

## MEETING NOTES

### Port Community Liaison Committee - Delta

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>#36</b>
<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, March 7, 2017
<b>Time:</b>	Breakfast: 7:30 am – 8:00am Meeting: 8:00 am – 10:00 am
<b>Location:</b>	Delta Community Office (5225A Ladner Trunk Road, Ladner) <i>Located in the Trenant Park Shopping Centre next to Shoe Warehouse</i>
<b>Facilitator/Chair:</b>	Patrick Thompson (alternate for Michelle LeBaron)
<b>Coordinator</b>	Ram Chungh
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b>Members:</b></p> <p><b>Community Representatives</b> Leslie Abramson, Ladner Patrick Thompson, Tsawwassen Frank Rogers, Tsawwassen Robert McCandless, Tsawwassen Roger Emsley, Tsawwassen</p> <p><b>Environmental Representative</b> Kate Hagmeier</p> <p><b>Organizations</b> Bernita Iversen, Corporation of Delta Gord Westlake, B.C. Rail Company Greg Andrews, Westshore Terminals Noel Roddick, Delta Farmers' Institute (alternate) Marko Dekovic, Global Container Terminals Tom Awrey, Delta Chamber of Commerce Tom Corsie, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</p> <p><b>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</b> Naomi Horsford, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Tanya Hawke, Delta Office Representative</p> <p><b>Guests</b> Charlotte Olson, Project Manager Habitat Enhancement Program, VFPA Gord Tycho, Senior Planner, VFPA Cherryl Lam, Communications Advisor, VFPA Scott Northrup, Senior Advisor, Hemmera Nancy Bonham, Lead Senior Engineer, Metro Vancouver Ken Masse, Senior Project Engineer, Metro Vancouver Andrea Winkler, Program Manager, Metro Vancouver John Newby, Senior Vice President, CDM Smith Guy Buzzoni, Vice President Infrastructure, Global Container Terminals</p>

<b>Regrets:</b>	Andrea Jacobs, Tsawwassen First Nation Randy Johnstone, Ladner
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#	Agenda item
<b>1. Presentations</b>	
1.1	<p><b>Presentation on <a href="#">Tsawwassen Eelgrass Project</a>, provided by <i>Charlotte Olson and Scott Northrup</i>.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Habitat Enhancement Program (HEP) proactively creates and enhances fish and wildlife habitat. A formal agreement has been established with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) for the program.</li> <li>• Public consultation period for the Tsawwassen Eelgrass project is from March 20 – April 7<sup>th</sup>. An open house will be held the first week of April at the Delta Community Office. The confirmed open house date will be shared with the committee.</li> <li>• Construction is planned to commence in late summer to early fall of 2017, during the fisheries least risk work window.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> share open house date with PCLC, once confirmed.</p> <p><b>Q &amp; A highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hours of operation for construction will be based on working through the right tidal conditions (high tide to provide enough draft for marine works, and the fisheries least risk work window). As is feasible, construction will be scheduled to take place during the day.</li> <li>• The eelgrass is planned to be sourced from neighboring donor eelgrass beds. VFPA has been working with Cynthia Durance, who has significant experience in this field as an eelgrass transplant specialist.</li> <li>• The DFO has been engaged on the project. VFPA was required to receive their endorsement of acceptability that the project meets the requirements of the current working agreement. The project team had a qualified environmental professional assess the project to ensure it would not cause negative effects to fisheries. This part of the work has been completed. VFPA is also required to work within a certain fisheries least risk work window for Roberts Bank. The post-construction monitoring will be on an annual basis; DFO will determine if continued monitoring is required.</li> <li>• The BC Environmental Assessment Office has reviewed the project. They consulted with different groups and determined the project met the requirements for exemption from the Environmental Assessment Process. The project did not require an environmental assessment certificate as the goals are to enhance habitat and will not result in negative adverse effects.</li> <li>• VFPA engages with the Province on projects on a regular basis.</li> <li>• Consistent with all VFPA HEP projects, VFPA completed a baseline/existing</li> </ul>

