

Port Community Liaison Committee – Delta

Background

The Port Community Liaison Committee – Delta (PCLC) serves as a mechanism for communications and dialogue about port-related issues in Delta. It is an information sharing forum bringing together representatives from the Corporation of Delta, Tsawwassen First Nations, industry, Port Metro Vancouver, and local community representatives to discuss developments, identify concerns, provide suggestions, as well as facilitate two-way communication about port operations and development.

Committee Members

Community Representatives

- Leslie Abramson, Ladner
- Geoff Barlow, Ladner
- Roger Emsley, Tsawwassen
- Randy Johnstone, Ladner
- Robert McCandless, Tsawwassen
- Frank Rogers, Tsawwassen
- Patrick Thompson, Tsawwassen

Environmental Representative

- Kate Hagmeier

Organization Representatives

- Greg Andrew, Westshore Terminals
- Ken Baird, Tsawwassen First Nation
- Allan Baydala, Port Metro Vancouver
- Bernita Iversen, Corporation of Delta
- Orv Nickel, Delta Chamber of Commerce
- Eric Waltz, Global Container Terminals
- Gord Westlake, BC Rail Company
- Leisa Yee, Delta Farmers' Institute

Meetings

There were six regular meetings held in 2015. Key topics discussed throughout the year were:

- Lighting needs for Deltaport and mitigation opportunities
- Shore power at container terminals
- Noise monitoring

- Habitat Enhancement Program
- Roberts Bank Terminal 2 (Project Rationale, Environmental Impact Statement and Marine Shipping Supplemental Report)
- Environmental effects monitoring
- Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation Program
- Deltaport Terminal Road and Rail Improvement Project (DTRRIP) Truck Staging Area
- Updated Terms of Reference
- Summary of questions and correspondence received at the Delta Community Office and through Port Metro Vancouver's Community Feedback line

A facilitator was also retained with the endorsement of members in early 2015 to oversee and direct meetings.

Presentations

- Port Metro Vancouver's Land Use Plan, Noise Monitoring Program, Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) Program, Introduction to DTRRIP Truck Staging Area, Energy Action Initiative and Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project updates
- Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum
- Citizens Against Port Expansion
- Global Container Terminals Intermodal Yard Reconfiguration

Outreach

Towards the middle of the year, an informal communications committee was formed to develop and submit articles to the Delta Optimist to help raise the profile of the committee. This resulted in three articles being submitted to the community newspaper. A dedicated PCLC email address was also reestablished to further engage with the community. In addition, members participated in the Delta Community Office One Year Anniversary Open House.

The PCLC provided its annual donation to OWL (Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society) and the South Delta Food Bank. Community representatives took part in photo opportunities with each of these organizations, which were posted to Port Metro Vancouver's website and Facebook account.