



Meeting summary notes

North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee

Meeting details	
Date:	March 11, 2022
Time:	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Location:	Online meeting via Zoom
Chair:	Kamilah Charters-Gabaneck, District of North Vancouver (2/3 meetings)
Vice-chair:	Liane McKenna, City of North Vancouver (1/3 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 • Natalia Skapski, District of North Vancouver • Joseph McDaniel, District of West Vancouver • Christine Oberti, District of West Vancouver <p>Indigenous representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carleen Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh Nation <p>Municipal representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kamilah Charters-Gabaneck, District of North Vancouver • Natalie Roizman, District of West Vancouver • Siobian Smith, City of North Vancouver <p>Organizational representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Dooling, Neptune Terminal • Karen Obeck, Seaspan • Kris Neely, Seaspan • Cliff Stewart, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority • Jeanette O'Brien, Western Stevedoring • Cliff Stewart, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority • Kimberly Ng, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority • Mandy Ellis, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority <p>Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deanna McGillivray, Metro Vancouver

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laurie Ford, Metro Vancouver Joe Cohrs, Metro Vancouver Shri Madiwal, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Pam Ryan, Lucent Quay Consulting
Regrets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tyler Banick, CN Rail Larry Orr, City of North Vancouver Marjan Navab-Tehrani, Squamish Nation
Previous meeting:	2021-12-09

Agenda Item	Discussion/action item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome, introductions and safety moment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting chair welcomed and introduced the new community representatives to the committee: Natalia Skapski, District of North Vancouver; Joseph McDaniel, District of West Vancouver; and Christine Oberti, District of West Vancouver. This meeting’s safety moment reminded members if they do not already have an at-home emergency kit, to start by adding water; you need 4L of water, per person, per day, for 3 days (2L for drinking and 2L for food preparation and hygiene).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and discussion: Metro Vancouver North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant overview by Deanna McGillivray and Laurie Ford 	<p>Deanna McGillivray, Laurie Ford, and Joe Cohrs from Metro Vancouver provided a presentation on the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant.</p> <p>Discussion highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic signals on West 1st Street will be back in place the week of March 14, 2022, and this will be a fully signalized intersection. There is no start date yet for work on the Philip Avenue overpass. A new timeline for completion of the project is to be determined; it is anticipated an update will be made in fall 2022 to the Metro Vancouver board of directors. A revised project budget is to be determined; it is anticipated there will be more clarity following the update to the Metro Vancouver board of directors in fall 2022. For more information on the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, visit: metrovancover.org/nswwtp; or sign up to receive the project newsletter here.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and discussion: Port optimization initiatives: early engagement by Shri Madiwal and Pam Ryan 	<p>Shri Madiwal, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, and Pam Ryan, Lucent Quay Consulting, provided a presentation on port optimization initiatives: early engagement.</p> <p>Discussion highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question regarding who else the port authority is engaging with besides Indigenous groups, local and regional governments and the port liaison committees. Shri shared that the port authority is engaging with industry including a number of associations and agencies, tenants and customers. Through our work with the Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) Program, we have also identified lots of opportunities for harmonization with advisory groups, including federal agencies. <i>[Post-meeting follow up information:]</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We know from all our work on the Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) Program since 2017 that by limiting unnecessary

