

**Delta/VPA Roberts Bank Working Group**  
January 29<sup>th</sup> 2004 Meeting

**Corporation of Delta**

Mayor Jackson  
George Harvie  
Ian Radnidge  
Mike Brotherstan  
Thomas Leathem  
Gary West  
Gord Freeborn  
Cheryl Hall

Delta Advisory Committee

Mary Tait

**Vancouver Port Authority**

Patrick McLaughlin  
Mark Griggs  
Darrell Desjardin  
Duncan Wilson  
Dennis Bickel

**MoT/Fraser Gateway Program**

Ron Lepage  
Wayne Keiser  
Gary Dawson

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**1. Highway 17 and Road Planning Update**

Gary Dawson provided a summary of the work being undertaken by the Gateway Program and advised that they were examining both the Highway 17 alignment and a new alignment. He mentioned that he anticipated the Gateway Program would be getting back to Council in March on their assessments of the two alignments. He also advised that Mike Proudfoot was the new Executive Director.

George Harvie asked about the BC Ferry traffic disruption and referred to a letter sent to the Ministry of Transportation. Mark Griggs responded that VPA had not seen this letter and Ian Radnidge stated he would forward a copy to VPA.

**2. Terminal Options**

Patrick McLaughlin provided an update on the studies underway that would determine a preferred option for Terminal 2 and the site area for the Deltaport third berth expansion. He stated that there were different issues associated with each side of the causeway that were being studied such as operational issues, dredging requirements, community and proximity issues, and environmental impacts.

**3. Delta Planning & Environment Advisory Committee**

George Harvie acknowledged receipt of VPA's letter dated January 15, 2004 which provided answers to environmental questions from Delta's Planning & Environment Advisory Committee. He advised that VPA's letter would be

forwarded to Council for information. Patrick McLaughlin said that VPA is available to meet with the Planning & Environment Committee if they want further clarification. He also requested that Delta send copies of any future correspondence on Roberts Bank environmental issues to the BC Environmental Assessment Office.

#### **4. Delta Emergency Response Services**

Mark Griggs provided an update on a number of initiatives that the Corporation of Delta were involved with including the Port Container Stakeholder Committee and port security planning. Deputy Chief Constable Gary West advised that he had not received the security planning information forwarded by Graham Kee from VPA. Mark Griggs stated that he would ask Graham Kee to resend the information. Further meetings are anticipated between VPA and Delta in March in regards to emergency response planning

Gord Freeborn asked whether sea traffic volumes would be assessed in terms of traffic and safety management. Patrick McLaughlin advised that a separate study would be undertaken to address this matter.

#### **5. Socio-Economic Impact Study**

Mark Griggs provided an update on the RFP for the socio economic impact study and stated that a consultant will be selected in February. George Harvie requested that Mark Griggs work with Thomas Leathem to obtain Delta's input during the study.

#### **6. Environmental Studies Update**

Darrell Desjardin advised that all of the environmental studies are now underway and scheduled for completion by September. He mentioned that initial results were coming in from the field studies. The next step would be to determine the value-added ecosystem components (VEC's) and potential habitat mitigation options.

#### **7. Ladner Trunk Road**

Ian Radnidge stated that it was Delta's desire to implement timed truck restrictions on Ladner Trunk Road now that it was downgraded from a Provincial highway. He confirmed that the timed restrictions would not occur during the morning peak hour period. Mark Griggs confirmed VPA's support of the restrictions but suggested that there was still further information required, including the determination of the long-term regional plan and the review of improvements to Highway 17, before it could support truck restrictions. Wayne Keiser stated that MoT was reviewing Highway 99 and use of the HOV lane and would have results within six weeks. Patrick McLaughlin suggested that Ian

Radnidge, Mark Griggs and Dennis Bickel meet to discuss various interim solutions with the view to supporting timed closures of Ladner Trunk Road.

**8. Public Consultation**

Patrick McLaughlin advised that the next series of public consultation would occur in the April-May timeframe once more information was available on the terminal location options.