

MEETING NOTES

Port Community Liaison Committee - Delta

Meeting:	#44
Date:	Thursday, October 4, 2018
Time:	Breakfast: 7:30 am Meeting: 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Location:	Delta Community Office (5225A Ladner Trunk Road, Ladner) <i>Located in the Trenant Park Shopping Centre next to Shoe Warehouse</i>
Facilitator/Chair:	Michelle LeBaron
Coordinator	Mandy Ellis
Attendees:	<p>Members:</p> <p>Community Representatives Leslie Abramson, Ladner Roger Emsley, Tsawwassen Mark Gordienko, Tsawwassen Dennis McJunkin, North Delta Robert McCandless, Tsawwassen</p> <p>Organizations Greg Andrew, Westshore Terminals Tom Awrey, Delta Chamber of Commerce Robyn Crisanti, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Marko Dekovic, Global Container Terminals Kate Hagmeier, Environmental Representative Bernita Iversen, City of Delta Gord Westlake, B.C. Rail Company Noel Roddick, Delta Farmers' Institute Michelle LeBaron, facilitator</p> <p>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Tanya Hawke, Community Outreach Advisor James Hoffele, Environmental Specialist</p> <p>Guests Jeff Scott, Fraser Surrey Docks</p>
Regrets:	Tom Corsie, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Frank Rogers, Tsawwassen Patrick Thompson, Tsawwassen Chief Bryce Williams, Tsawwassen First Nation

#	Agenda item	Lead	Time
1. Introductions			
1.1	Michelle introduced Robyn Crisanti and James Hoffele from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, and Jeff Scott from Fraser Surrey Docks.		
2. Presentation			
	<p>Fraser Surrey Docks and the Fraser River Industrial Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Scott, Fraser Surrey Docks, provided an overview of Fraser Surrey Docks. Topics covered included the history of Fraser Surrey Docks and current ownership, the terminal's capabilities, business highlights for container, agri-bulk, steel and general project cargo business at the terminal, the proposed Fraser Grain Terminal, and features and geography of the terminal. • Jeff also provided an overview of the Fraser River Industrial Association. Topics covered included history and membership makeup, history of the Fraser River, economic highlights of the Port of Vancouver, importance of rivers to major cities in the world, comparison between the Fraser River and the St. Lawrence Seaway, and strategic priorities of the Fraser River Industrial Association. <p>Q&A highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leslie asked about marine fire response on the Fraser River and said that the closest fire boat is in Vancouver. • Robert asked about dredging. Jeff said that formerly responsibility was with Transport Canada. The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is responsible for planning and activities related to maintenance of the Fraser River, and Fraser Surrey Docks pays fees to the port authority. • Dennis asked about status of BHP project. Jeff said this is going through the permitting process. It was discussed that competing projects at FSD would be on an independent loop. • Marko asked about capacity change and utilization. Jeff said current terminal capacity utilization is 30-40%, with current container capacity utilization around 60% based upon current 400K TEU layout . BHP would take some container capacity. Jeff said FSD could increase container capacity to between 1.8M TEU and 2.1M TEU if the container layout were expanded. • Roger asked about long-term plans at FSD for their container business. Jeff said FSD is limited by vessel size. FSD operates container service to Asia, Australia, North Europe and the Mediterranean. Currently FSD can receive up to 4,600 TEU ships, with potential for up to 5,500 TEU based upon current navigational depth. Jeff said that draft restrictions and the George Massey Tunnel are not limiting FSD but ship length is limited by the geography of the river. Current maximum ship length is around 340m length overall (LOA). 		
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3. General Business			
	<p>Revisiting Terms of Reference, clarifying purpose of meeting notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle provided some context for the review of the Port Community Liaison Committee Terms of Reference. • Michelle clarified the purpose of meeting notes and provided some context for adding the item for discussion. • Michelle explained meeting notes are meant to be a summary. A Vancouver Fraser Port Authority representative takes the meeting notes, and the meeting facilitator reviews requests for changes. Going forward, the meeting facilitator will distribute the meeting notes to the group and request feedback or changes, 		
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	<p>to ensure that process is clear.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roger commented about a lecture he attended regarding the Fraser River estuary and the Western Sandpiper. Roger spoke to the previous PCLC meeting and said the particular piece he referenced about the long-term decline of the Western Sandpiper visiting Roberts Bank is significant. Roger reiterated he felt it was an absolute necessity to have the specific information regarding the Western Sandpiper included in the meeting notes from the previous meeting. This has been done. • Leslie supported the point that meeting notes need to conform with the guidelines in the Terms of Reference. • Marko suggested the Terms of Reference be edited to remove reference to decision-making to more accurately reflect the information-exchange role of the committee. Action item: Mandy to review the Terms of Reference and provide suggested changes to Michelle for review and feedback.
4. Presentation	
4.1	<p>Have your say! Progressing sustainability reporting and performance through engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ James Hoffele, Environmental Specialist, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, provided an overview of sustainability reporting, and discussed the purpose and importance of engaging with the reporting audience. ▪ James invited the committee to choose a member to participate in an external panel. The external panel’s purpose will be to provide input on port-related sustainability impacts and topics and their relative priority, and to provide feedback on the 2016 report and identify preferences for future reporting in light of the port authority’s transition to online reporting. <p><u>Q&A highlights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Michelle asked the group to do a roundtable of introductions, and everyone introduced themselves and their affiliation. ▪ Roger asked which environmental groups have been invited to participate in the external panel and suggested Bird Studies Canada be invited. ▪ Noel commented that agricultural groups should be invited to participate in the external panel, given land loss impacts. ▪ Robert asked about the expected group size for the external panel. James answered that 18-20 individuals are expected to participate. ▪ James thanked the group for their suggestions and said that municipalities have also been invited to participate in the external panel. James hopes these groups, together with a committee representative, will bring a range of perspectives to the panel. ▪ Kate asked about the definition of Sustainable Port and whether metrics are available online. James clarified that the metrics are in development and may be discussed during the external panel proceedings. James clarified that the success statements and related information are available on the Port of Vancouver website in the 2016 Sustainability Report. The metrics will arise as the Sustainable Port definition is determined. ▪ Marko and Greg asked about industry representation on the external panel. James responded that Shipping Federation of Canada, Global Container Terminals and Neptune have been invited to participate. ▪ Leslie asked if someone from Delta Farmers’ Institute could attend. James responded that this was a good suggestion and will be considered, depending

