

North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee – Meeting Notes

DATE:	October 22, 2015
TIME:	5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
LOCATION:	Lynnterm
CHAIR	Kristi Merillees, District of West Vancouver
VICE CHAIR	Jillian Cooke, Community Representative, District of North Vancouver

Agenda Topic	Discussion/Action Items
1. Welcomes and introductions; review of meeting minutes	<p>The minutes were approved.</p> <p>Special guests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul Dufault, Metro Vancouver - Andrea Winkler, Metro Vancouver - Egge Kloosterboer, Port Metro Vancouver - Jeff Pelton, Port Metro Vancouver
2. Presentation on Lions Gate Waste Water Treatment Plant	<p>Andrea Winkler and Paul Dufault from Metro Vancouver presented the committee with an update on the Lions Gate Waste Water Treatment Plant. Presentation available online. Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the discussion period afterwards, more information was requested about the advisory committees. During the first phase, the advisory committee was primarily composed of technical experts. The second phase's committee has more community members. As the project progresses, the need to have committees will be revisited. • Ron Sanders noted that Neptune would appreciate meeting with Metro Vancouver to discuss ways in which the discharge from Neptune could be made more compatible with the new plant. • The plant is estimated to cost \$700 million in total, with 40% of the cost being borne by the North Shore and 60% being borne by the region. Metro Vancouver had tried to engage the federal government for funding, but to no avail so far. They were also exploring P3 Canada as another potential funding model. • Resource recovery includes nutrients, water, energy (biogas, heat). There are no plans to recover precious metals. • Discussions are taking place with Squamish First Nations for a pipeline for the plant. • Community impacts would be highest during the construction phase. A traffic management plan is being developed for the District to deal with the traffic impacts during construction. Once the plant is operational, impacts would be minimal with wastewater being covered and odour being controlled.
3. Presentation on Marine Safety in the Burrard Inlet	<p>Egge Kloosterboer and Jeff Pelton presented to the committee with a presentation on marine safety and new regulations forbidding grey water discharge in Port Metro Vancouver's jurisdiction unless port staff have first tested the water. Presentation available online.</p> <p>Comments:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement: There are several ways in which this will be enforced. Port Metro Vancouver has a thermal camera. The harbour patrol officers can board a vessel to ensure that its discharge valve is looked, review the log books to see when was the last time they discharged. Ships have a large tank capacity so there is usually no need to discharge locally. Port Metro Vancouver receives many notifications from the community of ships discharging, but in most cases it is ballast water or bilge water. • How often has a vessel been tested? Port staff tested a vessel this summer and determined that it could not discharge within the port. Testing of dinner cruises has also taken place, with results finding that dinner cruises are not a concern but may have higher levels of phosphates (soaps). • Discharge of sewage must take place 12 miles from shore. For grey water, it must be outside of port jurisdiction. • Question about noise from ships anchored near West Vancouver. The port's new Port Information Guide has been revised to stipulate that ships must take measures to minimize noise while at anchor. These guides are distributed to ships by the harbour patrol vessels and ships' agent when they enter the port. • The ship must notify Transport Canada that it is arriving 96 hours prior to entering Canadian waters. • Cause of e. coli in West Vancouver waters. There are a number of potential causes for e. coli, including above-average temperatures, dog parks, and the waste water treatment plant. Port Metro Vancouver has tried to deal with any sources within its own jurisdiction. • Alcohol use on ships (similar to Exxon Valdes): On most ships now, alcohol is banned by the owner due to safety concerns. In addition, any ship coming into the port must have at least one pilot on board.
<p>4. Follow up on actions</p>	<p>Send letter to G3 with recommendations Kristi Merilees drafted a letter to G3 with the recommendation that they present to council at the District of North Vancouver and City of North Vancouver.</p> <p>Communications working group Discussion below</p> <p>NSWLC orientation package and terms of reference to be redistributed Frances re-sent the material.</p> <p>Resident representatives to compile a list of homeowner's associations Gillian and Glen have begun a list; Frances ordered a directory from North Shore Community Resources which can also be accessed online at http://www.nscr.bc.ca/information/searchgreen.html. It was noted that there was no information for West Vancouver resident associations.</p>

