

VISION TO REALITY: PORT OF HONEY HARBOUR COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Township of Georgian Bay



"Reflecting on the last ten years, we've always desired to be part of a project that leaves a lasting impact. The Port of Honey Harbour is now starting to take hold, fulfilling the community's vision. We've transformed it into a destination at the end of the road, and Honey Harbour is officially open for business." - Christine & Adrian Conrad owners of Delawana Resort

Abstract

The "**Vision to Reality: Port of Honey Harbour Community Collaboration**" project represents a transformative initiative aimed at revitalizing the waterfront of Honey Harbour, a critical hub for local commerce and tourism. Launched in February 2015 and completed in October 2023, this ambitious reconstruction project was driven by a robust partnership between community members, local businesses, and government entities.

The project's vision was to create a vibrant, sustainable, and accessible waterfront that would serve as a catalyst for economic growth and community engagement. The reconstruction efforts included extensive infrastructure improvements, such as the development of modern docking facilities, enhanced public spaces, and improved accessibility features. These enhancements were designed to support increased tourism, provide better services to local businesses, and create a welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike.



Commercial Operator Landmark Cruise Lines utilizing the commercial docks last fall in conjunction with the Honey Bee Festival.



The Honey Bee Festival held it's Vendor Marketplace and events down the Promenade at the Port of Honey Harbour October 2023. Now set in stone to be the annual location for The Buzz Marketplace and Entertainment.

Working Together

A hallmark of the project is the **community-centered approach**. Through a series of public consultations, workshops, and collaborative planning sessions with the Community Advisory Group (CAG), stakeholders at all levels were actively involved in shaping the project's outcomes. This inclusive process ensured that the redevelopment not only met the practical needs of the port but also reflected the aspirations and values of the Honey Harbour community.

The completion of the **Port of Honey Harbour** waterfront reconstruction in October 2023 marks a significant milestone in the region's development. The project has already begun to yield positive economic impacts, including increased tourism, event creations, and enhanced business opportunities and employment. Moreover, the revitalized port has become a focal point for community activities, fostering a renewed sense of pride and cohesion among residents.

This project exemplifies the power of community collaboration in driving sustainable development and economic revitalization. We are proud to submit the "Vision to Reality: Port of Honey Harbour Community Collaboration" project for consideration in the EDAC awards, celebrating its success in transforming our waterfront into a thriving, dynamic, and inclusive space for all.

Embark on the Journey with Us

- [Honey Harbour Waterfront Development Plan written February 2015](#)
- [2016 Original Honey Harbour Plan](#)
 - [Intro to Honey Harbour Waterfront Plan 60 Second Video](#)
- [2020 Update on Honey Harbour Plan 60 Second Video](#)
- [Vision to Reality: Port of Honey Harbour Community Collaboration Final Video](#)