

North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee – Meeting Notes

DATE:	October 16, 2014
TIME:	8:00 am – 9:30 am
LOCATION:	City of North Vancouver City Hall
CHAIR	Ian McMurdo, Community Representative, City of North Vancouver
VICE CHAIR	Jeff Taylor, Seaspan

Agenda Topic	Discussion/Action Items
1. Welcomes and introductions; review of meeting minutes	The minutes were approved.
2. Debrief on West Vancouver Council presentation	<p>Christine Banham and Graham Nicholls recently presented to the District of West Vancouver’s mayor and council on the work of the North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee. Council asked the presenters to bring back to the rest of the committee concerns about e-coli levels on West Vancouver beaches and find out what was being done to address the problem. In addition, there were concerns about vessel noise, rogue waves, and Kinder Morgan.</p> <p>Motion: The committee requested that port staff prepare letter to council with information about these issues.</p>
3. Presentation on rail expansion project by Gerry Dickie, Seaspan	<p>Gerry Dickie from Cargill provided a presentation on the proposed rail expansion project. The committee asked questions about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anticipated increase in rail noise and the mitigations in place to address this. - Possible ways of cleaning the façade of the grain terminal. - Ways in which Cargill is engaging and consulting with the community on the project. <p>The committee would send recommendations to Cargill subsequent to the meeting. The recommendations would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Providing a presentation to the City of North Vancouver’s mayor and council on the project - Widely publicizing the open house - Identifying the mitigations in place to address potential noise impacts to the committee. <p>Motion: A letter will be sent from the committee chair, Ian McMurdo, to Cargill with the committee’s recommendations.</p>
4. Facilitated Planning Session with Pam Ryan	<p>At the last meeting, the committee had begun to hone in on community safety as a potential focus area for 2015. Pam Ryan was asked to facilitate the discussion on how this would be done.</p> <p>Before the meeting, Pam had called a number of committee</p>

	<p>members to get their thoughts and suggestions. She listed the activities that the committee had already organized or taken part in and stated that the committee is doing a considerable amount of work. Notes from these discussions are attached to the minutes.</p> <p>Some members of the committee felt that public safety is a catalyzing topic that resonates with the public. There should be an awareness of the potential impacts of port activities on health, community and environment, and the potential mitigations. The community needs to understand the degree of risk and how it is managed. The committee also felt that it was important to be specific about framing the discussion to be specific to the North Shore. The discussion should include the regulatory framework, ships in the harbour, North Shore port tenants and their activities, and the effects of these activities on the community.</p> <p>Committee members pointed out that the public has a tendency to see the port as a threat to them and focus on the negative aspects rather than positive benefits. It would be important to show how the movement of goods connects Canada with the rest of the world.</p> <p>The committee also felt that public safety is about more than just what is in the port – it also can include issues such as moving dangerous goods by truck or rail. Public safety can have a negative connotation, but it is also a way of setting the stage for a productive conversation that can also lead into a discussion on the trade-offs, benefits and risks of port activity.</p> <p>The committee’s role is in communication. It could examine questions such as why access to the waterfront is restricted or why trains need to whistle.</p> <p>Motion: The committee will develop a process for responding to and making recommendations on presentations. The committee would develop a template for the response.</p> <p>Pam Ryan suggested that the next meeting allocate time to brainstorming ways in which the community can be engaged.</p>
5. Donation for Christmas	The committee decided to donate \$500 to the Lighthouse Harbour Ministry and \$500 to the North Shore Neighbourhood House.
6. Next meeting	Thursday January 22, 5:30 pm Committee Room, District of North Vancouver City Hall

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
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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	Regrets
Tony Nardi, Vice President, Logistics, Neptune Bulk Terminals Canada - representing North Shore Waterfront Industrial Association	Regrets
Emily Hamer, CN Representative	In attendance
Jeff Taylor, Director, Communications and Public Relations, Seaspan	Regrets

Squamish Nation:

Kathleen Callow, Planner, Project Negotiation & Development	Regrets
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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	Regrets
Frances Tang-Graham, Municipal and Community Engagement	In attendance

Alternates and Guests:

Gerry Dickie, Cargill
Naomi Horsford, Port Metro Vancouver