



Meeting Agenda

North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee

Meeting details	
Date:	Thursday, March 9, 2023
Time:	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location:	Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Office Boardroom
Chair:	Lisa Dooling, Neptune Terminal (1/3 meetings)
Vice-chair:	Doug Ausman, Community Representative, City of North Vancouver (1/3 meetings)
Attendees:	<p><u>Community Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug Ausman, City of North Vancouver • Liane McKenna, City of North Vancouver • Natalia Skapski, District of North Vancouver • Christina Cassidy, District of North Vancouver • Joseph McDaniel, District of West Vancouver • Christine Oberti, District of West Vancouver <p><u>Indigenous Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerald Schlesiger, Squamish Nation • Carleen Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh Nation <p><u>Municipal Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neonila Lilova, District of North Vancouver • Dave Hutch, City of North Vancouver <p><u>Organizational Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tyler Banick, CN Rail • Lisa Dooling, Neptune Terminal • Adrien Byrne, Seaspan • Cliff Stewart, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority • Chance McKee, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority • Kimberly Ng, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority <p><u>Guests:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon Svane Als, North Shore Emergency Management • Phillip Hall Manager, Marine Operations and Assistant Harbour Master, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
Regrets:	<p><u>Organizational Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerry Heinrichs, BC Terminal Operators Association/Richardson International • Karen Obeck, Seaspan • Natalie Roizman, District of West Vancouver
Previous meeting date	December 8, 2022

Agenda item	Discussion/ Action Item
Welcome, introductions and safety moment	<p><u>Start Time: 6:00 pm</u></p> <p>Committee Chair Lisa Dooling began the meeting by acknowledging the traditional lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh nations the committee was meeting on, as well as welcoming the committee members</p>

	<p>attending in-person and virtually. Lisa introduced new members of the committee and asked them to provide a brief introduction of themselves. New committee members included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christina Cassidy, community representative, District of North Vancouver • Adrien Byrne, Seaspan representative • Dave Hutch, municipal representative, City of North Vancouver • Chance McKee, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority <p>Lisa also offered a safety moment for the committee in line with the presentation topic of emergency management and preparedness and encouraged the committee members to review their emergency preparedness plans and create an emergency kit.</p>
<p>Roundtable</p>	<p><u>Start Time: 6:07 pm</u></p> <p>The committee members engaged in roundtable updates from their respective organizations, communities and municipalities.</p> <p><u>Community:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug Ausman – Informed the committee of various City of North Vancouver happenings, including that the City is beginning to prepare for their Spring and Summer season. He informed the committee that the Winter season had brought to light that the City, specifically the Waterfront Shipyards had become a real destination space. Due to this, there has been an increase in visitors from the rest of the Lower Mainland coming via SeaBus, which has also increased foot traffic throughout Lower Lonsdale. He also informed the commit that this has created an effort in Lower Lonsdale to establish themselves as a Business Improvement Area. Additionally, he informed that freight traffic has been increasing dramatically on the North Shore, and recommended this being a priority for the Port in the coming months and years. Due to this increased freight traffic, he has heard, and shared his own, concerns over train and truck traffic and noise due to the increase in number and length of trains. He also shared his concerns about grain dust, and noted he has sent photos of dust plumes near the Ballantine dock to Port staff that show the plumes upon loading. He noted he will try to get more photos to share with the Port and asked that the Port ensures they share with the terminals and other industry to help the industry be mindful. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - [Post-meeting follow up] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If a vessel is actively loading, please contact the port authority’s Operations Centre at 604.665.9086. Note this line is for matters requiring immediate attention. When loading is occurring in real time, the port authority can request loading operations are adjusted to limit dust. • Liane McKenna – Shared that 95% of the redesign of the Lonsdale Esplanade work has been completed which is being celebrated as a positive development by the community. The Esplanade was redesigned to create a more pedestrian and cyclist-friendly experience. • Natalia Skapski – The committee was invited to attend the Sema7maka (snowbird) family canoe awakening ceremony on April 29, 2023, at 11:00 am. Shared that additional information will be sent to port authority staff to share with the committee, once finalized, and encouraged the committee to share the details with their respective communities and organizations. She also expressed her appreciation of the AVTM information that has been shared by the port authority and noted she has shared that with others who have expressed their appreciation for the

transparency and clarity of information, as well. She also shared she was very appreciative of information being shared around community engagement tours and would love this information as it comes available.

