



City of
Peterborough

500 George Street North, Peterborough, ON K9H 3R9

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To Whom It May Concern:

It has been my pleasure to have worked with R & J Machine of Lakefield, Ontario on dock installations for the Peterborough Marina and Mark Street Wharf.

R & J Machine installed two marina dock systems, one with 28 boat slips and a second with 32 boat slips at the Marina. The docks have made a tremendous difference for our mooring clientele. Constructed with a welded metal truss and a pressure treated decking, and supported by spiral welded tubes, the docks are completely stable and solid. Currently, we also have a seasonal boater with a disability who can easily navigate with confidence and safety on the docks in her wheelchair. The docks have an excellent 'flow through' system that permits lake debris to move through the docks and not collect between the finger mooring wells.

R & J Machine has also fabricated a unique connection from dock to seawall that can respond to fast currents while maintaining dock stability. The docks replaced by R & J Machine have saved the City of Peterborough money in annual operational costs. Previously, the City was required to remove the previous docks to another location in the lake. It was a costly expense incurred annually for dock winterization. With the R & J Docks, we now loosen the chains, disconnect the seawall connection, and the docks are stable through winter, even in the constant thaw and freeze of the Peterborough weather. The new docks are the envy of the waterway system and they have attracted new boaters to the Marina.

This year, the firm also installed a commercial aluminum dock at the former Mark Street Wharf. It provides temporary mooring for boats being launched into Little Lake and permits visitors to moor while visiting the Village of Ashburnham. This dock is another stable structure even in fast currents and is well used in our community.

It is without question I would recommend R & J Machine for a future project with your organization. Their staff is extremely knowledgeable, helpful and very friendly. They are always available by phone and are quick to meet you on site for questions or explanations on the system. No issue is too small for them to respond to and their customer service rates with the best.

If by means of this letter you would like to further discuss R & J Machine, do not hesitate to contact me at (705) 742-7777 ext. 1828. I would be happy to discuss our past experience with this firm.

Sincerely,

Mary Gallop, Manager
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