

South Shore Community Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting:	#2
DATE:	September 11, 2019
TIME:	6:00pm – 8:00pm
LOCATION:	Hastings Community Centre – Boardroom, Vancouver
FACILITATOR:	Pam Ryan
COORDINATOR:	Candace McLellan
ATTENDEES:	<p>Members:</p> <p>Community Representatives Mary-Helen Wright, Burrardview Community Association Dorothy D. Barkley, Grandview Woodlands Area Council Trefor Smith, Strathcona Residents Association Jeff Otto, Member at Large Kate Walker, Member at Large David Hutchinson, Member at Large Luc Lamont-Caputo, Member at Large</p> <p>Organizations Chris Robertson, City of Vancouver Arnold J. Jaggernauth, Western Lantic Canada Peter A. Idema, Viterra Joslyn Young, CN Mike LoVecchio, CP</p> <p>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Peter Xotta, Vice President, Planning and Operations Naomi Horsford, Manager, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Candace McLellan, SSCLC Coordinator Gilles Assier, Director, Container Terminal Construction</p>
REGRETS:	Howard Grant, Musqueam First Nation Carleen Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh First Nation Angela Kirkham, DP World

Agenda topic	Discussion/Action items
1. Welcome and introductions	Roundtable introductions for the benefit of the invited presenter and first-time committee members.
2. Presentation: Port 101	Peter Xotta - Vice President, Planning and Operations provided an overview of the Port of Vancouver including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandate and role of VFPA • Role of other organizations • VFPA vision and how the vision is implemented • Size and operations • Investments to enable economic prosperity through trade capacity • Overview of specific projects currently underway • Activities to maintain a healthy environment and enable thriving communities

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	<p>Q&A Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions about the G3 project under development at Lynnterm West Gate in North Vancouver to improve grain receiving, storing and shipping. In May 2016, VFPA issued a permit to proceed, subject to 74 permit conditions G3 must meet to ensure the project does not result in significant adverse environmental effects. More information is available on the project website and at VFPA Development and Permits. • Questions about the composition and role of the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum and Greater Vancouver Gateway 2030. The joint-agency committee was formed in 2014 as a collaborative effort of Transport Canada, the B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, VFPA, TransLink and the Greater Vancouver Gateway Council. It has proposed nearly 40 transportation projects that will help remove capacity constraints and freight bottlenecks to get Canadian goods to market, grow the economy, and support liveable, green communities with improvements to safety, mobility, and air quality. More information is available on the forum's website. • Surprise at the extent of lands and waters over which VFPA has responsibility. • Positive comments about VFPA's ECHO program and questions as to what other ports are doing. It was noted that ECHO is unique to the Port of Vancouver because of our unique location.
<p>3. Presentation: Centerm Expansion Project</p>	<p>Gilles Assier, Director – Container Terminal Construction provided an overview of the project including rationale, benefits, current status and construction timelines.</p> <p>Q&A Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciation of the additional context and keen interest in staying informed. • Surprise at the volume of container demand and what can be transported in containers. • Questions about how the port balance what goes in and out and whether the Port of Vancouver is balanced in terms of exports and imports. It was noted that while the number of containers is relatively balanced, the volume (tonnage) of exports is much larger than imports. • Questions about whether the western expansion of Centerm will impact cruise vessel traffic (it won't because part of the project is to remove underwater some material to enable a different approach to the terminal when needed). • Questions about the status of the air quality permit requirements and when the community will have an opportunity to provide input. The committee's interest in providing input to this aspect of project planning was noted and discussion tabled to a future committee meeting.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions about security, monitoring, and emergency preparedness. Following a brief discussion, it was suggested that this be tabled to a future meeting to include an overview presentation and discussion. CP also recommended that committee members visit the CP website for more information about the company's hazardous materials handling emergency response program. • Question about how long freighters and tankers are permitted to anchor in the harbour and what happens if they don't leave. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>[Post-meeting follow-up: See practices and procedures outlined under "Anchorages" and "Anchorage Assignments" on p.155-156 of the Port Information Guide.]</i> • More information about the Centerm Expansion Project is available on the project website.
4. Terms of Reference	<p>Committee members unanimously ratified the revised terms of reference as distributed with the agenda package.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Pam to follow up with members who were unable to attend and confirm their understanding and agreement.</i></p>
5. Community/Organizational Happenings	<p>Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rail Safety Week will be held September 23- 29, 2019. • City of Vancouver will launch a city-wide planning process this fall and invites all committee members to participate. • The Grandview Woodlands Area Council continues to advocate for keeping the viaducts. • Strathcona Residents Association is requesting that Vancouver City staff consider the community panel recommendation for the National-Charles corridor for the new False Creek Flats arterial road at the upcoming City Council meeting. The community has concerns about community impacts associated with other routes. • Burrardview Community Association is planning to submit a community grant for a bike path as an extension of the Trans Canada Trail and is seeking support from the City and VFPA. • BCIT Marine Campus will host a community open house on October 16, 2019. • World Maritime Day is September 28, 2019; numerous events are planned to celebrate. <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Naomi to provide details on how to apply for Centerm Community Fund projects.</i> - <i>[Post-meeting follow-up: Organizations located in Downtown Eastside (including Chinatown, Gastown, Railtown), Strathcona, Hastings-Sunrise, or Grandview-Woodland are invited to submit proposals to receive funding as part of the Centerm Community Fund. The first round of funding opened September 3, 2019 and will close on November 29, 2019. The online application is available on the Port of Vancouver website:</i>