- **Action:** *Natalia to share information about the Sema7maka (snowbird) family canoe awakening ceremony on April 29, 2023*
- Christina Cassidy – No updates, as it is her first committee meeting.
- Joseph McDaniel – Joseph shared that the 2022 salmon run is now complete and shared with the committee various statistics on fish and salmon rehabilitation and stewardship in the main creeks throughout West Vancouver, specifically at Hadden Creek and Brothers Creek. Noted that 2022 figures marked a slight rebound from 2020 and 2021 numbers. He also shared that there was a great community engagement aspect around this effort, especially when this information was presented to the West Vancouver Mayor and City Council. He also shared a community engagement program update for the Pacific Science Enterprise Centre (PSEC), an environmental research centre in West Vancouver, which was around environmental testing and various kelp restoration initiatives. He offered to the committee that the PSEC would also be a wonderful field trip for a future committee meeting so committee members could tour the facility. Joseph offered to share the PSEC contact information with port authority staff to help facilitate a committee trip. Also informed the committee that the District of West Vancouver is working with the community to diversify offerings around housing affordability, employment opportunities, and other factors that impact West Vancouver's livability options for younger demographics between the ages of 25 and 40.
 - **Action:** *Joseph to share Pacific Science Enterprise Centre's contact information to discuss a possible tour or presentation opportunity.*
- Christine Oberti – Christine shared with the committee an update regarding the [revitalization of West Vancouver's Ambleside Park](#) district, which is working to bring the waterfront experience into the core area using natural watersheds and land contours. She informed the committee it is being well received by the community and is an exciting enhancement of this mixed-use waterfront area. Public workshops to share ideas will begin in April.

Indigenous:

- Gerald Schlesiger – Gerald shared that the Squamish Nation has a number of development projects on the horizon, including a proposal for [Señákw](#), which is a new mixed-use project of primarily purpose-built rental housing with 6,000 units at the south end of the Burrard Street Bridge, which will require raising the sea wall by 1 meter, obviously impacting the waterfront area. He informed the committee there was ambition to have rapid transit as part of their Capilano River District development, which is being explored. He also informed the committee that the Squamish Nation was currently going through a reorganization, with the Nation moving from 11 depts to 4 umbrellas to help streamline their work long-term. He also shared that many other Squamish Nation waterfront lands are being considered for development in the coming future and will keep the committee informed.
- Carleen Thomas – Carleen shared she had no updates except the [bull kelp restoration](#) to revitalize the health of the Burrard Inlet that the Tsleil-Waututh Nation (TWN) was stewarding on the South Shore, as well as that the TWN was continuing its work to revitalize the overall health of the Burrard Inlet.

Municipal:

- Neonila Lilova – Neonila shared that the District of North Vancouver is embarking on an economic development strategy for the District focused on long-term employment targets (which will include review of employment lands, among other things). She shared with the committee that there will be a year-long engagement period around this and encouraged the members to participate. She mentioned the first goal of this strategy will be handful of important projects to help the district achieve its employment targets. She also shared there will be a long-term Rapid Transit Study happening and that the City Council has given the go-ahead for this work to begin for the next year. She shared that the District has also pursued a joint funding opportunity for a joint infrastructure project with the TWN; She mentioned that the recently elected City Council was conducting an ongoing budgeting process at the moment. She informed that the District is also conducting a review of energy efficiency codes for new construction projects, and that a public engagement process will commence around this soon. This is to help the District achieve its long-term emissions targets. Also provided an update on a clean hydrogen fuel production plant that will be built east of the Second Narrows Bridge.
- Dave Hutch – Dave provided an update that in-person events at the CNV Shipyards are gearing up for their Spring/Summer programming, and are aiming to grow these events in the upcoming 2023 season from the 2022 season, especially given the successes and media attention surrounding the area. He mentioned this media has increased other municipality's interests in this revitalization project. Offered to, and expressed interest in, expanding the City's partnerships with other municipalities and the port authority. Lastly, informed the committee that the Shipyard's ice skating rink will close at the end of March to transition to the Spring/Summer splash zone.

