



Meeting summary notes

North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee

Meeting details	
<b>Date:</b>	June 14, 2022
<b>Time:</b>	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Online meeting via Zoom
<b>Chair:</b>	Liane McKenna, community representative, City of North Vancouver (1/3 meetings)
<b>Vice-chair:</b>	N/A
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p>Community representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doug Ausman, City of North Vancouver</li> <li>• Liane McKenna, City of North Vancouver</li> <li>• Natalia Skapski, District of North Vancouver</li> <li>• Joseph McDaniel, District of West Vancouver</li> <li>• Christine Oberti, District of West Vancouver</li> </ul> <p>Municipal representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan Milburn, District of North Vancouver</li> <li>• Natalie Roizman, District of West Vancouver</li> <li>• Siobian Smith, City of North Vancouver</li> </ul> <p>Organizational representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen Obeck, Seaspan</li> <li>• Kris Neely, Seaspan</li> <li>• Gerry Heinrichs, Richardson International</li> <li>• Cliff Stewart, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</li> <li>• Mandy Ellis, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</li> <li>• Kimberly Ng, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</li> </ul> <p>Guests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ryan Ford, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</li> </ul>
<b>Regrets:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kathy Heise, District of North Vancouver</li> <li>• Larry Orr, City of North Vancouver</li> <li>• Lisa Dooling, Neptune Terminal</li> <li>• Carleen Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh Nation</li> <li>• Ruby Carrico, Squamish Nation</li> <li>• Tyler Banick, CN Rail</li> </ul>
<b>Previous meeting:</b>	March 11, 2022

