

MEETING AGENDA

Port Community Liaison Committee - Delta

Meeting:	#47
Date:	Tuesday, April 23, 2019
Time:	Dinner: 5:30 pm (buffet) Meeting: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Location:	Coast Tsawwassen Inn, Ballroom (1665 56 Street, Delta, BC V4L 2B2)
Facilitator/Chair:	Michelle LeBaron
Coordinator:	Naomi Horsford
Attendees:	<p>Members:</p> <p>Community representatives Leslie Abramson, Ladner Roger Emsley, Tsawwassen Mark Gordienko, Tsawwassen Dennis McJunkin, North Delta Patrick Thompson, Tsawwassen Frank Rogers, Tsawwassen</p> <p>Organizations Greg Andrew, Westshore Terminals Tom Corsie, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Marko Dekovic, Global Container Terminals Kate Hagmeier, Environmental Representative Bernita Iversen, City of Delta Michelle LeBaron, Facilitator Noel Roddick, Delta Farmers' Institute</p> <p>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Kristina Driedger, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Tanya Hawke, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Naomi Horsford, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Candace McLellan, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Duncan Wilson, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Carrie Brown, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</p> <p>Guests Michael McLellan, Global Container Terminals Sarah Bowie, Ausenco-Hemmera, GCT consultant</p>
Regrets:	Robert McCandless, Tsawwassen Garry Shearer, Delta Chamber of Commerce Gord Westlake, B.C. Rail Company Tsawwassen First Nation (representative to be appointed)

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1. Introductions	
1.1	Michelle introduced herself, commented on the meeting space, and asked attendees to introduce themselves.
2. Presentation	
2.1	<p>Duncan Wilson, Vice President, Environment, Community and Government Relations</p> <p>Presentation: Roberts Bank Terminal 2 update on environmental assessment process</p> <p><u>Q&A highlights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bernita asked about the requirements to consult with US First Nations groups. Duncan advised that CEAA guides on who to consult with and we have not been guided to follow up with US First Nations groups. • Patrick asked if the port authority will be consulting with local government about increased activity of larger and more frequent vessels due to RBT2. Duncan advised that the port authority will work with communities and local government to help with transportation infrastructure. • Noel asked the status of Fraser Surrey Docks (FSD) with regards to larger vessels and the restrictions on larger vessels berthing at FSD. Duncan advised that it depends on the market and the future of shipping. Due to the restrictions in the river (dredging), it will be harder for FSD to compete with the container demand. FSD currently serves breakbulk vessels and vessels in short sea shipping. FSD is also currently for sale. • Leslie asked about the future of the cruise industry and whether cruise ships will be coming to Delta. Duncan advised that the new and larger cruise ships need another location due to inner harbour restrictions (tidal issues at Lions Gate Bridge). The port authority is looking at ways to accommodate those vessels and is speaking with the provincial government about short-term and long-term solutions that may include a new cruise ship terminal. • Leslie asked whether the port authority is consulting with First Nations groups on Vancouver Island. Duncan advised that due to treaty claims in the Roberts Bank area, and as part of the marine shipping assessment required by CEAA, the port authority has included them in the consultation process. • Noel asked about the Lions Gate Bridge and the port authority's ability to accommodate larger vessels (dredging). Duncan advised that unfortunately not much can be done as the concerns are air draft of the vessel not the depth underwater. • Frank asked about sustainability with regards to increased cargo and the pressure it could generate given the lack of available industrial land. Duncan and Tom advised that the port authority has been focusing on the decreasing supply of industrial land for several years. Logistically, there are workarounds using existing off-dock facilities, but the port authority will continue to work with government on this concern.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions followed regarding the pressures on agricultural land and concerns in light of industrial land shortages. Tom quoted a finding from a Metro Vancouver report noting that 27% of the region's jobs take place on industrial land, which represents 4% of the region's land base, noting the potential for jobs if industrial land were to increase to 8%.
2.2	<p>Marko Dekovic, Global Container Terminals Presentation: Deltaport fourth berth project proposal</p> <p><u>Q&A highlights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roger asked about the capacity/cost of the Deltaport berth 4 proposal compared to the proposed RBT2 project (\$1 billion to \$1.6 billion, compared to \$2 billion to \$2.5 billion). Marko advised that GCT need to complete more studies; however, currently the estimates are accurate. It was noted that Prince Rupert's expansion is similar. Bernita asked if the impacts on biofilm would be less significant than with RBT2. Marko suggested that it would have less impact on biofilm, adding that studies would have to be undertaken in order to confirm. Patrick asked about competition if there is only one terminal operator at Deltaport. Marko said that with Prince Rupert, Nanaimo and Vancouver, there are many competitors. Marko believes that there is healthy competition in various other ways (rail, terminal operators). Marko also noted the competition between the US and Canadian markets. Marko noted that Seattle Terminal 5 is currently sitting empty. Mike McLellan noted that the owners of Seattle Terminal 5 intend to upgrade the terminal. Dennis expressed concern about receiving a robo-call from GCT and noted he does not appreciate being contacted this way. Dennis asked why GCT is submitting this proposal at such a late stage. Marko explained that a change in circumstances led GCT to propose the fourth berth. Dennis expressed that he thinks that greater competition might be healthy.
3. General Business	
3.1	<p>Delta Optimist submissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrick and Bernita spoke about the Delta Optimist article, and ideas/writers to collaborate with. They will continue to link messaging and social media. In the next round of recruitment they asked for volunteers to contribute to the work of the PCLC communications committee. Patrick will send a few suggestions and reminders to all. <p>ACTION: Patrick to send article ideas to committee members for feedback.</p> <p><u>Q&A highlights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noel asked how long committee member terms are. Naomi advised that community member-at-large terms are two years (with the option of renewal for a second term, for a maximum of four years). Committee members were asked to spread the word for candidates;

