

MEETING NOTES

Port Community Liaison Committee - Delta

Meeting:	#25
Date:	April 7, 2015
Time:	5:30pm – 8:30pm
Location:	Delta Community Office, 5225A Ladner Trunk Road, Ladner In the Trenant Park Shopping Centre, next to the Shoe Warehouse.
Facilitator	Michelle LeBaron
Chair:	n/a
Attendees:	<p>Community Representatives Roger Emsley, Tsawwassen Patrick Thompson, Tsawwassen Robert McCandless, Tsawwassen Frank Rogers, Tsawwassen Geoffrey Barlow, Ladner Randy Johnstone, Ladner</p> <p>Organizations: Allan Baydala, Port Metro Vancouver Bernita Iversen, Corporation of Delta Gord Westlake, BC Rail Company Greg Andrew, Westshore Terminals Eric Waltz, Global Container Terminals Ken Baird, Tsawwassen First Nation Orv Nickel, Delta Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Guests: Carrie Brown, Environmental Programs, Port Metro Vancouver Orla Robinson, Program Manager, ECHO Program</p> <p>Coordinators: Naomi Horsford, Port Metro Vancouver Ram Chungh, Port Metro Vancouver Alycia Majorkiewicz-Ata, Port Metro Vancouver (Ram's mat leave replacement)</p> <p>Facilitator: Michelle LeBaron</p>
Regrets:	Leisa Yee, Delta Farmers' Institute Leslie Abramson, Ladner Kate Hagmeier, Environmental Representative

AGENDA ITEM	KEY POINTS& DECISIONS
1. Presentations	
1.1	<p>Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) presentation provided by Orla Robinson and Carrie Brown.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the key areas of focus for the ECHO Program is on Southern Resident Killer Whales (SRKW) and underwater noise. • SRKW use sound to navigate, communicate, and locate prey (echo-location) • The SRKW population is designated as endangered and currently has 81 individual whales. • Vessel noise has been identified as a one of the four key threats to at-risk whales. Other threats include vessel strike, environmental contamination and lack of prey. • There is an interest in better understanding and managing threats to SRKW and other whales. The port is bringing together stakeholders to determine mitigation solutions to the issues identified. • The SRKW map highlights critical habitat in Canada and the US. • Due to a variety of factors, there is significant growth predicted in shipping activity in Southern BC. • As part of the program, US vessel movements have been captured, as well as BC ferries traffic. <p>Question raised about the inclusion of recreational vessels in the ECHO program. Response was that the program will prepare a full and complete noise budget to understand which sectors are contributing what noise, but the focus in terms of mitigation will be on commercial vessels and ferries.</p> <p>Question raised about whether scope of studies will be posted online. Response included that the port has convened an acoustic technical committee and is currently preparing a work plan for the studies that will be focused on. Once study scopes have been defined, that information will be summarized on the ECHO webpage.</p> <p>Q) Westshore Willy status requested (a pilot/minke whale that used to navigate around Westshore terminals).</p> <p>A) The port is not aware of Westshore Willy status but will look into it.</p> <p>In regards to advisory groups, US Washington state ferries and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have agreed to take part (not included in slides).</p> <p>Q) Will recreational vessels be educated about the ECHO program and will they have any involvement?</p>

	<p>A) Advisory group will look at how recreational vessel sector can be engaged but the focus of the ECHO Program will be on large commercial vessels and ferries.</p> <p>Q) Have you been in contact with the monitoring station at the lime kiln hydrophone?</p> <p>A) Yes.</p> <p>Concern raised over the lack of progress from the ECHO program and information available, considering the submission of the RBT2 EIS has already occurred. Response provided was that the focus of the ECHO Program is broader than a single project and is focused on working collaboratively to find solutions to the cumulative impacts of all commercial vessel related activities.</p> <p>Q) Is the ECHO program not a part of the cumulative impact component of the EIS?</p> <p>A) Cumulative impacts are assessed as part of the RBT2 EIS however an individual project can only mitigate their own project impacts. ECHO is focused on collaborating to find mitigation solutions to regional cumulative impacts. Underwater noise has been an emerging area of interest regionally and internationally (International Maritime Organization guidelines) over the last number of years. The Port is growing and the work on the ECHO Program would be advanced irrespective of whether RBT2 goes ahead or not.</p>
2. Strategic Planning Session	
3. Follow up on action items	
3.1	<p>Request for feedback for summary of questions/topics raised by community members visiting the Delta office – Patrick Thompson.</p> <p>The Delta Community office representatives are interested in receiving any suggestions of what the committee would like to see in the community comments reports. Committee asked to send any suggestions to Patrick and Ram.</p>
4. Committee member updates	
4.1	<p>Environmental Effects Monitoring and Geographic Information Systems briefs provided by Robert McCandless.</p> <p>Commented that Port Metro Vancouver is preparing a Sustainability Report for 2014 and is missing aspects that demonstrates that there is no negative impact on the environment.</p> <p>Recommended providing more information about the environmental effects</p>

	<p>monitoring as set out in the Sustainability Report initiative. Added that the data in the EIS gives the port a baseline for this monitoring.</p> <p>Asked the committee the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is this within the port's mandate? 2) Does the committee agree that the port should answer the questions in the briefs? <p>General consensus was that it was the port's decision to respond. Port Metro Vancouver responded that the briefs will be reviewed and commented on.</p> <p>Action: PMV to provide comments on briefs.</p>
5. Port updates	
5.1	<p>Environmental Impact Statement for Roberts Bank Terminal 2 proposal – update by Allan Baydala.</p> <p>Port Metro Vancouver has submitted a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project with the Canadian Environment Assessment Agency. It is anticipated that this document will be public on the CEA Agency's website soon. Once CEA Agency has posted the document to their website, the Executive Summary will be available on the PMV website, along with the Project Rationale document.</p> <p>Action: PMV to send a physical copy of the Executive Summary to interested committee members.</p> <p>Action: When the EIS is public, PMV to send dates for a potential separate group meeting to receive an overview on the EIS.</p>
5.2	<p>Port Updates by Allan Baydala.</p>
5.3	<p>Community Issues and Correspondence provided by Ram Chungh.</p> <p>No comments provided.</p>

Meeting	Agenda Ref #	Action Item	Responsible	Due Date
25	-	Send committee new language for the Terms of Reference "length of term" and "meeting protocols" sections.	Michelle L.	Before next meeting
25	-	Send Michelle any additional comments in regards to strategic planning session.	ALL	Before next meeting
25	4.1	Provide comments on committee member briefs regarding Environmental Effects Monitoring and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).	Alycia M.	Next meeting
25	5.1	Send email requesting interest from committee on physical copies of EIS.	Alycia M.	Next meeting
25	5.1	Send PCLC potential dates for a separate meeting to receive an overview on the EIS.	Alycia M.	As soon as available
24	3.3	Provide a summary of questions/ topics raised by community members who visit the Delta Community Office.	Tanya H.	Future meeting
22	3.2	Ask a presenter to speak to the container forecast for RBT2.	PMV	Future meeting
20	1.2	Follow up with Delta Police regarding current status of traffic management plan to be worked on with TSI.	Bernita I.	Next meeting
17	1.3	Presentation regarding community benefits fund for RBT2 in 2014.	Rhona H.	Future meeting