

North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee – Meeting Notes

DATE:	June 30, 2016
TIME:	8:00 am – 10:00 am
LOCATION:	Neptune Terminal Boardroom
CHAIR	Ron Sander, Neptune Terminal
VICE CHAIR	

Agenda Topic	Discussion/Action Items
1. Welcomes and introductions	<p>Committee members introduced themselves. Special guests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phil Grassi and Andrew Kennett, Ambleside Boat Launch • Dr. Richard Wiefelspuett, Clear Seas
2. Presentation on Ambleside boat launch closure	<p>Phil Grassi and Andrew Kennett presented to the committee with their concerns about the closure of the West Vancouver public boat launch. They argued that the closure would lead to unsafe conditions, with many boats being forced to launch from Cates Park and navigate through the busy inner harbour before they could reach open waters. A range of recreational boaters and fishers use the boat ramp, many of whom depend on trailered vessels. 750 signatures had been gathered on a petition to keep the ramp. The presenters noted that they had not yet discussed their concerns with the Coast Guard. They also indicated that they would also like to speak to the harbour master and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.</p> <p>Kristi Merilees from the District of West Vancouver reported that their mayor and council had asked staff to report back by December 31 with suggested alternate locations for the West Vancouver boat launch. The current boat ramp would remain open during fishing season, then will close in the fall. The decision to remove the boat ramp was made in response to public feedback and at West Vancouver councils direction that the district move forward with the installation of the Spirit Trail along Argyle Avenue.</p> <p>The boat ramp in Ambleside Park does not fall within port jurisdiction; the port authority's role in West Vancouver revolves primarily around navigational safety.</p> <p>Action: Ron/Frances to write letter to presenters with comments from the committee.</p> <p>Michael Evison requested that Kristi Merilees provide an update to the committee prior to year end following District staffs review of possible alternate boat ramp locations.</p>
3. Presentation on Clear Seas	<p>Dr. Richard Wiefelspuett presented to the committee on Clear Seas, a centre for research on responsible and safe shipping. Clear Seas is an independent organization funded by government and industry. Its aim is to conduct impartial research to inform the public about shipping, shipping risks and gaps towards best practice. Clear Seas</p>

	<p>is founded upon three pillars: engage, research and advocate. Recent activities included a poll on public perceptions on shipping. The results indicated that although people support shipping, they are concerned about oversight, regulation, and the potential of spills. Clear Seas had also commissioned a study by the Council of Canadian Academies to research the risks and benefits of shipping. The study found that there are gaps in data about the causes of incidents and accidents, and where on a ship's journey these incidents occur. It was noted that 94% of all Canadian tanker traffic takes place on the east coast. There is a trend of accidents decreasing, but more data and information is still needed.</p> <p>Q: What caused the creation of Clear Seas? A: The recent Tanker Safety Report commissioned by Transport Canada included a recommendation for an independent best practice research center to be created. The mandate was subsequently expanded to look at shipping as a whole, rather than just shipping oil. The centre received seed funding from the Alberta government, Transport Canada, and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers. The centre was now looking at different long-term funding models.</p> <p>Q: Where do the recommendations go? A: Recommendations from Clear Seas are sent to the relevant organization or agency.</p> <p>Q: How many ships are expected to convert to LNG? A: It is expected that the LNG fleet will number 1000, whereas at the moment there are about 200 LNG ships. Building an LNG ship is affordable, although converting a ship to LNG is expensive. The port authority is looking into LNG bunkering.</p>
<p>4. Follow up on action items</p>	<p>a) Follow-up letters to presenters: Complete.</p> <p>b) Follow-up on mitigations to reduce impacts of West Vancouver anchorages on local residents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can ships that are known to be noisy be anchored in English Bay rather than next to West Vancouver? This is already standard practice at the Port of Vancouver. Noisy ships are not placed in West Vancouver; in fact these anchorages are used as a last resort. • Can Tymac be asked to do their pilot transfers more slowly and less noisily? An email was sent to Tymac to put forth the concerns that had been raised at the committee. A representative from Tymac responded to say that the boat crew would be informed about these complaints. • Can ships not be brought in to anchor at night? Because the Port of Vancouver is a 24/7 operation, much like an airport, preventing a ship from anchoring at night would result in unacceptable delays to the efficiency of Canada's trade and supply chain. • Can the Port Information Guide be amended to require that ships "must" (rather than "should") keep noise to a minimum? The language in the Port Information Guide was developed in

