

MEETING NOTES

East Vancouver Port Lands

Date:	Monday, December 4, 2017
Time:	6pm to 8pm
Location:	St. James Hospice (650 Penticton Street N.)
Chair:	Alycia Majorkiewicz-Ata, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
Attendees:	<p>Barb Fousek, BCA Harry Mah, BCA John Hawthorne, BCA Chris McPherson, Community Member Christina Proseilo, Viterra</p> <p>Guests:</p> <p>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Gord Tycho, Senior Planner</p> <p>Columbia Containers Ltd. David Lord, Project Manager</p>
Regrets:	<p>Naomi Horsford, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Karis Hiebert, City of Vancouver Peter Idema, Viterra Mike LoVecchio, CP Andrew Dye, Community Member</p>

#	Agenda Item
1. Project Updates	
1.1	<p>Columbia Containers Fifth Rail Track at 2775 Commissioner Street, David Lord</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a Category C, Yellow Use project • This project would add a parallel 5th rail track – storage for an additional 14 rail cars. • Currently, the rail cars are not organized when they come onto the property but the additional track will increase ability to shuffle and organize rail cars on site, which will lead to a reduced number of shuttling. This equates to lesser

	<p>explosions of noise.</p> <p><u>Q&A Highlights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of the track will begin in February 2018. Construction works will adhere to the port authority’s standard construction hours. • Works will take approximately 4 to 6 weeks to complete. Currently the asphalt is being scrapped to create a desirable ground condition to lay rail. • A member asked Columbia Containers (Dean) to look into the hours of operations of the fork lift operators to review the noise created. • A member would also like to ask CP about back up sensors on rail cars, as there was a recent incident of a collision. • The grade will not be changed on any existing rail lines. Everything will remain as is. • Switching of gears is still being done manually. • It was confirmed that CP owns the track and right-of-way of the rail line along the south shore, but terminals, such as Viterra and Columbia Containers, pay for rail-related-details on their site.
<p>1.2</p>	<p>Columbia Containers Partial Bight Infill and Offsetting Projects, by David Lord</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a Category C, Yellow Use project • This is Columbia Containers’ second presentation out of a potential three presentations on the bight infill project. The EVPL confirmed that it was okay to wave Columbia Containers’ third presentation on the bight infill, as there would be no further changes to the project. • The purpose of the bight infill project is to accommodate rail and truck traffic movement on Columbia Containers’ property. • To compensate for the marine habitat that is being impacted by the infill for the bight, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) requires that Columbia Containers undertake a marine environment improvement project. • Columbia Containers wanted to provide a great marine habitat for not only fish but for plant life as well. An intertidal bench/beach to increase marine diversity has been decided on. • This habitat area is proposed to be located at the northwest corner of the New Brighton truck lot. This area was chosen as it is expected that there will not be any changes to the site in the short term. Columbia Containers is responsible to build this habitat and ensure that it is successful. • The offsetting project is proposed for January/February 2018 and would take approximately 12 to 16 weeks to complete. Columbia Containers is aiming to have works finished before the fisheries window (March 1 to August 15), at which time all marine works will need to cease. • Due to the need to work during low tide, there would be some night time works of 8 hours required for approximately 4 to 6 weeks.

