

North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee – Meeting Notes

DATE:	September 8, 2016
TIME:	8:00 am – 10:00 am
LOCATION:	Neptune Terminal Boardroom
CHAIR	Ron Sander, Neptune Terminal
VICE CHAIR	Larry Orr, City of North Vancouver

Agenda Topic	Discussion/Action Items
1. Welcomes and introductions	<p>Committee members introduced themselves. Special guests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orla Robinson, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority • Kerry Lige, Fibreco • Glen Dempster, Fibreco
2. Presentation on ECHO program	<p>Orla Robinson presented on the ECHO program (available online).</p> <p>Q: Is the ECHO program presenting at Green Marine? A: Yes, the program is working very closely with Green Marine.</p> <p>Q: What is the influence of recreational boaters on whales? A: The influence of large vessels is more significant than multiple smaller boats, such as whale-watching boats. However, the higher-frequency buzzing from smaller boats can mask the effectiveness of eco-location. Up to five hours a day can be disturbed by underwater noise.</p> <p>Q: Does train traffic affect whales? A: No, train traffic does not affect whales, but in-water activities will such as piling and dredging does affect whales.</p> <p>Q: How is the whale population faring? A: The whale population is recovering at about 2 to 3 percent a year. However, the Southern Resident Killer Whale population is very fragile and dependent on chinook salmon, which is also low.</p>
3. Presentation on Fibreco	<p>Kerry Lige presented on a new proposed project by Fibreco to build silos for agri-food products such as pulses (available online).</p> <p>Q: Is this projected permitted yet? A: No, the project is being reviewed by the port authority. The North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee is the first group to be consulted. Fibreco has submitted an application to the port authority for a waterlot lease, and to the District of North Vancouver for the land. Fibreco hopes to be operational in 2018 or 2019, after 18 months of construction.</p> <p>Q: How does the project change the inbound rail? A: More trains will be added.</p> <p>Q: What will happen to the woodchips if Fibreco switches to pulses? A: Currently, Fibreco handles only 2% of woodchip production in BC. 98% of the province's wood chips are consumed by domestic pulp mills.</p> <p>Q: What will be the height and composition of the silos? A: The silos will be made out of metal and stand 35 meters tall.</p> <p>Q: What is the view impact of the project?</p>

	<p>A: From Pemberton heights, the view impacts are minor because the wood chip piles are already present. The sightlines will not be changed dramatically.</p> <p>Q: What is the category of review for this project?</p> <p>A: This project is a category C project, compared to G3, which was a Category D project. Most of the project is situated on District of North Vancouver jurisdiction.</p> <p>Q: What is the construction timeline?</p> <p>A: Will be before G3. Also there is a rail line so construction materials can be brought in by rail, and also by water.</p>
4. Recruitment update	<p>An ad is currently running in the North Shore News for a new community representative for the District of North Vancouver. Interviews would take place in early October, with a new member expected to be in place by November. Glen offered to work with Frances to choose and interview applicants.</p>
5. Community outreach	<p>a. Engagement with resident associations: Alex and Michael has continued to meet with resident associations in West Vancouver to provide information on the committee and ask for input about the port. Topic which have arisen include shoreline preservation, closure of the Ambleside boat ramp, suggestions to install information bollards along the shore, and providing information about the North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee on the websites of community groups.</p> <p>b. Engagement with Ambleside dock group: The Ambleside dock group has met several more times with the District of West Vancouver and NSWLC West Vancouver community representatives.</p> <p>c. Coho Festival: Glen and Alex would drop by the Coho Festival, as the port and the committee will have an activation there.</p> <p>d. Community event: In past years, the committee has organized an event to engage community or industry. This year, the committee has agreed to join an open house being held at Neptune in early 2017.</p> <p>e. Glen Webb is meeting with North Vancouver Community Association Network to provide more information about the NSWLC.</p>
6. Project updates	<p>Cargill has requested temporary extended work hours for three Sundays in a row, in October. The port authority has received the application and is currently review it.</p>
7. North Shore community complaints	<p>Over the summer, the port authority had received the following complaints from North Shore residents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 complaints about rail noise - 4 complaints about anchorages in West Vancouver - Complaints about a fire alarm at Cargill - 2 complaints about clanging noises in Lynnterm from a large shipment of steel being unloaded.

8. Committee correspondence	<p>a. Email from Andrew Kennett re Ambleside boat launch closure: Andrew Kennett had responded to the email from Ron Sander, chair, following his presentation, to indicate continued concern about the closure of the boat launch.</p> <p>b. A community member has written to the committee to express concern about the actions of Darwin's property brokers, who claim to be acting on behalf of the port authority. The individual is also concerned about the lack of information from the port authority area businesses about the process. After some discussion, it was decided that the committee would forward the letter to the port authority for a response.</p> <p>c. Feasibility study about Blue Cabin: The blue cabin group has completed a feasibility study for the structure to be converted into a floating barge/artist's residence. The report has been circulated to the committee for review.</p>
9. Committee admin	Larry Orr will be the new vice-chair for the committee.
10. Next meeting	November 17, 2016 at 8:00 am, Neptune Terminal boardroom

Action	Lead
Letter re Darwin will be forwarded to port authority for response	Frances

Attendance

City of North Vancouver:

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

District of North Vancouver:

Glen Webb, Community Representative	In attendance
Jillian Cooke, Community Representative	In attendance
Charlene Grant, General Manager of Corporate Services, District of North Vancouver	In attendance

District of West Vancouver:

Michael Evison, 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	Regrets
Dave Lucas, Western Stevedoring - Representing Wharf Operators Association	Regrets

Ron Sander, Neptune Bulk Terminals Canada – representing North Shore Waterfront Industrial Association	In attendance
Emile Scheffel, CN Representative	Regrets
Jeff Taylor, Director, Communications and Public Relations, Seaspan	Regrets

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority

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

Guests

Orla Robinson, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority	In attendance
Kerry Lige, Fibreco	In attendance
Glen Dempster, Fibreco	In attendance