

North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee – Meeting Notes

DATE:	May 28, 2015
TIME:	8:00 am – 9:30 pm
LOCATION:	John Braithwaite Centre
CHAIR	Jeff Taylor, Seaspan
VICE CHAIR	Kristi Merilees, District of West Vancouver

Agenda Topic	Discussion/Action Items
1. Welcomes and introductions; review of meeting minutes	<p>The minutes were approved.</p> <p>Follow up on action to send thank you letters to District and City Councils for recent presentations: Complete.</p>
2. Presentation on community issues survey	<p>Naomi Horsford presented on a survey completed in 2014. The purpose of the survey was to better understand perceptions and awareness of Port Metro Vancouver as well as the effectiveness of communication and engagement strategies. Key findings were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eight of 10 Metro Vancouver residents are aware of Port Metro Vancouver, including about one-in-five (21%) who can name the organization unaided. • Overall impressions of Port Metro Vancouver tend to be either neutral or positive with economic contribution to local communities being recognized as very (32%) or somewhat (48%) important. Only 9% have an unfavourable impression. • Consistently, positive economic benefits and employment are associated with Port Metro Vancouver whereas negative impressions are attributed to environmental and social impacts such as traffic chaos, perceived environmental risk of port operations, pollution generated by the port and loss of agricultural and shoreline land to port operations. <p>The complete presentation is being circulated to committee members. The ensuing discussion included questions on how issues are dealt with, the need for continued dialogue, the objective of the survey, and the level of support/opposition to the shipment of oil and coal.</p>
3. Widening of membership	<p>In the light of the upcoming end of the LLRPAC, the committee discussed ways in which the two committees could share their learnings and successes. The committee brainstormed ways in which this could be done – ranging from a presentation and discussion with the LLRPAC, to recruiting additional community representatives. It was noted that the terms of reference for the two committees were significantly different, with the LLRPAC being project specific and the NSWLC being about long-term dialogue. It was felt that it would be valuable to have a discussion to compare the challenges and successes of both committees. The committee decided that the next meeting would need to involve Tony Nardi, who had served on both committees, as well as the CNV staff liaison to LLRPAC. The</p>

	discussion could also be continued in September.
4. Safe boating campaign	<p>This summer, Port Metro Vancouver would be launching a safe boating campaign aimed at recreational boaters. The program would educate small craft operators on Port Metro Vancouver practices and procedures, and promote safe and efficient navigation. The campaign would take place with face-to-face interactions at events, on social media, through the website, and through the radio.</p> <p>In addition, Port Metro Vancouver is introducing new regulations that restrict the discharge of grey water from ocean-going vessels. The port is also considering restricting the discharge of black water from recreational vessels. Previously, discharging grey water had been allowed by Transport Canada, but the port is able to set regulations within its own jurisdiction. Any ocean-going vessel which needs to discharge grey water will now be required to use a test kit to sample for deleterious substances. Discharge of sewage (black water) from large vessels and dinner cruise boats needs to take place at pump-out stations or 12 nautical miles from shore.</p> <p>The committee asked about whether water sample testing at Vancouver beaches was only seasonal, or year round. They also expressed concern about the potential challenge of enforcing the black water ban for recreational boaters.</p> <p><i>Update: Due to the concerns about enforcement identified above, Port Metro Vancouver is now "strongly urging" recreational boaters to use pump-out stations, rather than instigating a full ban. The ban on grey water discharge from ocean-going vessels is still going ahead.</i></p>
5. King's Mill Walk	<p>Heather Drugge asked about the potential for access to the waterfront at King's Mill Walk, next to Seaspan, for kayakers, recreational boaters and First Nations. Currently, Seaspan moors their barges in the area. Heather noted that Concert had recently promoted the King's Mill Walk area as a potential boat launch for recreational boaters in its new development.</p> <p>Jeff Taylor responded that Seaspan currently leases the waterlot from Port Metro Vancouver for barge moorage. Seaspan has a good relationship with First Nations and special permits are provided to First Nations for events. Naomi Horsford noted that the area is currently designated in the port's Land Use Plan as "Port Terminal," and the long-term use for the water lot is intended to be industrial.</p> <p>The committee was concerned that Concert was mis-representing the potential future use of the area in its promotional materials. Naomi Horsford would contact Concert properties to correct any misinformation.</p>
6. Coast Guard presence	<p>Alex Tunner asked about Port Metro Vancouver's opinion on the reduced Coast Guard presence and the recent transfer of the MTS centre to Victoria.</p> <p>Naomi Horsford stated that the Coast Guard is managed by the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The port, through its</p>

	<p>submission to the tanker review panel, has advocated for shorter spill response times and the need to strengthen and resource the Coast Guard. Committee members felt that municipalities were not advocating for better coast guard to protect the coast line, but focusing more on commodity-specific concerns.</p> <p>The committee asked for information on where Coast Guard vessels are currently located.</p>
7. Any other business	Larry Orr reported that a Peruvian navy ship was currently moored at St. Roch Dock and would be holding public tours.
8. Next meeting	<p>Thursday July 9, 2015 Seaspan, Executive Boardroom, 10 Pemberton Avenue</p> <p>4:30 – Tour of Seaspan 5:30 – NSWLC meeting</p>

Action	Lead
Invite CNV staff to next meeting to discuss LLR committee	Frances Tang-Graham
Circulate PPT on community survey to committee members	Frances Tang-Graham
Ask Metro Vancouver about frequency of beach water testing	Frances Tang-Graham
Contact Concert for more information on King's Mill Walk	Naomi Horsford
More information on location of Coast Guard vessels, Port Metro Vancouver's submission to Tanker Review Panel, and national spill response protocol	Frances Tang-Graham

Attendance

City of North Vancouver:

Heather Drugge, Community Representative	In attendance
Ian McMurdo, Community Representative	In attendance
Larry Orr, Manager, Lands and Business Services, Community Development, City of North Vancouver	In attendance

District of North Vancouver:

Tom Kramer, Community Representative	Regrets
Jillian Cooke, Community Representative	Regrets
Charlene Grant, Manager, Corporate Planning & Projects, District of North Vancouver	In attendance

District of West Vancouver:

Allistair Brown, Community Representative	In attendance
Alex Tunner, Community Representative	In attendance
Kristi Merilees, Manager of Community Relations, District of West Vancouver	Regrets

Industry:

Dave Lucas, Terminal Manager, Western Stevedoring - Representing Wharf Operators Association	Regrets
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Tony Nardi, Vice President, Logistics, Neptune Bulk Terminals Canada – representing North Shore Waterfront Industrial Association	Regrets
Emily Hamer, CN Representative	Regrets
Jeff Taylor, Director, Communications and Public Relations, Seaspan	In attendance

Squamish Nation:

Kathleen Callow, Planner, Project Negotiation & Development	Regrets
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Tsleil-Waututh First Nation:

Ernie George	Regrets
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Duncan Wilson, Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility	Regrets
Frances Tang-Graham, Municipal and Community Engagement	In attendance
Naomi Horsford, Municipal Executive Liaison	In attendance