

North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee – Meeting Notes

DATE:	July 9, 2015
TIME:	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
LOCATION:	Seaspan
CHAIR	Jeff Taylor, Seaspan
VICE CHAIR	Kristi Merilees, District of West Vancouver

Note: Due to the preceding tour of Seaspan, the July meeting was shortened to a duration of one hour. Project updates not covered in the meeting are included at the end of these meeting notes.

Agenda Topic	Discussion/Action Items
1. Welcomes and introductions; review of meeting minutes	The minutes were approved.
2. Presentation from Seaspan on ship building project	<p>Paul Thomas, Director of Ship Construction, presented to the committee on Seaspan's new shipbuilding initiative. The company had recently been procured through the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy to build 17 vessels for Canada's navy and coast guard, valued at \$8.3 billion. The long-term nature of the project enables "long lead" planning and production, which helps to avoid the boom and bust cycles of the past. The project is expected to create over 5000 direct and indirect jobs. The vessels to be built include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 offshore fisheries science vessels • 2 joint support ships • 1 offshore oceanographic science vessel • 1 polar ice breaker • 5 offshore patrol vessels • 5 medium endurance multi-tasked vessels
3. Widening of membership	<p>With the completion of the Low Level Road, the accompanying Low Level Road Port Area Committee is also at the end of its term. There has been discussion on how the NSWLC can learn from the LLRPAC, especially in terms of addressing interface issues faced by residents in the LLR area. Options which have been discussed involved a range of potential measures such as adding more community representatives from the City of North Vancouver, adding members from the LLRPAC, changing the terms of reference for the NSWLC, or simply re-examining how the NSWLC engages with local residents. Some committee members cautioned against attempting a "quick fix" approach that involved quickly adding new members since enlarging a committee sometimes resulted in a group that was too large to have a meaningful dialogue. Moreover, there were already six community representatives on the NSWLC.</p> <p>One of the differences between the LLRPAC and the NSWLC is the extent to which local residents interacted with the committee. It was noted that the LLR committee was a finite and project-specific</p>

	<p>committee. Community members often made presentations to the committee with their concerns. The NSWLC on the other hand focused on information sharing and communication over the long-term. In other words, the committees have different objectives. Nonetheless there was a general agreement that it would be useful to have members from both committees talk to each other about experiences and recommendations. It was suggested that planning a regular (e.g. twice a year) meeting with residents of the Low Level Road area, who are most affected by port operations, may be a good approach to addressing this issue.</p> <p>Action: It was decided that a member from the LLRPAC would be invited to present to the NSWLC at September's meeting. In addition, the community representatives from the City of North Vancouver, Ian McMurdo and Heather Drugge, would meet with the LLRPAC.</p>
4. Any other business	A new District of North Vancouver representative would be recruited, due to the fact that the current representative could no longer attend.
5. Next meeting	8 am, Thursday September 10, 2015 Canexus, 100 Amherst Ave, North Vancouver

Action	Lead
Invite LLRPAC member to next NSWLC meeting, via Tim Rice from CNV	Frances Tang-Graham
Meeting between Ian McMurdo, Heather Drugge and LLRPAC	Ian, Heather

Attendance

City of North Vancouver:

Heather Drugge, Community Representative	Regrets
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:

n/a, Community Representative	n/a
Jillian Cooke, Community Representative	In attendance
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	In attendance

Industry:

Jeanette O'Brien, 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	In attendance
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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Port Metro Vancouver

Duncan Wilson, Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility	Regrets
Frances Tang-Graham, Municipal and Community Engagement	In attendance
Robyn Crisanti, Director of Public Affairs	In attendance

Guests

Tim Rice, City of North Vancouver	In attendance
Paul Thomas, Seaspan	In attendance

Additional project updates and information requests

Number and location of local Coast Guard vessels

The central Coast Guard base for our region is at Sea Island in Richmond, just south of the airport. They have a number of different assets there including two high-speed hovercrafts. During the summer season, the Coast Guard also has a fast response vessel located at the naval base on Devil's Island in Coal Harbour.

The Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue also has a number of volunteer marine response stations throughout the Lower Mainland. Most notably, there are stations at Horseshoe Bay in West Vancouver and also at Lynnwood Marina in North Vancouver.

Frequency of beach water testing

[Vancouver Coastal Health](#) and [Fraser Health](#) carry out weekly beach water testing between May and September. Testing does not take place in the winter.

Concert development follow-up

Following further inquiry, it was discovered that Port Metro Vancouver's planning department had already indicated to Concert and the City that the proposed development was adjacent to industrial activity and the water lot was designated as "Port Terminal" in the port's Land Use Plan. The developer would have to apply to Port Metro Vancouver for any developments on the foreshore and the port would likely not approve uses that are incompatible with the industrial designation, such as a public beach.

Itter/Neil Cabin

Through the facilitation of community representative Jillian Cooke, the blue cabin has been moved to temporary storage at Canexus. The group advocating for the preservation of the cabin is currently in discussions with various organizations who could help to house the cabin in the long term.

New Port Metro Vancouver website

Port Metro Vancouver has recently launched a new, more user-friendly and accessible website at www.portmetrovancover.com. Committee members are encouraged to visit the site. Of particular interest are the [community pages](#), which provide information on port activities in each municipality, and the [topics of interest](#), which provide information on most frequently asked topics.

BC Marine Employers Association building demolition

The empty BCMEA building at Lynnterm East Gate has now been removed by Port Metro Vancouver. The building posed seismic risks and was taking up valuable space at the terminal. The soil testing that is required prior to removing contaminated soil is now taking place, as is aboriginal consultation. The building removal and paving will be completed by the end of September.