



Meeting summary notes

North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee

Meeting details	
Date:	September 23, 2021
Time:	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location:	Online meeting via Zoom
Chair:	Karen Obeck, Director Property, Facilities and Security, Seaspan (3/3 meetings)
Vice-chair:	Jamiann Questa, community representative, District of North Vancouver (3/3 meetings)
Attendees:	<p>Community representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug Ausman, City of North Vancouver • Liane McKenna, City of North Vancouver • Kathy Heise, District of North Vancouver • Michael Evison, District of West Vancouver <p>Indigenous representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marjan Navab-Tehrani, Squamish Nation • Carleen Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh Nation <p>Municipal representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larry Orr, City of North Vancouver • Kamilah Charters-Gabaneck, District of North Vancouver • Natalie Roizman, District of West Vancouver <p>Organizational representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Dooling, Neptune Terminal • Kris Neely, Seaspan • Cliff Stewart, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority • Tessa Battimelli, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority • Jeanette O'Brien, Western Stevedoring
Guests:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ram Chungh, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority • Kimberly Ng, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
Regrets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tyler Banick, CN Rail • Jamiann Questa, community representative, District of North Vancouver
Previous meeting:	2021-06-17

Agenda Item	Discussion/action item
<p>1. Welcome, introductions and safety moment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee welcomed Marjan Navab-Tehrani from Squamish Nation, and Ram Chung, Tessa Battimelli, and Kimberly Ng from the port authority to the meeting. Tessa will be the new contact for the committee moving forward. This meeting's safety moment reminded members to ensure they are getting enough sleep to reduce mistakes due to fatigue
<p>2. Presentation and discussion: Tsleil-Waututh Nation Stewardship by Carleen Thomas</p>	<p>Carleen provided an overview of the stewardship efforts of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the 1970s, the Burrard Inlet experienced a general decline in habitat type, function, connectivity and species populations. The Treaty lands and resource office was developed in the 1990s Currently, stewardship and monitoring efforts in the Burrard Inlet are largely independent and lack consistent long term data with no guarantee of funding beyond one year Tsleil-Waututh's vision is to be able to eat wild, healthy marine foods from traditional harvesting sites and recover 10% of protein from marine species Tsleil-Waututh is participating in a number of stewardship activities, including the Burrard Inlet Action Plan, Water Quality Objectives, and Cumulative Effects Monitoring Initiative, to improve the health of the Burrard Inlet ecosystem Have had success reintroducing Roosevelt elk back to Indian River Valley in 2005, and recently completed a second planting of eelgrass in collaboration with the port authority On the ground data collection is helping to restore the health of the inlet, put the face of the Nation back on the territory, and build relationships <p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee congratulated Carleen on her recent appointment as Emily Carr University's next Chancellor, and the first Indigenous person to hold this position There may not be one single contributor to the collapse of shellfish years ago. It may be an accumulation of multiple factors including the logging industry, oil refineries, and storm water run-off Eelgrass planting is a very important initiative and a step in the right direction. The second planting was done this year. The Sacred Trust Initiative also highlights impact of wave and wake motion on the foreshore
<p>3. Advertorial update</p>	<p>Doug provided an update on the advertorial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The port authority will draft an advertorial for North Shore News and will ask for input from the committee this fall. The advertorial will focus on the role of the committee, which is to take a proactive approach to communicate and address local port-related issues on the North Shore
<p>4. Roundtable</p>	<p>Community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shipyards Festival is on September 25, 2021. The music festival and street party takes place in the Lower Lonsdale district Community representatives communicated concerns about the proposed Seaspan Expansion project and were directed to the online project webpage as part of the public engagement period <p>Indigenous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Squamish Nation is working on a comprehensive community plan Tsleil-Waututh Nation is continuing to advance their stewardship work

	<p>Municipal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of North Vancouver is expanding their outdoor dining, open streets, and pocket parks initiatives. The city's e-bike share program has also seen a large uptake and the City continues to support cycling initiatives to make commercial areas welcoming to cyclists and pedestrians. • The North Vancouver Shipyards site was recognized as one of the best waterfront destinations in the world • District of North Vancouver is working with business community to expand patios and has asked for feedback on their alcohol in parks pilot program. The District also had support from council on a targeted review of the official community plan • District of West Vancouver will participate in a trial e-bike sharing program • The District is updating their strategic plan and will be engaging the public on a proposed Foreshore Development Permit Area • Howe Sound became Canada's 19th official UNESCO Biosphere Reserve <p>Industry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry is helping to support the delivery of vaccinations to seafarers on vessels • The Mountain Highway Underpass Project, located in the District of North Vancouver is near completion • Western Stevedoring is experiencing strong volumes and year over year increases between 20 and 25% helping to support jobs and procurement in the community, including hiring 21 local employees this year • An engagement summary for the proposed Seaspans Expansion project is being finalized and will be made public on the port authority website, as well as Seaspans' project website • A virtual reality 'hollowship' is now available at Seaspans' Pemberton campus to support engineering and design. The new technology is available to companies working in the marine sector • Seaspans has started their shoreline restoration project to enhance the habitat at the base of McKay Creek <p>Port updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seventeen paddle-boarders were rescued near Lions Gate Bridge after becoming stranded in strong winds, waves and currents while trying to cross English Bay. The port authority emphasized the need to always be prepared, including understanding tides, especially in the narrows, and follow safe boating practices • Container volumes have increased in comparison to 2019 and 2020. The region is projected to run out of capacity by 2025 and the port authority is working on projects such as Roberts Bank Terminal 2 to meet the container demand • This summer, the port authority's Habitat Enhancement Program transplanted eelgrass into the Maplewood basin. The port authority worked with Tsleil-Waututh Nation on the planning and implementation of what is the largest eelgrass transplant project to date in Burrard Inlet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tsleil-Waututh Nation webpage: céləm (eelgrass) transplanting work underway at Maplewood ○ Vancouver Fraser Port Authority webpage: Maplewood Marine Restoration Project
<p>5. North Shore community feedback</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community members were concerned about recreational boater safety near Deep Cove

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were concerns of a foamy substance in the water near Seaspan Vancouver Drydocks. The foam was due to washing of a vessel's hot water tank. To address future incidents, Seaspan updated their Notice to Vessels
6. Vice-chair selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This was Karen Obeck's final meeting as chair. As such, Jamiann will become chair. As per our terms of reference, we rotate amongst community, industry and municipal representatives Kamilah Charters-Gabaneck from District of North Vancouver volunteered as the next vice-chair
7. Committee admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting venue, date and time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 9, 2021 (6-8 pm) <p>Christmas Donation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were asked to think of an organization to receive this year's Christmas donation The port authority will provide a list of past organizations that received donations from the committee and the amount that is available to donate <p>Future presentations of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant North Shore Emergency Management Office's initiatives for emergency preparedness Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Oceanwise's Pollution Tracker program Tsleil-Waututh water quality and wave assessment partnerships Port of Vancouver and national corridor air quality emissions New North Vancouver Museum project ECHO program Burrard Inlet initiatives BC Marine Terminals Operators Association overview

Action items

Action Item	Lead	Status
Share information about eelgrass initiative	Tessa	Complete
Distribute list of past donations and confirm amount available	Tessa	Complete
Share engagement summary and consideration report for Seaspan drydock expansion once available	Tessa	Ongoing
Future presentation to council in 2020 - deferred	Tessa	Ongoing