	<p>conditions study to understand existing site conditions, and to ensure the proposed project will enhance existing productivity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are natural native eelgrass beds adjacent to the project sites. The targeted depressions currently exhibit low productivity and are sinks for dead plant material. The proposal is therefore to raise the existing seabed in these depressions using clean Fraser River sand. Native eelgrass will then be transplanted within the sites once the appropriate elevation is achieved. Transplanting will be completed by SCUBA divers.</li> </ul>
<p>1.2</p>	<p><b>Presentation on <a href="#">Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Project</a>, provided by John Newby and Andrea Winkler.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metro Vancouver is nearing 60 per cent completion of the design of this project.</li> <li>• Permitting approvals will be sought from many agencies, including the Corporation of Delta.</li> <li>• Input on stakeholders list is being requested, to ensure all affected groups are notified about the project.</li> <li>• Notifications will be made with 21 First Nations and other high impact stakeholders to gather information to help minimize impacts to them when a tender is put out to contractors.</li> <li>• Another report will be made to PCLC when a permit application has been submitted to the port authority and the project design is 90 per cent complete</li> </ul> <p><b>Q &amp; A highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definitions were clarified for <i>effluent</i>, the treated waste water leaving the plant and <i>influent</i>, the waste water arriving at the plant for treatment.</li> <li>• Stakeholder group referred to in the presentation as the Delta Farmers Association will be reviewed for accuracy.</li> <li>• The design for the outfall will take into account the salinity of low river flows. This information will be shared with the Delta Farmers Institute.</li> <li>• There will be a 25 per cent increase in the capacity to handle effluent. In the future, there may be opportunities to increase the quality of the effluent.</li> <li>• Names of additional stakeholders to connect with for the project were provided by the committee, including the Fraser River Pilotage Authority, Fraser Surrey Docks, WWL Vehicle Services Canada Ltd., Delta Fire and Delta Police.</li> <li>• Concern raised regarding lack of explanation for the rationale and vision of the project, specifically why the focus and dollars spent are on the physical outfall versus the tertiary water treatment.</li> <li>• This concern will be addressed at a future presentation to the PCLC. Questions about this project can be directed to VFPA for follow up with Metro Vancouver or covered in a future presentation on this project.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Overview of recent BC Railway Trackwork, provided by Gord Westlake.</b></p>

<p>1.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last year, at a Delta Technical Liaison Committee meeting with the Corporation of Delta and Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, there was a question about the BC Railway track work being completed, and whether it was related to Roberts Bank Terminal 2.</li> <li>• BCR advised that the track work consisted of adding about a 3,000 ft track between 41B Street and the causeway.</li> <li>• Historically, there have been 3 staging tracks east of 41B; these narrow down to only 2 tracks between 41B and the causeway. This has been a long-standing bottleneck for train operations and BCR undertook this minor track addition in 2016 to improve the operational efficiency and flexibility.</li> <li>• This work was completed in July/August of 2016 and is not related to the RBT2 project.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q &amp; A highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The scope of any track project undertaken by BCR will determine the process for community communications.</li> <li>• BCR's railway right-of-way is 100' wide, currently encompassing lateral ditches and up to 3 tracks.</li> <li>• The Deltaport Terminal Road and Rail Improvement Project (DTRRIP) is being completed in various stages. The first stage of DTRRIP included an overpass on the causeway led by Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, completed in 2014. The second phase is the intermodal yard densification work on the terminal led by Global Container Terminals (GCT), which commenced in the fall of 2015, and will be completed about the end of 2017. The rail component of DTRRIP will include rail track additions and modifications on the causeway and east of 41B, to support GCT's additional capacity.</li> <li>• The scope and timing of the DTRRIP rail work is being developed right now.</li> <li>• Gord will share more information about the project in the summer or early fall.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> VFPA to send a copy of the BCR track schematics to Bernita.</p>
<p>1.4</p>	<p><b>Presentation on <a href="#">Global Container Terminals (GCT) Deltaport Two New Ship to Shore Container Cranes</a>, provided by Marko Dekovic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The two new ship to shore (STS) container cranes are planned to arrive by end of April at GCT Deltaport.</li> <li>• GCT will send out a notice to the surrounding community ten days prior to the arrival of the STS cranes.</li> <li>• One of the advantages of these cranes is to service larger, wider vessels serving the trans-pacific tradelane.</li> <li>• The STS cranes will be white, similar to the existing ones on the terminal. They will be fully electric, equipped with more modern low-energy, high-efficiency LED lights that have less glare and reduce alias light, and feature equipment intended to reduce operational noise levels compared to traditional cranes.</li> <li>• The cranes will arrive fully assembled on one oceangoing vessel.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Q &amp; A highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full details on where in the surrounding community the notification will be provided is to be discussed.</li> <li>• Requested that those who have been notifying the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority about noise from GCT Deltaport be provided with a notification of the arrival of the new STS cranes, in addition to the regular notification area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> VFPA and GCT to review opportunity to share notification with appropriate complainants in Delta.</p>
<p>1.5</p>	<p><b>Presentation on <a href="#">Westshore Terminals Bailey Bridge Replacement project</a>, provided by Greg Andrew</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose of the bridge replacement is to provide access from inside the yard to outside the yard, specifically when there are two trains at the terminal. There is also a need to provide first aid access across the site, which currently is more difficult as Westshore’s ambulance exceeds the existing Bailey bridge load rating. This limits first responders to the other overpass at the northeast corner of the yard.</li> <li>• The project cost is \$4.25 million and work will begin at the end of March, with a completion time of end of summer 2017.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q &amp; A highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to minimal impact that the bridge construction will have on the surrounding community, there are no plans to provide public notification. The work is scheduled for daylight hours with the only potential nighttime work being associated with three eight hour rail shutdowns. Minimal noise is anticipated from the construction.</li> <li>• The existing bridge will be deconstructed first, and the new bridge will be built in its place.</li> <li>• The bridge construction schedule will be designed to avoid disruption to trains.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. General Business</b></p>	
<p>2.1</p>	<p><b><i>Delta Optimist outreach, Patrick Thompson</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last year’s summary of PCLC presentations and updates were featured in the Delta Optimist in February.</li> <li>• Future ideas for an article in the Delta Optimist were discussed, including Deltaport shore power project, new STS cranes at GCT, highlighting a variety of activities that are occurring at terminals and the Port of Vancouver, and a before and after picture/overview of changes in lighting, noise etc. at terminals.</li> <li>• Discussion ensued regarding the importance of sharing interesting news and avoiding providing stories that appear promotional</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Patrick to email PCLC members a list of topic ideas that have been generated for committee consideration.</p>
<p><b>3. Correspondence</b></p>	

