parties to honestly address the future of the Pier Buildings."

This planning process, which is to include marketing the Pier to potential investors, should not be prejudiced by a demolition order on the buildings. We call on the Municipality to defer any demolition decision, until after the full planning process recommended by the Task Force.

***We need to ensure that the Task Force report is not simply buried, and that's why we're asking all of you to sign our Petition. You can [add your name to the Petition on our website](#), or print the [attached form](#) and deliver it with signatures to our office (4476 County Road 10, L1A 3V5, fax 905-753-2668); we will deliver the collected signatures to the Municipal Office.***

### The Municipality's Centre Pier Development Task Force Final Report recommends:

- architecturally and socially significant buildings on the Pier are important to the economic development of the town
- a thorough planning process must be initiated now to ensure that the Centre Pier is not left vacant
- the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) must be required to repair or restore services on the Pier rather than simply removing them
- the Municipality must receive peer review of the Centre Pier remediation cost and scheduling estimates provided by PHAI, with the same rigour applied to other reports by PHAI