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	<p>https://www.portvancouver.com/community/community-investment/centerm-community-fund/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chris to provide contact names for City of Vancouver grant applications.
6. Port project updates	<p>Updates were provided regarding the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacific Elevator No. 3 (PAC3) Deconstruction • Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project including the recent permit amendment allowing extended working hours on September 23, September 29 and October 6, 2019 • Clark Drive overpass maintenance • Commissioner Street Road and Rail Project • Partial Bight Infill – Columbia Containers • ECHO Program • Land Use Plan <p>Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VFPA provided further clarification about why portions of the New Brighton Park shoreline are restricted to swimming. • VFPA provided clarification as to national security requirements that prohibit access to secured port terminal areas. • Community members noted that the Princeton to Clark drive bike path is in poor condition, as are some of the basketball and tennis courts; blackberry bushes along the bluff are overrun and should be trimmed; suggested improvements to Dusty Greenwell Park. • Concern about overflowing garbage bins in New Brighton Park. <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chris to provide a contact and/or try to resolve the present issue. - [Post-meeting follow-up: The City of Vancouver is making enquiries regarding ownership of the overflowing garbage bins in New Brighton Park.] <p><u>Community enquiries:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One regarding noise (vessel and terminal) ○ One regarding swimming restrictions at New Brighton Park ○ Nine regarding the demolition project at Viterra
7. Future agenda topics	<p>Outstanding future agenda topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port safety risks, measures to protect pedestrians and other traffic, and coordinated south shore emergency response plans (<i>proposed for next meeting</i>) • Port 2050 overview • Air quality monitoring and mitigating measures • Noise and noise mitigation measures along south shore • Forecasts of rail/truck traffic along the south shore
8. Committee admin	<p>Committee administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next committee meeting is currently scheduled for October 16, 2019. It has been requested to change to November 21, 2019. Decision tabled due to time; Candace and Pam to follow up. - [Post-meeting follow-up: A new date for the year-end committee meeting will be proposed via email to the committee.]

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee members are requested to review the July 2019 meeting notes so that they can be finalized and posted to the Committee page on the VFPA website. Action items noted as per below.

Action	Lead	Status
Follow up with committee members who were not present to confirm their agreement with the revised terms of reference.	Pam	Completed
Confirm time and location of next meeting and issue agenda package.	Pam	Completed
Circulate details on how to apply for Centerm Community Fund projects.	Naomi	Completed
Enquire about the yearly community donation from the committee	Candace	For discussion at December 12 meeting