Agenda Item	Discussion/action item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome, introductions and safety moment</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting chair welcomed and introduced the new municipal and industry representatives to the committee: Dan Milburn, District of North Vancouver; and Gerry Heinrichs, Richardson International</li> <li>• This meeting's safety moment reminded members to think about sun safety. The <a href="#">Canadian Cancer Society</a> suggests checking the UV index each day, seeking shade and covering up while outdoors, and wearing broad-spectrum sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentation and discussion:</b> ECHO Program overview by Ryan Ford</li> </ul>	<p>Ryan Ford from the port authority provided a presentation on the Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) Program</p> <p><b>Discussion highlights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question about what is considered a quiet ship. Ryan responded that decibel reductions are on a logarithmic scale; a greater than three decibel reduction in ambient noise can result in a 55% reduction in sound intensity</li> <li>• Transport Canada is researching ship technology to determine how quieter ships impact whale behaviour</li> <li>• Question about ships that did not participate in the program and whether there are plans for those vessels to join. Ryan responded that throughout the slowdown period, the port authority can view participation rates and work with different agencies to improve participation. Ryan noted that a ship's master may decide not to slow down due to safety reasons. The voluntary ship slowdown is only enacted when it is safe and feasible to do so</li> <li>• The ECHO Program voluntary ship slowdown dates are selected based on historical evidence of where and when Southern Resident Killer Whales are typically present</li> <li>• For more information on the port authority-led ECHO Program, visit <a href="https://www.portvancouver.com/echo">https://www.portvancouver.com/echo</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roundtable</li> </ul>	<p>Community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee is invited to commemorate this year's National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, 2022, from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Ambleside Park</li> <li>• The District of West Vancouver community representatives contacted community organizations to introduce themselves and share information about the committee</li> <li>• An update was provided on a study of juvenile Dungeness crab larvae on behalf of the Pacific Science Enterprise Centre</li> <li>• Updates from Metro Vancouver on the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Project are available through a <a href="#">monthly email newsletter</a></li> </ul> <p>Municipal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The latest update to Metro Vancouver's regional plan <a href="#">Metro 2050</a> is currently being considered for approval by member jurisdictions</li> <li>• District of West Vancouver is hosting events this summer including the <a href="#">Harmony Arts Festival</a> from July 29 to August 7, 2022</li> <li>• The Ambleside and Dundarave piers remain closed due to significant structural damage sustained during a storm surge earlier this year. The District is working to revitalize Horseshoe Bay Park; this work is expected to take approximately one year to complete</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• City of North Vancouver shared that a Shipyards infrastructure project will be undertaken to enhance the Shipyards area. The Mobile Food Services Pilot Program will permit food trucks and food carts to operate at 16 designated locations through the City of North Vancouver</li></ul> <p>Industry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sesapan received a <a href="#">Blue Circle Award</a> for the sixth consecutive year. Seaspan is planning to construct a <a href="#">habitat compensation area</a> in Burrard Inlet, in order to improve the marine habitat within the vicinity of the gravel bed project. The proposed marine habitat is designed to enhance kelp and juvenile salmonid habitat at the estuary of Mackay Creek</li><li>• The proposed Seaspan Vancouver Drydock Water Lot Expansion project will embark on public engagement and focus on proposed mitigations</li><li>• Richardson International noted that grain production was lower last fall. More grain vessel activity is expected in the fall</li></ul> <p><a href="#">Port updates:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The port authority encouraged the committee to download the Port of Vancouver <a href="#">eHub app</a> for real-time insight into port operations</li><li>• A new 5-knot slowdown zone has been implemented in Indian Arm</li><li>• The port authority along with the Port of Seattle, City and Borough of Juneau, and leading global cruise lines will explore the feasibility for first-of-its-kind '<a href="#">Green Corridor</a>'</li><li>• Richardson is undertaking <a href="#">a rail-focused expansion</a> of their North Vancouver terminal. This will provide Richardson with greater resilience by allowing the terminal to store an additional loaded unit train on-site instead of relying on CN to temporarily store the train on the rail network</li><li>• Question about how the port authority considers the health, safety and environment plan when new terminals or commodities come online as there are many different hazards and industries on the waterfront</li><li>• <i>[Post-meeting follow up information:]</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority <a href="#">Land Use Plan</a> describes our long-term land use policy directions and our commitment to accommodating future trade growth in a socially, environmentally, and economically responsible way. The land use plan establishes where growth and development can occur, the types of uses that can be considered on each property, and the policies that must be considered when development is being proposed.</li><li>- Through our <a href="#">project and environmental review (PER) process</a>, we fulfill our federal responsibilities under the <a href="#">Canada Marine Act</a> and the <a href="#">Impact Assessment Act</a>, carefully reviewing and considering potential impacts of proposed projects on federal lands and waters within our jurisdiction, and on neighbouring communities before determining if a project should proceed. Any proposed project on lands or waters within the port authority's jurisdiction cannot begin work unless we issue a permit, and are carefully assessed whether or not they are likely to result in significant adverse environmental effects. Additional management plans may be required depending on the complexity of a project, which can address various aspects of a project's impacts during construction and/or operations. Additional port permits, such as <a href="#">as building and occupancy permits</a>, may be required as well.</li></ul></li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In terms of safety, the port authority's role is to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of trade. As such, we are not first responders in an emergency. However, we do work with others in emergency situations and our 24/7 Operations Centre acts as a coordination hub for relaying information. Learn more about <a href="#">Emergency management and incident reporting</a>. As well, security at the Port of Vancouver is achieved through a variety of partnerships and a collaborative approach. Learn more about our <a href="#">security and emergency partners' agencies</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Request additional information from emergency management team about HSE plan updates</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Share link to Metro Vancouver's newsletter sign-up for updates on the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Project</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Port Forward initiative engagement process</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The port authority is undertaking a scenario planning process starting this fall called Port Forward</li> <li>• Port Forward aims to bring together representatives from diverse organizations throughout the gateway and beyond to collectively imagine our shared future. The goal of the initiative is to understand the global trend lines and opportunities; accelerate planning and leadership across the Port of Vancouver; and ultimately, advance a strong, sustainable, future-oriented gateway for all port stakeholders</li> <li>• The committee appointed Doug Ausman as the community representative for the committee to join more than 50 senior leaders from across the Vancouver gateway to participate in the Futures Group</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>North Shore community feedback</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A North Shore resident contacted the port authority about nuisance lighting near the Vancouver Wharves terminal. The port authority's 24/7 operations centre confirmed that the source of the lighting was a ship anchored west of the terminal that had since departed</li> <li>• A North Vancouver resident contacted the port authority to share positive feedback about the return of the cruise season</li> <li>• The port authority received 18 complaints from residents about noise from a ship anchored in English Bay anchorage #18, near West Vancouver. The port authority's 24/7 operations centre contacted the ship's master to remind them they are anchored near a residential area and to strictly adhere to the noise and light guidelines set out in the <a href="#">Port Information Guide</a> on page 191. The port authority responded to the enquiries and tracked them for sustainability reporting purposes. One enquiry concerning noise from anchorages was sent to the North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee inbox</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Kimberly to forward committee correspondence to members</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vice chair selection</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As per the committee's terms of reference, the role of vice chair rotates equitably amongst community, industry and municipal representatives</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Mandy to contact industry representatives to request a volunteer to serve as the next vice chair for three consecutive meetings</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Committee admin</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Next meeting venue, date and time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 7, 2022 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (MONOVA: Museum of North Vancouver)</li> <li>• December 8, 2022 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (West Vancouver District Hall)</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Future presentations of interest:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Shore Emergency Management Office - emergency preparedness initiatives</li> <li>• Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue</li> <li>• Oceanwise - Pollution Tracker program overview</li> <li>• Port of Vancouver air quality and climate action initiatives</li> <li>• BC Marine Terminal Operators Association overview</li> <li>• Second Narrows Rail Bridge overview</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Dan to share presentation from North Shore Emergency Management Office given to the District of North Vancouver to be included with post-meeting follow-ups</p>
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Action items

Action Item	Lead	Status
Share consideration report for Seaspan drydock expansion once available	Mandy	Ongoing
Share link to Metro Vancouver's newsletter sign-up for updates on the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Project	Kimberly	Completed
Follow-up with emergency management team about HSE plan updates	Mandy	Completed
Forward committee correspondence to members	Kimberly	Completed
Contact industry representatives to request a volunteer to serve as the next vice chair for three consecutive meetings	Mandy	Ongoing
Share presentation from North Shore Emergency Management Office given to the District of North Vancouver to be included with post-meeting follow ups	Dan	Completed