Background
The Port Community Liaison Committee – Delta (PCLC) serves as a mechanism for communications and dialogue about port-related issues in Delta. It is an information sharing forum bringing together representatives from the Corporation of Delta, Tsawwassen First Nations, industry, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, and local community representatives to discuss developments, identify concerns, provide suggestions, as well as facilitate two-way communication about port operations and development.

Members
Community representative
- Leslie Abramson, Ladner
- Geoff Barlow, Ladner
- Roger Emsley, Tsawwassen
- Mark Gordienko, Tsawwassen (new as of September 2017)
- Randy Johnstone, Ladner
- Robert McCandless, Tsawwassen
- Dennis McJunkin, North Delta (new as of September 2017)
- Frank Rogers, Tsawwassen
- Patrick Thompson, Tsawwassen

Environmental representative
- Kate Hagmeier

Organization representatives
- Greg Andrew, Westshore Terminals
- Tom Awrey, Delta Chamber of Commerce
- Tom Corsie, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
- Marko Dekovic, Global Container Terminals
- Bernita Iversen, Corporation of Delta
- Andrea Jacobs, Tsawwassen First Nation
- Gord Westlake, BC Rail Company
- Leisa Yee/Noel Roddick, Delta Farmers’ Institute

Meetings
There were six regular meetings held in 2017. Key topics discussed throughout the year were:
- ECHO Program Vessel Slowdown Trial
- Deltaport Truck Staging Area
- Tsawwassen Container Examination Facility
- Proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project
• The future of Vancouver’s cruise business
• Tsawwassen Eelgrass Project
• Habitat Enhancement Program
• Shore power at Global Container Terminals (GCT) Deltaport
• New ship-to-shore container cranes at GCT Deltaport
• Westshore Terminals upgrades
• Port of Vancouver Land Use Plan amendments
• Container truck traffic congestion (in the Massey Tunnel, on Deltaport Way)
• Privatization of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
• Herring spawning near the Deltaport causeway
• Summary of questions and correspondence received at the Delta Community Office and through Vancouver Fraser Port Authority’s Community Feedback line

Presentations

• Tsawwassen Container Examination Facility
• Deltaport Logistics Centre
• Westshore Terminals Bailey Bridge Replacement Project
• GCT Deltaport’s new ship-to-shore container cranes
• Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plan Outfall Project
• Tsawwassen Eelgrass Project
• Western Canada Marine Response Corporation
• BC Rail Intermodal Yard Expansion Project
• Deltaport Truck Staging Area
• Vancouver Fraser Port Authority’s education program
• FRDP overview on dredging the Fraser River

Outreach

Throughout the year, the PCLC’s communications committee submitted two articles to the Delta Optimist to help raise the profile of the committee. The topics were a 2017 year-in-review and an information piece about the new cranes at Deltaport.

A promotional postcard (and corresponding poster) was additionally developed, which intended to educate the community about the purpose of the PCLC and to help with recruitment of two new community representatives.

A recruiting committee was formed in the summer to select two new community representatives. All the current community representatives are in their last term, which will conclude in September 2019. The terms of reference was amended to enable two new representatives to gain historical context prior to the onboarding of a completely new set of community representatives. The committee conducted a very thorough selection and interviewing process to aid in selection of the newest members.

The PCLC provided its annual donation to the Georgia Strait Alliance and the Mission to Seafarers. Community representatives took part in photo opportunities with each of these organizations. The photos were submitted as part of the PCLC’s first Delta Optimist editorial submission of 2018.