

East Vancouver Port Lands Committee

Date:	Thursday, January 23, 2020
Time:	6:00pm – 8:00pm (5:45pm dinner)
Location:	Cottage Hospice, 650 Penticton Street, Vancouver
Chair:	Naomi Horsford, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
Attendees:	<p>Burrardview Community Association Barb Fousek John Hawthorne Harry Mah</p> <p>City of Vancouver Andrew Pask, Planner</p> <p>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Naomi Horsford, Manager, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Alycia Majorkiewicz-Ata, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Advisor</p> <p>Guests/speakers: Mike LoVecchio, Director, Government Affairs, CP Peter Idema, Director, Director, West Coast Terminal Operations, Viterra</p>
Regrets:	Kirsten Behler, Planner, City of Vancouver

	Topic	Lead
1. Presentations		
1.1	<p>Presentation: CP rail alignment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grain is CP's largest commodity, by volume. On average, it's growing 2-5% per year. The largest destination for export is the Port of Vancouver. • The entire supply chain is undergoing rapid growth. For example, the terminals in the prairies are investing in loop tracks, to ensure continuous loading of rail cars, rather than splitting them up. • CP is introducing 5,900 new generation grain hopper cars to its fleet. The new generation cars are higher volume than the old "Government of Canada" style cars, which are at the end of their service lives. • Work is planned for early March (approximately) to relocate a number of switches in the yard tracks located below Wall Street. The area spans two blocks. • The reconfiguration work will involve 13 hour working days (7am-8pm) for approximately three weeks. Noise expected will consist of clanging as tracks are pulled, put into place and connected to one another. Welding will be done under a shield, as a proper precaution. This ensures a low risk for fire. • Once the project is completed, daily operations will continue as normal • CP has sent community notification about the project and have also posted information on their website <p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Cascadia, there is not enough land to construct a loop track. Cascadia is extending its unloading tracks to match capacity increases on the prairies. This trend is occurring within the entire supply chain. • There will also be a switching change to better service Cascadia and allow CP to push through a longer train. The length of the string of cars handled will increase from 60 to 70-75 cars. • Discussed that barging/short sea shipping works well in Europe, but is expensive and improbable in the Lower Mainland. The port authority has received funding to study. • Viterra's new grain elevator will help accommodate the growth in grain, but will reach capacity in the second half of the decade. There is also a new grain facility being built in Surrey and on the North Shore. There is a lot of pressure from the Federal Government to deliver supply chain space for agricultural products. • The average size of farms has been steadily growing and the yield on the prairies is increasing. Crops are getting larger. • Previous Canadian grain volumes have been surpassed. Despite odd weather in the prairies, an all-time record was set in December. It is obvious that grain volumes continue to increase. 	Mike LoVecchio, CP

2. New Business		
2.1	<p>Updates</p> <p>Port of Vancouver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the Commissioner Street Road and Rail Improvement, work has started on the demolition of the old Columbia Container grain elevator; the equipment has been mobilized on site. The demolition is anticipated to begin closer to mid-February. The port authority's construction team is taking extra time to plan more details of the Heatley Street detour than originally anticipated. As a result, the detour will begin at a later date in order to have more time to consider feedback received and to provide enough notice to stakeholders. The aim of the project is to keep trucks on port roads rather than primarily going through the city. A member shared that in relation to the Heatley Street detour, the turning radius at Clarke at Powell is very poor. <p>ACTION: Members to participate on a South Shore tour</p> <p>CP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work has started on the habitat project; a reef will be added off-shore just below the truck staging area. This work to develop rip-rap will consist of low impact noise. There will also be some laydown of materials required in the truck staging area. 	Naomi Horsford, Port Authority
2.2	<p>Noise from Columbia Containers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members shared that the elevators at Columbia Containers are much noisier than it used to be, and that the noise is continuous. This is occurring despite being told that new elevators would be quieter than the old ones. Columbia's positive action towards minimizing forklift and large equipment noise and light, as well as general lighting impacts was well recognized and the members hope that the same focus can be replicated with sound from the elevators. <p>ACTION: Naomi to follow-up with port authority PER team to review Columbia Containers' permit conditions</p>	Naomi Horsford, Port Authority
2.3	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee confirmed that the frequency of meetings has been working: continue to meet on an as-needed basis Columbia Containers was welcomed to participate on the EVPL as an ongoing participant/member and will be invited to the next meeting 	All

2.4	<p>Action item review</p> <p><i>City to connect with Park Board to determine if wording can be revised to ensure the donation dollars will be directed towards Dusty Greenwell Park only or, provide certainty that the donation will be used towards the park.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Board has sent a letter confirming that the funds would be used, specifically for Dusty Greenwell Park • The EVPL group had some ideas where to focus the funds to improve the parks. An idea included updating the bike trail to dove tail with the trans-Canada bike trail • Andrew said he would connect with the Park Board to see about the possibility of an informal process (idea sharing/presentation) with the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation at a future meeting <p>ACTION: Andrew to connect with Park Board on an information consultation process to generate ideas for Dusty Greenwell Park improvements</p> <p><i>City to find out about wall street property/properties potentially being bid on by the City.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCA member noted that while selling her home on Wall Street, she received an interesting offer from the City of Vancouver, with odd conditions • Andrew Pask shared that the City's Real Estate Services regularly looks at acquiring properties and there are a variety of reasons that may have motivated the contact: e.g. housing, park space, transportation needs, etc. 	Naomi
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Meeting Date	Action Item	Lead	Due Date
April 25, 2019	Container heights are noted as five high in the EVPL plan. Columbia to go back to this height once project is complete	Dean Giles, Columbia Containers	Complete
April 25, 2019	Connect with staff and work towards reducing noise where appropriate after regular business hours and on weekends	Dean Giles, Columbia Containers	In progress
April 25, 2019	Look into Sunday forklift operations and review need for hours of work and operations	Dean Giles, Columbia Containers	In progress
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