	<p>conjunction with the Chamber of Shipping, with the intention that ships do everything in their power to minimize impacts on local residents while not compromising safety or operational requirements, as determined by Transport Canada or the International Maritime Organization. Changing the language to “must” could potentially result in ships not being able to comply with marine safety obligations.</p>
<p>5. Community outreach</p>	<p>The group discussed recent engagement with local residents. The first topic was to determine the overarching goal of engagement. It was important to manage the expectations of residents, and be clear that this was a liaison committee, not an advisory committee. Committee members who had recently met with resident groups in West Vancouver noted that the engagement had been positive and opened the doors to further communication. West Vancouver community reps had been doing community outreach with resident associations. Engaged with four organizations so far and will be engaging with four more organizations. They felt that the role of the committee was to be a sounding board for issues.</p> <p>a) Noise working group: On Friday July 8, Duncan Wilson and port environmental staff would be meeting with representatives from the Stop G3 group to discuss their concerns and provide information on mitigations. Glen Webb and Jeanette O’Brien accepted an offer to attend as representatives of NSWLC. Furthermore, a noise working group would be formed composed of representatives from industry, the port, and the community, to re-examine noise issues on the North Shore. Emile Scheffel, Jeanette O’Brien, Glen Webb and Ron Sander volunteered to be part of the working group.</p> <p>b) Engagement with environmental groups: North Shore Streamkeepers had written to the committee to explore engagement opportunities. It was decided that they would be asked to present to the next committee meeting, and told about the position opening up for a new DNV community representative.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glen and Jeanette to attend meeting with Stop G3 at port authority - Glen, Emile, Jeanette and Ron to take part in noise working group - Streamkeepers to be invited to present at next NSWLC meeting and invited to apply for DNV resident position
<p>6. Project updates</p>	<p>a) G3: The G3 project was approved. The port authority received feedback about the need for more consultation. As a result, a new condition to the permit was added, that G3 must continue to engage with the community so that they understand the mitigations.</p> <p>b) Richardson will be extending their work hours in the summer in order to complete routine maintenance. A notice had been sent to surrounding residents. A committee member asked if it is ever common practice for views to be guaranteed – the</p>

	<p>answer to which is that views are not guaranteed, although the G3 project was required to complete view studies.</p> <p>c) Public access to Harbourview Park/land exchange: Charlene Grant confirmed that there was a commitment that public access to Harbourview Park would be maintained, even if a land exchange went ahead. There would also be a public process around the land exchange, and businesses may be able to move to Maplewood North. Concerns were raised that small businesses in the industrial area near Lynnterm had been negatively affected by the land exchange, with the developer providing very little information to tenants about what was happening. Because it is believed that the land exchange is being done on behalf of the port, it is negatively affecting local business' perception of the port authority.</p>
7. Committee Admin	<p>Jillian Cooke has come to the end of her term as DNV community representative and will be stepping down. We will be recruiting for a new member over the summer, although Jillian will attend the September meeting to help with the handover.</p> <p>Action: Recruit for new DNV member</p>
c) Next meeting	<p>Thursday September 8, 2016 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Neptune Terminal Boardroom</p>

Action	Lead
Follow-up letters to presenters	Ron/Frances
Glen and Jeanette to attend meeting with Stop G3 at port authority	Glen, Jeanette
Glen, Emile, Jeanette and Ron to take part in noise working group	Glen, Jeanette, Emile, Ron
Streamkeepers to be invited to present at next NSWLC meeting and invited to apply for DNV resident position	Frances
Recruit for new DNV member	Frances

Attendance

City of North Vancouver:

Heather Drugge, Community Representative	Regrets
Ian McMurdo, Community Representative	In attendance
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	Regrets
Charlene Grant, General Manager of Corporate Services, District of North Vancouver	In attendance

District of West Vancouver:

Michael Evison, Community Representative	In attendance
Alex Tunner, Community Representative	In attendance

Kristi Merilees, Manager of Community Relations, District of West Vancouver	In attendance
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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
Emile Scheffel, CN Representative	In attendance
Jeff Taylor, Director, Communications and Public Relations, Seaspan	Regrets

Port Metro Vancouver

Duncan Wilson, Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility	In attendance
Frances Tang-Graham, Municipal and Community Engagement	In attendance
Naomi Horsford, Executive Municipal Liaison	Regrets

Guests

Phil Grassi and Andrew Kennett, local residents
Dr. Richard Wiefelspuett, Clear Seas