



**Meeting Date: November 5, 2015**

### **HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

#### **Proposed Tsawwassen Eelgrass Project**

- Port Metro Vancouver submitted applications to the BC Environmental Assessment Office (BCEAO) with a request for exemption for four habitat projects, including the proposed Tsawwassen Eelgrass project, under Section 10 (1)(b) of the BC Environmental Assessment Act (BCEAA). The rationale for the exemption request is that, taking into account the fish and wildlife habitat development and improvement character of the projects, the projects are not likely to result in significant adverse environmental, social, economic, health or heritage effects.
- The BCEAO has posted the project description online and is currently establishing an advisory working group of government and First Nation representatives to inform EAO's review of the project descriptions and exemption requests.

#### **Proposed Westham Island Tidal Marsh Project**

- Port Metro Vancouver's lease application for the proposed habitat site is currently being processed by the Province of British Columbia.

#### **Glenrose Tidal Marsh Project**

- Year 1 Annual Post Construction Monitoring was undertaken in September. The report is currently being finalized and will be posted online in November. Vegetation coverage at the three marsh sites is in the early stages and is anticipated to increase with each growing season. We will continue to monitor the sites moving forward to ensure biophysical objectives are met.



#### **Salt Marsh Restoration at Roberts Bank and Boundary Bay**

- Year 2 Annual Post Construction Monitoring was undertaken in September. The report is currently being finalized and will be posted online in November. Revegetation at the salt marsh restoration sites is progressing very well we will continue to monitor the sites moving forward to ensure biophysical objectives are met.



### **ROBERTS BANK RAIL CORRIDOR PROGRAM**

- The Roberts Bank Rail Corridor Program was awarded Premier's annual Innovation and Excellence Awards ceremony on Tuesday, October 27, 2015.
- Five outstanding public-service nominations were recognized for their innovation in providing essential services in five categories at the Premier's annual Innovation and Excellence Awards: Leadership, Organizational Excellence, Partnership, Innovation and Emerging Leader. The program won the partnership category.
- The Premier's Innovation and Excellence Awards showcase and celebrate outstanding BC Public Service employees whose professionalism, dedication and innovation have made a difference in many lives and communities in B.C.

- Nine road-rail projects were delivered under the Roberts Bank Rail Corridor Program; the objective of the program was to enhance the quality of life in communities through which rail traffic travels to and from PMV terminals at Robert's Bank in Delta. As part of the program, Port Metro Vancouver led the delivery of the 232<sup>nd</sup> Street Overpass Project.
- Excellence in partnership was noted as driving the success of the Roberts Bank Rail Corridor Program – an unprecedented collaboration of 12 public and private funding partners.
- Watch the [Roberts Bank Rail Corridor Program finalist video](#).

## **LOCAL CHANNEL DREDGING**

- The Local Channel Dredging Contribution program provides financial support for riverfront communities to undertake their own dredging activities beyond deep sea and domestic shipping channels through 2019.
- In partnership with the Province, the Corporation of Delta and the City of Richmond, the Ladner Steveston Local Channel Dredging program will help secure and oversee dredging activities to keep vital channels of the Fraser River navigable for the next few years.
- In March 2015, Port Metro Vancouver, the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, the Corporation of Delta, and the City of Richmond celebrated the completion of dredging the lower Fraser River in Ladner Harbour, Deas Slough, Sea Reach and Cannery Channel.
- Dredging of Gunderson Slough is underway with more dredging expected in the next few months and into 2016.
- A draft plan has been sent to the Corporation of Delta's staff, which provides recommendation how best to use the remaining \$1.5 million in funds for an ongoing dredging plan as part of the Ladner Steveston Local Channel Dredging program. Recommendations are proposed for implementation in 2016.

## **FRASER RIVER PROJECTS**

### **Fraser River Improvement Initiative**

- The Fraser River Improvement Initiative is a five-year program that began in 2013 to work with derelict vessels, structures and trespassing on the Fraser River.
- Priority sites were identified by completing a risk assessment of all derelict sites. This involved determining the likelihood and severity of the potential impact to communities, in terms of public safety, environment, and navigation.
- As of September 2015, the Fraser River Improvement Initiative has addressed 118 out of 151 sites.

### **WesPac LNG Marine Jetty Project**

- WesPac has initiated an Environmental Assessment process for its proposal to construct and operate a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) marine jetty at Tilbury Island on the Fraser River in Delta, BC, adjacent to the existing Fortis BC Tilbury LNG Plant.
- We understand that the proposal includes a dock and loading platform with a berth for docking a single barge or carrier for LNG loading. Further information is available on their website at [www.wespactilbury.ca](http://www.wespactilbury.ca)
- This project is proposed to be located in part on land within the jurisdiction of the Corporation of Delta and in part in water within the province's jurisdiction.
- Port Metro Vancouver maintains navigational authority within this section of the river and is participating in the environmental assessment process being led by the BC Environmental Assessment Office.

## **Other Projects**

- Project permit applications under review, for projects located on the Fraser River, include Fraser Surrey Docks' Direct Transfer Coal Facility Project permit amendment as well as Vancouver Airport Fuel Facilities Corporation's Vancouver Airport Fuel Delivery Project in Richmond. Further details on these projects are available at [www.portmetrovancover.com](http://www.portmetrovancover.com)
- There are no other Fraser River-located projects under review at this point.

## **COMMUNITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

- Port Metro Vancouver is back in market with its community awareness campaign, with ads running on the radio and TV from October 26 to December 13. The 2015 fall campaign includes 10 second radio tags, as well as its TV commercial focusing on shore power.
- Ads will run on eight radio stations, QMFM, Virgin, JRFM, The Peak, JACK FM, News 1130, Rock 101, CFOX and on television stations such as Global, CTV, City, CBC, Sportsnet and Rogersports channels, including Canucks hockey games.
- New PortTV Season 2 episodes have been posted to YouTube, featuring Port Pop Quizzes - Delta charades and Delta: the drawing challenge as well cleanup of the Fraser River, an inside look at the BC Coast Pilots and more. You can watch all episodes at [www.youtube.com/user/PMVUser](http://www.youtube.com/user/PMVUser)