Port and Industry:

- Tyler Bannick – Tyler encouraged members to attend the canoe awakening ceremony mentioned by Natalia. He expressed CN's willingness to work with communities and municipalities on any negative rail impacts to make sure goods movement occurs while minimizing any negative environmental or other impacts. He informed the committee that CN has been notified to be aware of increased foot traffic around rail crossings, as they've seen increased encroachment within West Vancouver District towards the rail line so working with community and municipality to create solutions. CN reiterated the importance of railway safety. To learn more about CN's commitment to safety, visit <https://www.cn.ca/en/safety/>.
 - **[Post-meeting follow up]**
 - For general CN inquiries, email contact@cn.ca or call 1.888.888.5909
 - To report signal malfunctions or other safety concerns, contact our CN Police at 1.800.465.9239.
- Lisa Dooling – Lisa provided an update on Neptune Terminal's community contact line; offered that Neptune's social media channels were the best way to stay informed and up to date on operations and happenings and encouraged committee members to stay connected with Neptune. She offered that a tour of the terminal facility would be great to organize, and would provide dates to the committee when available.
 - **Action:** *Lisa to provide port authority staff with potential dates for Neptune Terminal facility tour.*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adrien Byrne – Seaspan just commissioned the world’s first 3 electric tugboats to help with energy efficiency and are looking to commission to electric buses later this Summer. Seaspan is also encouraging staff to look at emissions efficient transportation; joint support ship work update; working on another scientific study ship, polar ice breaker ship after that; currently 3 ships in residence being worked on • Cliff Stewart – Cliff encouraged committee members to review the previously distributed Port Update and ask any questions.
<p>Port Forward Initiative update</p>	<p><u>Start Time: 6:52 pm</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cliff provided an update on the Port Forward Initiative and context from the previous scenario planning initiative, Port 2050, including the prominence of geopolitical scenarios in the port authority’s global future. • Port Forward is a scenario planning initiative bringing together senior leaders from across the Greater Vancouver Gateway to explore possible futures. The initiative aims to draw on diverse perspectives to build a collective understanding of key drivers of change affecting all involved and the implication of these changes for the future. • To date, two of three workshops have been completed, with the third workshop planned for April 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshop 1 – eight key uncertainties for the future of the gateway were discussed, which were also the building blocks to develop four high-level draft scenarios. - Workshop 2 – four draft scenarios were further refined and discussed to ensure each was a plausible story to tell. • Next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshop 3 – finalize scenarios and begin to explore the potential implications of the different possible futures.
<p>North Shore community feedback</p>	<p><u>Start Time: 7:00 pm</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kimberly Ng provided overview of community feedback line, the community feedback we’ve received since the last committee meeting, and the port authority’s responses to the feedback received. • The port authority’s community feedback line received a complaint about dust from ships loading at Fibreco and Alliance Grain Terminal. Our operations centre promptly spoke to the superintendents of both terminals and reminded them of their responsibilities to limit fugitive dust during ship loading such as by decreasing their loading rate. The operations centre confirmed that the plumes stopped after reviewing camera footage. Shortly after receiving the complaint, the ships did not create noticeable dust plumes and no further complaints were reported. • The feedback line received one complaint about noise at Cargill. The port authority followed up with Cargill who investigated and confirmed that the noise was most likely coming from trains servicing their yard and not releasing air prior to moving the cars. No further complaints were received. • The port authority also heard multiple complaints from North Shore residents about operational noise at Seaspan’s Drydock. The Drydock team followed up with residents and explained that they were using vacuum trucks to remove cement from a barge that was undergoing repairs after it was grounded. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - [Post-meeting follow up] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a port authority, we manage the federal port lands in and around Vancouver and facilitate trade on behalf of Canada. We don’t operate the terminals in the Port of

