

## **Annual General Meeting | June 4, 2019**

### **Judy Rogers, Board Chair**

Good afternoon everyone.

First, let me begin by acknowledging that we are gathered today on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish, Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh people.

My name is Judy Rogers, and I am the chair of the board of directors for the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.

I am pleased to be here addressing you all at my first AGM since I assumed the role of chair in late 2018 after being elected by the board last June.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for taking the time to be here with us today.

We know the port is of significant importance to all of you, whether you are here as a member of the community or community organization, representing a government agency, one of the port's many customers or tenants, representing labour, or any of the many others who share an interest in the Port of Vancouver.

For those of you who are members of the BC Maritime Employers' Association or the International Long Shore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), who have together just come through a challenging negotiation, I would like to congratulate your efforts which led to a tentative agreement last week.

It is vitally important that we all work together to ensure a stable, reliable, efficient and competitive gateway that benefits Canadian trade and the millions of families who depend on the trade through this port. We wish you all the best for making this tentative agreement a final agreement in the weeks ahead.

The board of directors of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority are appointed by various tiers of government in recognition of the skills, expertise and perspectives we bring to the port authority of Canada's largest port.

We all come from diverse backgrounds, but share a deep commitment to the Port of Vancouver and the critical role it plays in Canada's economy.

Of our 11 members, one has been appointed by the government of Canada, one by the government of B.C., one jointly by the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, one by the 16 local municipalities, and seven by the Minister of Transport on the recommendation of the User Nominating Committee.

It's my pleasure to ask each director to stand and remain standing until all directors have been introduced. Please hold your applause until the end.

Our board of directors are:

- Bruce Chan
- Mike Corrigan
- Lisa Ethans
- Ken Geogetti
- Carmen Loberg, chair of the human resources and compensation committee
- Chief Clarence Louie
- Catherine McLay, chair of major capital projects committee
- Joanne McLeod, chair of the audit committee
- Craig Munroe
- Penny Priddy, chair of the governance and stakeholder relations committee

We have a fiduciary obligation to represent the best interests of the port authority in delivering on our mandate of facilitating Canada's trade through the Port of Vancouver.

I am honoured to be serving this organization alongside these tremendously dedicated individuals, and for the privilege of working in collaboration with all of you for the benefit of Canada.

It is only through building those relationships and working together that we will be successful in growing trade through this gateway.

We may not always agree, but by working together and keeping lines of communication open, we will be able to build upon our shared interests and find the best path forward.

The rest of the board and I will be around to talk after the Q and A portion of today's agenda. I'm looking forward to the discussion!

With that, I would now like to invite Robin Silvester, president and CEO of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, to the stage to share some of the key achievements and highlights from 2018 with us.

Thank you!