

Delta/VPA Roberts Bank Working Group
March 6th, 2003 Meeting

In attendance from:

Delta

Vicki Huntington, Councilor
George Harvie, CAO
John Dumont, Director HR & Corporate Planning
Gord Freeborn, Fire Chief
Karl Preuss, Director Finance
Les King, Director Engineering
Ian Radnidge, Manager Roads & Transportation
Patricia Wadmore, Development Planner
Vern Kucy, Manager Environmental Services
Benita Iversen, Policy Analyst (secondment to CAO)
Gary West, Deputy Chief Constable
Ken Kuntz, Director Parks, Recreation & Culture
John McMurchy, Manager Community Recreation Services

VPA

Patrick McLaughlin, Director CDG
Mark Griggs, Manager CDG
Darrell Desjardin, Environmental Coordinator
Anne McMullin, Director Public Affairs

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1. Patrick McLaughlin confirmed receipt of Delta's proposed "Working Group Protocol – Roberts Bank Container Expansion" and agreed that it will facilitate clear communication between VPA and the Corporation of Delta. It was agreed that VPA and Delta will meet on April 5th and thereafter, once a month on the 3rd Thursday of each month beginning April 17th. The meetings will be held at Delta's office from 1-4pm.
 2. George Harvie advised that he will provide a report to Council following each VPA-Delta meeting. The first report will be provided to Council on March 7th that will include a copy of VPA's letter to the BC Environmental Assessment Office dated February 28, 2003. Mark Griggs advised that minutes of the VPA-Delta meetings will also be posted on VPA's project website in the interest of maintaining open public access to information.
 3. George Harvie advised that Mayor Jackson met with Minister Judith Reid and John Dyble, (ADM MoT) to discuss road issues. The focus of discussion was on Highway 17 improvements. John Dyble will attend future VPA-Delta working group meetings concerning road issues.
 4. Patrick McLaughlin described the proposed Roberts Bank container expansion program indicating that there were two projects: a 3rd berth expansion at Deltaport and a new three berth terminal (Terminal 2). Patrick also outlined two areas for potential rail support track

improvements. He described the two projects as preliminary concepts that will be further defined through extensive environmental studies and community consultation. Other components such as road improvements and marine environmental mitigation will also be defined through the study/consultation process.

5. Darrell Desjardin highlighted the BC Environmental Assessment process and advised that VPA would be meeting with the BCEAO on March 11th. Two working groups would be established by the BCEAO and Delta and First Nations would be invited to participate on them.
6. Mark Griggs advised that VPA had selected a consultant to prepare a community consultation plan and requested comments on the preliminary stakeholder list that VPA had prepared as well as any suggestions on the consultation program. There was a brief discussion on possible venues for meetings.
7. George Harvie advised that Delta Council would be responsible for sending information to the Advisory Committees as required. There is no need for VPA to meet with the Advisory Committees unless requested by Delta.
8. There was a discussion on the proposed Bylaw to amend the OCP which is intended to remove the East Ladner bypass corridor. Councilor Huntington advised that Council wants the future road improvements to be contained within the existing Highway 17 corridor rather than building new roads through agricultural areas in Delta.

Mark Griggs expressed concern that it may be premature to remove potential road improvement options before traffic studies have been done and asked whether improvements to Highway 17 were feasible if the East Ladner Bypass was no longer an option. Councilor Huntington indicated that it was up to VPA to determine this. Mark Griggs indicated that VPA had recently completed a preliminary assessment of several road improvement options in Delta, including the East Ladner Bypass, which VPA would like to review with Delta. George Harvie stated that discussing the East Ladner Bypass was not an option and that staff were not able to consider this matter.

9. George Harvie advised that Council would be sending a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments stating that the traffic solutions had to be in place before the Roberts Bank container expansion projects proceed.
10. Patricia Wadmore indicated that the projects at Roberts Bank would require an amendment to Delta's OCP. Patrick McLaughlin responded that the municipal process did not apply to Federal lands but stated that he was confident the environmental review process would address all of the issues that would normally be considered in Delta's OCP amendment process.
11. It was agreed that the next meeting on April 3rd will focus on traffic. VPA will invite representatives from Translink and Transport Canada in addition to John Dyble from MoT.