

Port Community Liaison Committee Member Biographies

Community Representatives

Leslie Abramson, Ladner

Leslie is a resident of Ladner and has operated her business in Delta for 36 years. During this time, she served as President of the Delta Chamber of Commerce and as the first female President of the BC Chamber of Commerce. Leslie is Past President and active member of the Boys and Girls Club, Charter member of the Tsawwassen Rotary Club and Treasurer of the Delta Police Foundation.

Roger Emsley, Tsawwassen

Roger is a career airline and transportation industry executive with over 40 years experience. His responsibilities included Industry Affairs and as a result he has considerable experience in international relations and negotiations, having served on, as well as chaired, numerous international committees and conferences. In 1998, he established Emsley Management Ltd. to provide consulting services to the travel and transportation industries. Roger and his wife Angela are long term - since 1968 - residents of South Delta, where they raised their family. They currently live in Tsawwassen. Roger is active in the community in a volunteer capacity and currently holds appointments in a number of community groups and organizations.

Robert McCandless, Beach Grove in Tsawwassen

Robert retired in 2009 from Environment Canada after 28 years with that department. His previous work included west coast shipping, petroleum and mineral exploration and contract research for First Nations. He is a professional geoscientist, a life member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC, and served on four of its committees. Robert's government career included environmental assessment and environmental protection in the mining sector. He is the author of [Yukon Wildlife: A Social History](#) (1985) and in retirement has continued research and writing on natural resource policy and environmental history. He is a member and volunteer at OWL, Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society in Delta

Frank Rogers, Tsawwassen

A 25 year resident of Tsawwassen, Frank was born and raised in Ladner. Frank had an interesting 38 year career in the federal government working in key areas of procurement and real property management. He led a number of multi-disciplinary business lines accountable for the regional delivery of the department's real property services, and management and development of its owned and leased portfolio. Frank also worked several years as a director of client service, leading teams, and delivering all departmental products and services to the public safety portfolio of clients. His knowledge of and love for this community along with his experience in relationship development in the negotiation of large and complex agreements gives him a strong base of experience to draw on to make a contribution to this committee.

Patrick Thompson, Tsawwassen

Patrick is a resident of Tsawwassen. He returned to the region in 2010, after working overseas and across North America. Patrick's background spans law, planning, and negotiation. Most recently, he completed advanced training in mediation, to help parties anticipate and resolve conflicts relating to land and resources. In past roles with government, Patrick gained experience with community benefit agreements, which provide funding and strategic enhancements to communities impacted by large projects. He aims to bring this perspective to the PCLC. Patrick also serves on Delta Council's Agricultural Advisory Committee and is Chair of the South Delta HUB Cycling Committee.

Community Environmental Representative**Kate Hagmeier**

Kate is a biologist who has designed and conducted research and monitoring on avifauna and other wildlife along coastal British Columbia. Kate has working familiarity with federal and provincial legislation as well as municipal bylaws as they relate to wildlife, species at risk, protected areas, biodiversity and environmental assessment. Kate has designed and participated in wildlife management and monitoring programs for several municipalities and is responsible for project components such as field logistics, permits/authorizations, data collection, analysis, report writing and media relations. Kate has joined the PCLC as an independent environmental representative, to provide insight and advice on the environmental issues discussed.

Organization Representatives**Allan Baydala, Port Metro Vancouver**

As the Chief Financial Officer of Port Metro Vancouver, Allan's responsibilities include finance and accounting, legal, information services, business optimization and continuous improvement and enterprise risk management functions. He is responsible for the financial self-sufficiency of the port as required under the *Canada Marine Act*. A senior port authority executive for ten years, Allan was previously President and CEO of the North Fraser Port Authority. Allan has more than 20 years of aviation industry experience, including ownership of a regional airline. Allan and his wife Barbara have lived in Ladner with their two sons for over 25 years.

Bernita Iversen, Corporation of Delta

Bernita Iversen has held the position of Senior Policy Analyst with the Corporation of Delta for more than ten years. Bernita was Delta's representative on the Deltaport Third Berth Community Liaison Committee and is knowledgeable about port and other major issues in the local community.

Orv Nickel, Delta Chamber of Commerce

Orv was appointed by the Delta Chamber of Commerce. He is a former Vice Chair of the Delta Chamber of Commerce and currently works in the container shipping industry. He is currently involved in doctoral studies focusing on criminal justice.

Eric Waltz, President, Global Container Terminals

Eric joined Global Container Terminals as President in August 2009. He leads the Canadian division and is responsible for the strategic management, and day-to-day operation of two container terminals in Port Metro Vancouver – GCT Vanterm in the Burrard Inlet and GCT Deltaport at Roberts Bank. Prior to joining GCT, Eric was Chief Operations Officer at APM Terminals in Cape Town, South Africa with overall

responsibility for the performance of all terminals in the Africa Region. His operational and managerial career with APM has taken him from Tacoma to Los Angeles, Long Beach and Malaysia.

Gord Westlake, BC Rail Company

Mr. Westlake is the President and CEO of the British Columbia Railway Company. BC Railway owns and manages the Port Subdivision rail line, between Cloverdale and Roberts Bank. This line provides shared rail access for CP, CN and BNSF to serve the coal and intermodal terminals at Roberts Bank. Mr. Westlake is a Professional Engineer with over 30 years of experience in railway and marine terminal operations and management.