	<p><u>Q&A Highlights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When reviewing the project drawings, there was some concern raised that the new trucking entrance to Columbia Containers might be too tight of a turn for trucking coming from the east. It was clarified that the angle should be okay as it had been reviewed by the project consultants. • A member had noticed the shine of the roofs of the new silos and worried about the glare in the summer. It was explained that the roofs age quickly and they will not be shiny by summer 2018. • The beach area does have some existing, old piling but they will not be reused. • Through the offsetting project, the concrete that has been dumped along the shoreline site will be cleaned up. The addition of rip-rap along the beach area will create an environment for fish to lay eggs and will enable spawning grounds. Logs and boulders will also be added to the beach. Additionally, the native plants will be cleaned up and replanted. Columbia Container noted the need to share the EVPL landscape plans with DFO. • The beach will not be accessible to the public. • The offsetting project dovetails with the Commissioner St. East Shoreline Protection Rehabilitation project that the port authority is undertaking. • The works that would need to be done at night include construction of the retaining wall and bottom section. The rock needs to be deeply embedded to ensure that there is a good base. This will take 6 weeks approximately. • The infill would be done at the same time as the offsetting and there will be two separate crews looking after each project. • The majority of the rip-rap rock will be arriving by barge. • Concern for the lighting of the night time works was raised. The infill area is directly in front of the Avant building. EVPL members were asked to notify Columbia Containers should there be any light shined directly into a resident's dwelling. • Columbia Containers is hopeful that their project submission for the offsetting project will be deemed complete by the port authority in early December.
<p>1.3</p>	<p>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Engineering East Shoreline Protection Rehabilitation, by Gord Tycho.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus of this project is to strengthen the rip-rap along the shoreline in the area in between Columbia Containers and WCMRC. • It was confirmed the majority of the construction work would be water-based with some small components being transported by truck. • The project is still under review. Assuming the permit is granted, the works would begin January 8, 2018. • This is a Category B, Green Use project.

2. New Business	
2.1	<p>Port update, by Alycia Majorkiewicz-Ata</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The port authority’s Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) Program Vessel Slowdown Trial concluded on October 6, 2018. The purpose of the trial was to better understand and measure the level of noise reduction achieved through reduced vessel speed. A full analysis of the effectiveness of slowing vessels down to reduce acoustic disturbance will be conducted by the ECHO Program team, with study results available in 2018. In consultation with our vessel operators committee regarding industry impacts, this analysis will be used to inform decision making and determine next steps. The port authority has television, radio and digital promotion running until December 10, which focuses on the great work undertaken as part of the ECHO program.
2.2	<p>Christmas donation, by Alycia Majorkiewicz-Ata</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group had suggested that the end-of-year donation be given to Lexie Owen, Burrardview Artist in residence. It was unclear if the donation could be provided to an individual versus a non-for-profit or charitable organization. Alycia would look into it and confirm with the committee.
2.2	<p>End-of-year survey, by Alycia Majorkiewicz-Ata</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ten minutes was dedicated to completing the Port of Vancouver’s annual survey. The survey measures the extent to which the committee is meeting its objectives and is a way for the port authority to understand how to improve liaison committee meetings and communication.
2.3	<p>Other business</p> <p>New Brighton Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A member raised concern about the process of working with the EVPL committee on port-related projects within the community, such as New Brighton Park. Members would like to come to a common understanding and would like clarification on best practices for projects. Members would also like to learn more about plans for a potential meadow to be planted in New Brighton. <p>Columbia Containers amenity contribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members would like to look at meeting with Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation sooner rather than later to come up with a plan that is mutual agreeable on what the funds should be used for. EVPL would like to ensure that funds are used towards Dusty Greenwell Park.

	<p>ACTION – Alycia to consolidate action items related to Columbia Containers amenity contribution.</p>
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Meeting Date	Agenda Ref #	Action Item	Lead	Due Date
2017-12-04	2.3	Finalize the details of Columbia Containers amenity contribution	Karis H./City of Vancouver	2018/2019
2016-09-19	2.1	Provide update on Columbia Container amenity contribution.	Karis H.	COMPLETED
2016-08-03	2.1	Connect with Columbia Containers facilitate an introduction for Harry Mah.	Naomi H.	COMPLETED
2016-08-03	2.2	Follow up with CP to discuss idling train engines.	Naomi H.	Future meeting
2016-06-30	1.1	Notify EVPL when Viterra’s project permits are issued.	Gord T.	Ongoing
2016-04-12	1.2	Send letter to residents asking how they would like to be notified of project improvements.	Columbia Containers	Future meeting