

North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee – Meeting Notes

DATE:	April 17, 2014
TIME:	8:00 am – 9:30 am
LOCATION:	West Vancouver Seniors' Centre
CHAIR	Charlene Grant, District of North Vancouver
VICE CHAIR	Ian McMurdo, Community Representative, City of North Vancouver

Agenda Topic	Discussion/ Action Items
1. Welcomes and Introductions	The Committee introduced themselves and welcomed the two new community representatives, Jillian Cooke and Graham Nicholl.
2. Review of meeting minutes and follow-up on actions	The previous meeting minutes were approved.
3. Presentation on Low Level Road	Ian Gallsworthy from Port Metro Vancouver provided the Committee with a status update on the Low Level Road (LLR) project. The purpose of the LLR project was to realign and elevate the Low Level Road, thus providing for future increased rail capacity, reducing train noise and improving safety. The project was funded by the City of North Vancouver, TransLink, Port Metro Vancouver, Transport Canada, CN Rail and CP Rail. It is expected that construction will be completed in the fall of 2014, and it is currently 65% complete. The full presentation can be accessed online.
4. Role of NSWLC in the community	<p>The group continued the previous meeting's discussion on ways in which the NSWLC could better engage with the community, and the tools that would be needed to do so. It was felt that practical tools would be most helpful, such as a toolkit with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - committee members' bios and details - key messages on the committee's purpose (facilitate dialogue and provide information) - links to useful websites - summary of the work the committee has done, such as noise cessation - Rail Noise Steering Committee <p>In addition, the committee discussed a few options for activities it could undertake in the community. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delegation to council by community representatives after municipal elections. The objective of the presentation would be to make council aware of the committee and understand how it could effectively use the committee to provide information and resources. - Follow-up breakfast meeting with industry <p>It was agreed that the committee's role was not to take a "position," but to ask candidates, "How will you work effectively with other bodies to advance the work on the waterfront?" Committee members felt that it was important to have a common understanding of the strategic vision of the committee as a whole. There were some</p>

	<p>questions about whether the committee should present before or after the elections, and to individual candidates or council as a whole. After some discussion, there was agreement that it would be best to present after the elections and with council as a whole.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a toolkit for the committee - Book a presentation to council at the District of North Vancouver, the District of West Vancouver, and the City of North Vancouver for the fall (post-election)
<p>5. Train whistling on the Seymour Industrial Branch</p>	<p>This item brought forward at the request of District planning staff, who have been meeting with industry representatives regarding the implementation of the Lower Lynn Town Centre Plan and potential residential-industrial relationship issues. Through these discussions, questions have been raised regarding train noise, particularly whistling, on the Seymour Industrial Branch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Question for CN - Are trains whistling now on the Seymour Industrial Branch (e.g. at five crossings from Harbour Avenue to Amherst Drive)? In reviewing Port Metro Vancouver's 2010 Road/Rail At-Grade Crossing Vancouver North Shore Assessment Final Report, it is unclear whether trains are whistling in this area. It seems whistling may not be required and may not be occurring commonly. Whistling may be occurring in one-off situations only at operators discretion. <p>Emily Hamer responded by email that the trains have always whistled in this area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Question for Transport Canada - If Transport Canada's new regulations are brought into legislation, will there be any additional measures required, in addition to what was identified in Port Metro Vancouver's 2010 report? · Question for CNV - Does CNV receive any resident complaints about rail whistling from the Seymour Industrial Branch? <p>Larry Orr responded by email that the City of North Vancouver did not currently receive any resident complaints about whistling City residents concerning train whistling emanating from East of Brooksbank Avenue. Complaints are generally down.</p> <p>Action: This will be brought forward to the June 6 meeting for further discussion. Frances will get more information from Transport Canada.</p>
<p>6. PMV Sustainability Report</p>	<p>Port Metro Vancouver wanted to highlight the work of the NSWLC in the next Sustainability Report. A photographer was present to take some pictures, and a community representative would be getting interviewed for the report.</p>
<p>7. Project Updates</p>	<p>CN Crossings</p> <p>Emily Hamer reported that work on all three crossings would be completed by the end of April. There will still be some crossing surface/road approaches/fencing still to be done but this would be finished no later than this summer.</p>

8. Upcoming Meeting	Thursday Jun 5, 2014 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm District of North Vancouver

Attendance

City of North Vancouver:

Doug Ausman, 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:

Eric Anderson, Community Representative	In attendance
Jillian Cooke	In attendance
Charlene Grant, Manager, Corporate Planning & Projects, District of North Vancouver	In attendance

District of West Vancouver:

Graham Nicholl	In attendance
Christine Banham, Community Representative	In attendance
Brent Leigh, Deputy CAO, District of West Vancouver	In attendance

Industry:

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

Squamish Nation:

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

Ernie George	Regrets
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Port Metro Vancouver

Duncan Wilson, Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility	In attendance
Frances Tang-Graham, Municipal and Community Engagement	In attendance

Alternates and Guests:

Pam Ryan, Lucent Strategies
Ian Gallsworthy, Port Metro Vancouver