	<p>Municipal staff to speak to senior staff about how to better use the committee to engage with the community on port issues.</p> <p>Item deferred.</p>
<p>5. Communications subcommittee debrief</p>	<p>Heather, Glen, Kristi, and two communications staff from the City of North Vancouver and the District of West Vancouver met to discuss ways in which they could improve the flow of information to and from the NSWLC.</p> <p>Actions from the meeting:</p> <p>Municipalities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide a link to the NSWLC committee from the municipal website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o CNV: Maintain on current page http://www.cnv.org/Get-Involved/Committees o District of West Vancouver: Develop new page on partnerships, to include info on NSWLC (in progress) o District of North Vancouver: Update information currently on https://www.dnv.org/our-government/building-and-development-committees - Ensure staff are aware of NSWLC and how to contact Port Metro Vancouver and port industries <p>Port Metro Vancouver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee website: Provide information on what the committee does, issues they've looked at, how residents can engage with the committee (e.g. presentations) - Create information or collateral to inform municipal staff about the committee and how to contact Port Metro Vancouver, with links to community page and topics of interest - Gather contacts of community associations <p>Community representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen role as advocates for community issues by having more interaction with residents' associations, either by forwarding emails or through in-person meetings - Consider having direct contact details on the NSWLC web page, in addition to corporate nswlc@portmetrovancover.com <p>All the actions were in progress, and the working group would be meeting again to follow up on actions. Upon some further discussion, it was decided that the contact detail on the NSWLC site would be changed to Frances' email address to make it more personal, in lieu of using community representatives' direct contact details.</p> <p>In addition, the discussion on community complaints would be minuted at each meeting to show transparency.</p>
<p>6. Debrief on Low Level Road Port Area Liaison Committee</p>	<p>Ian and Frances attended the last LLRPALC meeting and presented on the NSWLC, to open up a discussion on ways in which the two groups could continue to engage. The LLRPALC asked about who they should contact with complaints about port activity, the answer</p>

	being that they should contact Port Metro Vancouver's community feedback line at 604.665.9004. A community member also asked about whether there were plans to build more rail overpasses in the eastern part of the District; Charlene responded that there were no plans. The LLRPALC advised that when the NSWLC recruits for another City representative, they should make a particular effort to ensure that the person comes from the Low Level Road area.
7. Committee communications protocol	Naomi Horsford tabled a new committee communications protocol that would help to ensure a systematic and consistent approach to how Port Metro Vancouver communicates with its liaison committees.
8. New Port Metro Vancouver website – useful links	Port Metro Vancouver has launched a new website. Committee members were encouraged to visit the "Topics of Interest" page and click on the links to the topics pages. These provide information on the most common questions, from navigational safety to air emissions. http://www.portmetrovancover.com/about-us/topics-of-interest/
9. Committee administration	<p>Possibility of lengthening meeting times It was decided that meetings would be lengthened to two hours.</p> <p>Recruitment update A recruitment process was currently underway for a District of West Vancouver representative.</p> <p>Committee correspondence A community member had emailed the committee to ask about increased night-time shunting noise in the Norgate area. Jim Feeny from CN responded that the shunting was due to the prairie grain harvest, which requires round-the-clock operations to get the grain to market. Frances would respond to the community member.</p> <p>North Shore community feedback There had been five enquiries originating from the North Shore since August 2015. Two were related to terminal noise, one was about fireworks, one was suspected coal dust, and one was a planning enquiry.</p>
10. Next meeting	8:00 am, Thursday December 3, 2015 Neptune

Action: Share Frances' email address on NSWLC page.

Minute the complaints.

Respond to Sandra re CN, copy Jillian and Glen.

Anti-whistling bylaw in District: No. When recruiting for CNV community reps, try to make sure that there's LLR area representation

Lengthening meeting times: 2 hours

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	Regrets

District of North Vancouver:

Glen Webb, Community Representative	In attendance
Jillian Cooke, Community Representative	In attendance
Charlene Grant, Manager, Corporate Planning & Projects, District of North Vancouver	In attendance

District of West Vancouver:

Community Representative	n/a
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	In attendance
Dave Lucas, Western Stevedoring - Representing Wharf Operators Association	Regrets
Ron Sander, Neptune Bulk Terminals Canada - representing North Shore Waterfront Industrial Association	In attendance
Jim Feeny, CN Representative	Regrets
Jeff Taylor, Director, Communications and Public Relations, Seaspan	Regrets

Squamish Nation:

Kathleen Callow, Planner, Project Negotiation & Development	Regrets
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Tsleil-Waututh First Nation:

Ernie George	Regrets
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Port Metro Vancouver

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

Paul Dufault, Metro Vancouver	In attendance
Andrea Winkler, Metro Vancouver	In attendance
Edge Kloosterboer, Port Metro Vancouver	In attendance
Jeff Pelton, Port Metro Vancouver	In attendance