3.1	No additional complaints were received since the last PCLC meeting in January. A recap of complaints in 2016 were provided to the committee. The PCLC inbox received no emails.
<b>4. Reports</b>	
4.1	<p><b>Port update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates from the report were shared with the committee.</li> <li>• Request for graphic of the Truck Staging Area was made by Noel Roddick of Delta Farmers Institute.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> VFPA to send Noel presentation on the Truck Staging Area provided to the committee in 2016.</p>
4.2	<p><b>Delta office update</b></p> <p>Key topics community members discussed with office staff included information about Roberts Bank Terminal 2 project, purpose of the Delta community office, shore power, Kinder Morgan and George Massey Tunnel. Upcoming events at the office include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 8 to 24 –Exhibit from Canada Food and Agriculture Museum and Pulses Canada: <i>Pulses: The Ideal Partner</i></li> <li>• March 18, 11 a.m. – <i>Port 101: How Canada Feeds the World</i>, presentation by Doug Mills, VFPA’s grain specialist, on grain exports</li> <li>• March 29, 7 p.m. – <i>Navigating the Fraser River</i>, encore presentation by Captain Mike Armstrong on his role and responsibility as a Fraser River marine pilot.</li> </ul>
<b>5. New Business</b>	
5.1	<p><b>Member comment regarding letter of support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robert shared with the committee that it is an important time to share opinions about the location of public hearings with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency panel on Roberts Bank Terminal 2.</li> <li>• Robert also noted that upon review of the questions that the panel has been asking the VFPA, he feels encouraged by their thoroughness and level of understanding and detail.</li> </ul>
5.2	<p><b>Member Enquiry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roger E. sent an email to the VFPA about herring spawning along the East Causeway and construction being completed along the Southern side of the causeway. Roger was encouraged by the VFPA to review a presentation provided on Sept 2016 on the habitat remediation project. The lead at VFPA for this project also noted that independent monitors of the original compensation project did not observe herring directly spawning along the causeway at any time between 2009-2016.</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Agenda Ref #	Action Item	Responsible	Due Date
36	1.1	Share open house date with PCLC, once confirmed for Tsawwassen Eelgrass project.	Ram C.	Before next meeting
36	1.3	Provide Bernita with a copy of the BCR track schematics.	Ram C.	Complete
36	1.4	Review opportunity to share notification of ship to shore cranes with appropriate complainants in Delta.	Ram/Marko	In progress
36	2.1	Email PCLC members a list of article topic ideas that have been generated for committee consideration.	Patrick T.	Future meeting
36	4.1	Provide Noel with presentation on Truck Staging Area.	Ram C.	Complete
35	2.2	Provide formal presentation on salinity study and next steps.	Leisa L.	Future Meeting
35	3.2	Discuss policy related to politicians or others sitting in on PCLC meetings at next meeting.	All	Next Meeting
35	4.1	Provide committee with summary of complaints for 2016.	Ram C.	Complete
34	1.2	Provide information on shore power at Deltaport at future Delta council meeting.	Ram C.	Booked (April 2017)
34	1.3	Request project team to provide a clear layout of current and future traffic flows in regards to the truck staging area.	Ram C.	Future meeting
33	4.1	Presentation to PCLC regarding Fraser River, the port's jurisdiction and long term strategy.	Ram C.	Future meeting
32	4.2	Organize terminal tours for PCLC – send out doodle poll.	Ram C.	In progress