	<p>Vancouver, however we do work with them where possible to ensure impacts on the community are minimized, including noise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Canada, ports and federal railway companies operate 24/7. Terminal operations and activities are industrial by nature and many sounds, like sirens, are required for safety. In cases of unusual operations, like a safety siren malfunction, there is opportunity to lessen these impacts. When the source of the noise is routine port activities, unfortunately, at times noise may be unavoidable.
<p>Year-end survey results</p>	<p><u>Start Time: 7:04 pm</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The year-end survey found that there was general agreement that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings are held regularly and with appropriate frequency. The committee met its goals of promoting dialogue and information sharing between various interests represented on the North Shore. The committee has the respect and support of its membership and the port authority. Presentations are relevant and of interest. After receiving feedback from community representatives to clarify their roles, the committee will work to identify at least one actionable item for community representatives each meeting. Doug offered that he thinks it would be important for a once-per-year joint presentation by community and municipal reps to inform municipalities, new City Councils and Mayors of the North Shore Community Liaison Committee and the role committee members play. Neonila offered that municipal representatives take this back to their respective City Councils. She also mentioned there was a need to demonstrate the value of a joint presentation such as the one proposed by Doug. Joseph seconded Doug's idea and supported exploring this initiative further. Carleen mentioned she thought this was an interesting idea and would check with TWN CAO, Chief and City Council regarding this. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action: <i>Committee members to check with their respective organizations, communities and municipalities regarding a joint committee presentation and determine next steps.</i>
<p>Port Authority's Climate and Air Quality Action Plan</p>	<p><u>Start Time: 7:09 pm</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The port authority is developing a Climate and Air Quality Action Plan for the Port of Vancouver to help achieve our net zero target. The Climate Action and Sustainability Leadership team will invite the committee to learn more and participate in their engagement plans. They will share emission reduction ideas and want to hear the committee's thoughts on the actions required to help succeed in achieving our net zero target. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action: <i>Committee members to participate in the port authority's Climate and Air Quality Action Plan virtual workshop</i>
<p>Committee admin</p>	<p><u>Start Time: 7:11 pm</u></p> <p>Next meeting venue, date and time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 8, 2023, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. (location tbd)

	<p>Future presentations of interest: The following were identified by committee members as priority topics for future meetings/presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ocean Wise’s Pollution Tracker program • Port of Vancouver and national corridor air quality emissions • BC Marine Terminals Operators Association overview • Second Narrows Rail Bridge overview • TransLink and transportation on the North Shore • Long term port development plans and key projects • CBSA process for inspecting incoming cargo containers • VFPA Climate and Air Quality Action Program (CAQAP) • Dangerous Goods Transportation (Marine, Road, Rail) • Pacific Science Enterprise Centre in West Vancouver (research centre)
<p>Presentation and Discussion: North Shore Emergency Management</p>	<p><u>Start Time: 7:15 pm</u></p> <p>Simon provided an overview of North Shore Emergency Management.</p> <p>Discussion highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For more information on North Shore Emergency Management, visit https://nsem.ca/
<p>Tour: Vancouver Port Authority Operations Centre</p>	<p><u>Start Time: 7:45 pm</u></p> <p>The port authority provided a tour of the 24/7 operations centre.</p> <p>Discussion highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee learned of the varying and important roles that the port authority’s Operations Centre plays. • Discussion included learning about the types of vessels that call at the Port of Vancouver, the importance of the Active Vessel Traffic Management Program, and the role of container trucking at the port. • Operations Centre Tour ended and Meeting Adjourned 8:10 pm

Action items

Action Item	Lead	Status
Share consideration report for Seaspan drydock expansion once available	NSWLC staff lead	Ongoing
Participate in the port authority’s Climate and Air Quality Action Plan (CAQAP) virtual workshop	All Members	Ongoing
Natalia to share information about the Sema7maka (snowbird) family canoe awakening ceremony on April 29, 2023	Natalia	Ongoing
Lisa to provide port authority staff with potential dates for Neptune Terminal facility tour	Lisa	Ongoing
Committee members to check with their respective organizations, communities and municipalities regarding a joint committee presentation and determine next steps	All members	Ongoing
Joseph to share Pacific Science Enterprise Centre’s contact information to discuss a possible fieldtrip or presentation opportunity	Joseph	Complete