	recruitment will begin to fill the soon-to-be-vacant community-at-large positions shortly.
4. Correspondence	
4.1	<p>Community - General & PCLC email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naomi provided update. One concern received since last meeting.
5. Reports	
5.1	<p>Port update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See port updates document. <p><u>Q&A highlights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leslie commented on the smell from the Annacis Island wastewater treatment plant. Noel expressed concern about the Westham Island Canoe Pass Tidal Marsh Project. His concern is that the project would infill next to irrigation pipes required to service farmland. Noel noted that there is support for creating more eel grass for salmon but that the project would potentially impact the water needed for farmers. Tom advised that project will need to take this into consideration and there will be future consultation with stakeholders. Kate noted an eagle nest has formed in the middle of the future construction area for the Delta truck staging area. Tom advised VFPA would take a look and follow up. <i>[Post-meeting follow-up: VFPA project team advises the raptor's nest(s) was identified during the design of the project. Conditions were added to the construction contract based on the port authority's PER Permit. The contractor has provided a Raptor Management Plan to address those issues and conditions, which is currently being reviewed by VFPA and the B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.]</i> <p>ACTION: VFPA to provide DFI comments regarding the Westham Island Canoe Pass Tidal Marsh project to habitat enhancement team.</p>
5.2	<p>Committee member enquiries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no committee enquiries received since the last meeting; however, Naomi noted that there will be a "retirement" party for those leaving the PCLC in September.
5.3	<p>Delta Community Office report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tanya advised that the new Delta office is under construction and is scheduled to open in June 2019. Tanya also spoke to a recent staffing change and provided a quick overview of recent events. <p><u>Q&A highlights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
6. New Business	
6.1	<p>New business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new business items

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47	3.1	Patrick to send article ideas to committee members for feedback.	Patrick	In progress
47	5.1	VFPA to provide DFI comments regarding the Westham Island Canoe Pass Tidal Marsh project to habitat enhancement team.	Mandy E.	Complete
46	3.2	VFPA to follow up with habitat enhancement team regarding Westham Island Canoe Pass Tidal Marsh Project and engagement with DFI.	Mandy E.	Complete
44	3.1	Review Terms of Reference and provide suggested changes to Michelle for review and feedback.	Mandy E.	Complete
44	7.1	Invite presenter on the Fraser River Estuary and the Western Sandpiper to a future meeting.	Mandy E.	Complete
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.	Scheduled for December 2019
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.	Complete