

North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee – Meeting Notes

DATE:	November 17, 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"> • Barbara Frisken, North Shore Streamkeepers • Zo Ann Morten, North Shore Streamkeepers • Dolores Parker, North Shore Streamkeepers <p>The committee also welcomed Kathy Heise, the new community representative for the District of North Vancouver.</p>
2. Presentation from North Shore Streamkeepers Society	<p>Representatives from the North Shore Streamkeepers Society presented on the activities, advocacy goals and actions of the group.</p> <p>During the ensuing discussion, the committee asked if there are any ways of measuring the success of the work being done. Streamkeepers responded that because there are so many different variables that contribute to the fish population, it is difficult to measure and differentiate the impact of Streamkeepers.</p> <p>The committee also asked what could be done at Lynn Creek to help restore it. Streamkeepers responded that Lynn Creek was subject to very high and very low flows. Therefore, it was important that any structures near Lynn Creek should be large and well-secure.</p> <p>The environmental department at the port authority was looking forward to working more closely with the North Shore Streamkeepers in order to further explore shared goals and areas of collaboration. A meeting was being set up for January 2017.</p>
3. Follow up on action items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment: Kathy Heise was the new community representative for the District of North Vancouver. • Outreach: Glen Webb presented to the new North Vancouver Community Association Network, which was a new incarnation of the Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations. There were about fourteen people present, and the ensuing conversation was engaging and productive. The group highlighted broad issues of concern, such as density, noise, traffic, and light and noise from ships. Interest had arisen because of the increase in development in the North Shore.
4. Boating restrictions in the First Narrows	<p>Following the release of a new brochure on safe boating in the Burrard Inlet, members of the recreational boating community at the Hollyburn Sailing Club have become aware of the port authority's</p>

	<p>restrictions on non-motorized boating in the First Narrows area, specifically in front of Ambleside Park. It arose during the discussion that boaters had been using a “Port of Vancouver Small Craft Guide” from 2001 that was still available online.</p> <p>(Note: It has been determined that the 2001 map is part of an obsolete archived Port of Vancouver website which is not owned by the port authority anymore but still available through Telus. The port authority is working with its legal department to have Telus remove the old website.)</p> <p>The boating community in West Vancouver has a number of concerns about the restrictions, which they believe are too prohibitive – particularly when compared to the restrictions in the 2001 Small Craft Guide. In addition, there are concerns about the perceived lack of enforcement of recreational boarders who do use the Ambleside area, in apparent contravention of the port authority’s regulations. Other concerns included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong currents around the mouth of the Capilano River being dangerous for non-motorized boats • Suggestion for buoys to be installed • Suggestion for signage to be installed to show shipping lanes and boating restrictions <p>It was determined that efforts need to be made for the port authority to improve communication and engagement with the recreational boating community.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frances will set up a meeting between the Hollyburn Sailing Club and the port’s marine operations department to further discuss the questions and concerns. • Frances will ask about the possibility of installing buoys and signage. (Note: Upon further discussion with the harbour master, we have found out that the currents in the First Narrows are too strong to install buoys; however the port authority can install signs in Ambleside Park and will work with the District to implement this.) • The safe boating map will be revised if necessary to correct any inaccuracies.
5. Project updates	<p>a) G3: The G3 board is still reviewing the project and has not yet made a decision on whether or not it will go ahead. If it proceeds, another open house will be held in the new year to provide information on mitigation measures.</p> <p>b) Noise working group: The results of the Low Level Road noise study and the noise monitors have been completed, and the noise working group will be brought together in early 2017.</p>
6. North Shore community complaints	<p>Eight complaints had been received from North Shore residents in the last two months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two complaints about rail shunting, which were forwarded to CN. • One complaint about a “clicking” noise, the source of which could not be established.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two complaints from the same resident about vessel lights. Port authority contacted shipping agent to ask that lights be turned down and also re-sent information from port information guide on light reduction measures. • Two complaints about vessel generators. Port authority contacted shipping agent to ask that generators be turned down as much as possible. • One complaint about bumble bushes along roadway at Dollarton Highway, making it difficult for people to walk. Port authority owns the property and does not want to encourage trespass, and thus will not be removing bumble bushes.
7. Christmas donations	The committee decided to make a \$500 donation to North Shore Streamkeepers and a \$500 donation to West Vancouver Streamkeepers.
8. Committee correspondence	There was no committee correspondence.
9. Annual survey	The committee was asked to fill in the annual survey, either online or with the paper forms.
10. Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIVP Ports and Cities Conference: Naomi Horsford reported that the port authority had invited a number of mayors and municipal leaders to attend a conference in Rotterdam on the interface between ports and cities. Included in the conference were tours of the Port of Rotterdam, which is the same size as the Port of Vancouver but has ten times the number of ships. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Action: Naomi will circulate copies of the presentations from AIVP. • The committee requested presentations from Green Marine and more information on infrastructure spending.
11. Next meeting	January 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm Location TBC

Action	Lead
Frances will set up a meeting between the Hollyburn Sailing Club and the port's marine operations department to further discuss the questions and concerns.	Frances Tang-Graham
Frances will ask about the possibility of installing buoys and signage.	Frances Tang-Graham
The safe boating map will be revised if necessary to correct any inaccuracies.	Port authority corporate communications
Potential presentations from Green Marine and on infrastructure spending	Frances Tang-Graham
AIVP presentations to be sent out via USB stick	Naomi Horsford

Attendance

City of North Vancouver:

Heather Drugge, Community Representative	In attendance
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
Kathy Heise, 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	In attendance
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	In attendance

Guests

- Barbara Frisken, North Shore Streamkeepers
- Zo Ann Morten, North Shore Streamkeepers
- Dolores Parker, North Shore Streamkeepers