	<p>vessel movements, we can reduce noise impacts in southern resident killer whale habitat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The port optimization team is working closely with our ECHO team as well as other port authority environmental program teams to understand how port optimization initiatives can complement and enhance their work, and tap into their advisory networks. ○ For example, through the ECHO program, we have access to a large advisory working group comprising government agencies (including DFO, Transport Canada and the Canadian Coast Guard), members of the marine transportation industry (pilots, shippers, cruise lines, as well as tug, ferry and other vessel operators), Indigenous communities, conservation and environmental groups (including Raincoast Conservation Foundation, Natural Resources Defense Council, and World Wildlife Fund Canada), and scientists. ○ We look forward to their insights along with those of our project-specific advisory panel, and our project-specific engagement with Indigenous groups, local governments, residents and other interested parties. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Suggestion to engage schools and school boards through this process, as well as environmental groups. ● Question about whether the new AVTM system will include recreational users. Shri advised that within the port authority's jurisdiction, we focus on choke points where there is a lot of traffic competing for limited space. Elsewhere, marine collision regulations are in place. ● <i>[Post-meeting follow up information:]</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The new system is designed to facilitate safe and responsible commercial marine vessel movements as marine trade continues to grow, so that the waters in and around the Port of Vancouver remain open and accessible to all. ○ In fact, our decision to focus initial implementation on Second Narrows Traffic Control Zone is because of the complexity and importance of this multipurpose intersection for many port and recreational marine users. ○ Recreational users will continue to give way to larger commercial traffic that is in transit because recreational vessels are smaller and much more manoeuvrable. ○ However, as part of our engagement process, we will notify and invite feedback from the marine recreation community to learn about their thoughts and ideas that we can consider in refining how we manage and allocate commercial vessel traffic in our jurisdiction. ● Question how the new AVTM system will increase safety. Shri advised that safety regulations including contravention ticketing and monetary penalties exist today. ● <i>[Post-meeting follow up information:]</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The current system focuses almost exclusively on safety and is rigorously enforced. ○ The new system is intended as a paradigm shift – one that not only ensures safety, but also focuses on addressing the unintended consequences of growing trade. ○ As we continue to explore opportunities for other features in the new system. For example, we are considering things like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Possible changes in anchor management protocols that may include new reporting requirements (such as 24-hour pre-
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	<p>arrival reports) and guidelines for cargo shipment scheduling to improve real-time information and help reduce the time that individual vessels are at anchor, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A code of conduct for vessels when at anchor to help limit the impacts of their presence for local communities and the environment. - We invite and will consider other ideas as part of our engagement process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question regarding accommodating larger cruise vessels through the First Narrows. We have implemented new navigational aids, including sector lights and current sensors etc. to assist local pilots, to promote growth in the cruise sector. We are working with the cruise sector to see what demand looks like and will make the best decision to support growth in that sector. • Question regarding jurisdiction in Metro Vancouver and potential new anchorages. We manage 28 deep-sea anchorages within the Port of Vancouver, located in English Bay, the Inner Harbour and Indian Arm. Suitable anchorage locations are limited, and we are not considering adding local anchorages at this time. • <i>[Post-meeting follow up information:]</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Located on the southwest coast of British Columbia, the Port of Vancouver extends from Roberts Bank and the Fraser River up to and including Burrard Inlet. Geographically, the Port of Vancouver includes more than 16,000 hectares of water, more than 1,500 hectares of land and hundreds of kilometres of shoreline, bordering 16 municipalities and intersecting the traditional territories and treaty lands of several Coast Salish First Nations. • For more information on the active vessel traffic management program, visit: portvancouver.com/marine-operations/avtm/; or sign up to receive project updates here.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtable 	<p>During this meeting's roundtable, members introduced themselves to the new community representatives in addition to providing their updates.</p> <p>Community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 29, Australia's <i>Sunrise</i> will broadcast live on the Channel Seven breakfast show from Shipyards in North Vancouver. • Community events coming up include Here for the Beer and e-boat racing. • A District of North Vancouver community representative noted an upcoming Sema7maka Canoe Family event and offered to share details with anyone interested. • A District of West Vancouver community representative noted the District's Coastal Marine Management Plan has been finalized, which has been in development for years. <p>Indigenous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tsleil-Waututh Nation is planning to hold canoe races in July 2022 out of Whey-ah-wichen/Cates Park. Chief Jennifer Thomas has been in the media lately speaking about some of Tsleil-Waututh Nation's environmental work. <p>Municipal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of North Vancouver may appoint a new representative for this committee. • District of North Vancouver shared that nominations for annual youth awards are open until March 14, 2022.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District of West Vancouver has introduced its first environmental levy. • District of West Vancouver will hold a public hearing this month about developing the waterfront safely following impacts from recent storms. Repairs on the Centennial Seawalk are starting. <p>Industry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neptune is looking forward to being able to once again host public tours this summer. • Seaspan provided an update that work continues on their active habitat restoration project underway at MacKay Creek estuary. • An engagement summary for the proposed Seaspan Vancouver Drydock Water Lot Expansion project is available on the port authority's website. The consideration report is being finalized. Seaspan will be completing another public engagement period and will share information with this committee. • Western Stevedoring noted strong volumes of pulp and steel. • Western Stevedoring operates a cruise ship facility in Victoria, which will see the first cruise ship in two years on April 1, 2022. <p><u>Port updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The port authority shared that the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) is inviting the public and Indigenous groups to comment on our response to the federal government's August 2020 information request and on the draft conditions for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project. • The port authority shared that we are moving toward implementation of the Rolling Truck Age Program, which will remove 180 of the oldest polluting container trucks from the port authority's truck licensing system (TLS). Approximately 80% of container trucks serving the port are already compliant. We commend and thank local truck owners and companies for working with us on this important program, and look forward to seeing this program deliver cleaner air for our communities. • The port authority thanked Jeanette for the years of service and dedication representing Western Stevedoring on the North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Shore community feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In January, the port authority received one complaint about a grinding noise heard by a North Vancouver resident. The community member suggested the noise might be coming across the Burrard Inlet from Shellburn or Westridge Marine Terminal in Burnaby. The port authority followed up with each terminal but could not correlate activities that would create a grinding noise during the indicated times. • The port authority received complaints about a loud horn heard in North Vancouver. This noise was associated with fog horns which are used by vessels when visibility is low. Fog horn usage is required by law. • Multiple community members were concerned about vessel noise at the three West Vancouver anchorages. The port authority operations centre contacted each vessel to remind the vessel's master they are anchored near a residential area, and forwarded the appropriate noise guidelines.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee admin 	<p>Donation selection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee voted to direct the 2021 holiday donation to BCIT to the Power and Marine Engineering Endowment. • Action: <i>Mandy to follow up with BCIT.</i>

	<p>Year-end survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to those who took the time to complete the year-end survey. This survey is key to ensuring continual learning and improvement of the committee. <p>Farewell to Jeanette</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee recognized Jeanette's dedication to the committee over the years and wished her a warm farewell. <p>Next meeting venue, date and time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2022 meeting dates are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March 11, 2022 (via Zoom) ○ June 14, 2022 (via Zoom) ○ October 7, 2022 ○ December 8, 2022 <p>Future presentations of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Museum of North Vancouver project • ECHO program - Burrard Inlet initiatives (<i>scheduled June 14, 2022</i>) • BC Marine Terminals Operators Association overview • Second Narrows Rail Bridge overview
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Action items

Action Item	Lead	Status
Share consideration report for Seaspan Vancouver Drydock Water Lot Expansion project once available	Mandy	Ongoing
Direct the 2021 holiday donation to BCIT to the Power and Marine Engineering Endowment.	Mandy	Complete