	<p>on confirmations of attendance from those already invited.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The committee agreed either Kate or Robert should participate on behalf of the committee on the external panel, depending on the final meeting date. Kate and Robert agreed to get in touch with James.
5. Correspondence	
5.1	<p>Community - General & PCLC email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandy provided an update on public enquiries received since July related to Delta regarding general noise.
6. Reports	
6.1	<p>Port update, Robyn Crisanti</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See port update in advance notes from this meeting. <p><u>Q&A highlights</u></p> <p>Deltaport Truck Staging Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marko asked why the timelines had been pushed back. Robyn responded that completion of truck staging is pending approval from Transport Canada to extend funding. <p>Land Use Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roger asked how many comments had been received by the Port Authority. Mandy responded that the Port Authority's summary and consideration reports will be available in the fall. <p>Fraser River Improvement Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert asked about the process for disposing of derelict boats. Robyn responded that this is handled in an environmentally sensitive way. <p>Shore power update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to a query from Leslie, Robyn responded that system energization is complete and the Port Authority is awaiting confirmed dates of first connections at the terminals.
6.2	Committee member enquiries
6.3	<p>Delta Community Office report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanya spoke to recent and upcoming events. • Tanya highlighted the upcoming Container Trail tours, which are fully subscribed. • Leslie asked about demographic characteristics of attendees. • Mark thanked the Delta Office and the Port Authority for hosting community members on a tour of the Fraser River, and acknowledged Tom Corsie for narrating the tour.
7. New Business	
7.1	<p>New business and standing item on presentation requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leslie suggested the Port Authority form a port traffic committee in Delta. She

	<p>noted she has spoken with the City of Delta Fire Chief about this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marko provided a short update on GCT-Deltaport's intermodal yard expansion project. GCT-Deltaport are in early operations of the first semi-automated rail yard in Canada. • Kate suggested the Port Authority invite Ron Ydenburg from Simon Fraser University to present on the Fraser River Estuary and the Western Sandpiper.
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Meeting	Agenda Ref #	Action Item	Responsible	Due Date
44	3.1	Review Terms of Reference and provide suggested changes to Michelle for review and feedback.	Mandy E.	In progress
44	7.1	Invite presenter on the Fraser River Estuary and the Western Sandpiper.	Mandy E.	In progress
43	5.2	Follow up with project team regarding report referenced in response to member enquiry.	Mandy E.	Complete
40	5.1	Presentation to PCLC regarding ECHO Program Vessel Slowdown Trial once results have been received.	Mandy E.	Future meeting
35	2.2	Provide formal presentation on salinity study and next steps.	Leisa L.	Future meeting
33	4.1	Presentation to PCLC regarding the Fraser River including the port's jurisdiction and long-term strategies.	Mandy E.	Future meeting