



Meeting Notes

North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee

Meeting details	
Date:	Thursday, June 8, 2023
Time:	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (light breakfast refreshments will be set at 7:30 a.m.)
Location:	Pacific Science Education Centre Address: 4160 Marine Dr., West Vancouver, BC, V7V 1N6
Chair:	Lisa Dooling, Neptune Terminal (2/3 meetings)
Vice-chair:	Doug Ausman, Community Representative, City of North Vancouver (2/3 meetings)
Attendees:	<p><u>Community Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug Ausman, City 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"> • Ruby Carrico, Squamish Nation <p><u>Municipal Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natalie Roizman, District of West Vancouver • Neonila Lilova, District of North Vancouver • Dave Hutch, City of North Vancouver <p><u>Organizational Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Dooling, Neptune Terminal • Karen Obeck, Seaspan • Adrien Byrne, Seaspan • Gerry Heinrichs, BC Terminal Operators Association/Richardson International • Chance McKee, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority • Kimberly Ng, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority <p><u>Guests:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nikki Kroetsch, PSEC Community Engagement Coordinator, Nearshore Ecosystems, Ecosystems Science - Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Regrets:	<p><u>Community Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liane McKenna, City of North Vancouver • Natalia Skapski, District of North Vancouver <p><u>Indigenous Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carleen Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh Nation <p><u>Organizational Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tyler Banick, CN Rail • Cliff Stewart, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
Previous meeting date	March 9, 2023

Agenda item	Discussion/ Action item
<p>Welcome and introductions, safety moment</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.</p> <p>Lisa offered a safety moment and encouraged committee members to take extra precaution while swimming this summer especially while in lakes, rivers, and oceans.</p>
<p>Roundtable</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"> • City of North Vancouver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Central Lonsdale, a commercial zone located in City of North Vancouver, wants to establish a business improvement association (BIA) to enhance its appeal and attract more visitors. - The Royal Canadian Navy Fleet Weekend was held in Lower Lonsdale on May 5 to 8. The public had the chance to tour vessels, visit displays and speak with the Navy. - The North Shore representative for PortForward provided an update the draft scenarios are finalized, and a formal report will be launched in September. <p>Action: <i>Doug and Lisa to send out a summary of the Port Forward findings when they are released in Fall 2023.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District of North Vancouver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shared community concerns of noise from the West Vancouver anchorages and asked if the anchorages have moved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ [Post-meeting follow-up] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The three West Vancouver anchorages have not moved location. Visit our interactive map to view the anchorage locations and vessels at anchor. ○ Concerns of dust from grain elevators were raised. <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. ○ The community would like to see more air quality monitoring on the North Shore. ○ Concerns of air emissions from ocean going vessels. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ [Post-meeting follow-up] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport Canada is the agency responsible for monitoring vessels to ensure emissions compliance and for setting standards. Questions about compliance and regulations can be directed to Transport Canada (questions@tc.gc.ca). • The latest regulation – commonly called IMO 2020 or Sulphur 2020 – took effect on January 1, 2020, to limit the amount of sulphur permitted in commercial ship fuel to 0.5% for ships operating worldwide. • District of West Vancouver

- Shared community concerns of noise and light from the West Vancouver anchorages
- The [West Vancouver Community Cultural Festival](#) took place June 2 to 3, 2023.
- Provided an update on the Ambleside Park revitalization project
- District of North Vancouver
 - Sema7maka (semma - makka) (or Snowbird) and Ch'chi'yuy (Two Sisters) canoe families had their combined awakening ceremonies at Ambleside on April 29th. It was a great day and both families were grateful to those who attended to witness their ceremony.
 - There was an Outdoor Safety and Emergency Preparedness Open House at Argyle Secondary School on May 13th. This is always a fun and informative event, and well attended.
 - The CapU canoe had an awakening ceremony on May 30th. Skw'chys (skwah chice), is a hunting canoe carved by Squamish Nation master carver, Ses Syem (Ray Natruro).
 - North Shore Community Foundation had their annual golf tournament on Friday, June 2nd at the Seymour Golf and Country Club - this year's recipients were the Sema7maka and Chi'chi'yuy canoe families as well as the Orange Shirt Society.

Indigenous:

- Squamish Nation
 - Provided an update on the comprehensive land use strategy for parcels of land in North shore which includes Capilano reserve and Seymour reserve.
 - Squamish Nation is marking 100 years since 16 of its villages amalgamated to form one political body. [The 100th Amalgamation Day Festival on July 23](#) will be an all-ages event held at Ambleside Park with family activities, food trucks, artisan market, traditional performances and more.

Municipal:

- City of North Vancouver
 - Council approved a land dedication, working with CP, in support of the [Marine-Main R2 RapidBus Upgrades](#). The City is working with TransLink, which will improve bus speed and reliability along East 3rd Street and Cotton Road. Construction is expected to start this summer.
 - The Shipyards District programming is in full swing. [The Shipyards Night Market](#) occurs every Friday night from May 12 to September 15. There will also be events throughout the summer, including the Beer by the Pier fundraiser and Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival.
 - Visit [The Shipyards District](#) website to learn more.
 - The [Let's Talk Engagement Expo](#) will be held on June 17 where attendees can meet City staff, learn more about projects, answer surveys, and provide feedback. There will be food trucks, games, prizes and music.
- District of West Vancouver
 - Completed three community engagements including - [Engage with age for seniors](#), the [Ambleside Local Area Plan](#), and the [Urban Forest Management Plan](#)
 - The Ambleside and Dundarave piers sustained significant damage due to a major storm that occurred, and the repair of both piers will begin in mid-June. They are anticipated to be complete early this fall.

- The District is planning an [outdoor fitness circuit](#) to install a new, public, outdoor fitness circuit in Ambleside Park
- Upcoming events include [Canada Day](#) on July 1, [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#) on June 21, [100th Amalgamation Day Festival](#) on July 23 and [Harmony Arts Festival](#).
- District of North Vancouver
 - Provided project updates for the North Vancouver-based hydrogen research and development firm HTEC, District council members voted to send the rezoning proposal to a public hearing.
 - In partnership with Tsleil-Waututh, the District applied for a provincial grant for Cate's Park. The project is expected to be complete by March 2025.
 - The [Livable Deep Cove](#) project will be complete this summer, and staff are working on returning patios to the pedestrian space that will be installed along the future one-way Lower Gallant Avenue.
 - In May, the Wildfire Resiliency and Training Summit was held with a focus on community wildfire resiliency and wildland urban interface training.
 - The [B.C. Hydrogen Ports Projects \(BCH2\)](#) was announced in early June 2023. The District of North Vancouver is working on updating their regulatory framework to make hydrogen fuel production on the North Shore possible. The District of North Vancouver is very supportive of this project, as it contributes to multiple objectives, including reducing GHS emissions and enabling a circular economy.
 - The District's Economic development strategy is currently out for RFP. Public consultation is expected to begin Fall 2023, and the District is working with economic stakeholders on the waterfront and community.

Industry:

- Seaspan
 - The [proposed Seaspan Vancouver Drydock Water Lot Expansion](#) project in North Vancouver is currently under review.
 - Will sponsor [Canada Day 2023](#) at the Shipyards, the [Coho Festival](#) on September 11, and the [Shipyards Festival](#) on September 17.
 - Asks Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation artists to help create a design for two new EV shuttle buses.
 - Permitting a land-based testing site on Pemberton campus which allows the Canadian Coast Guard and Navy to work on a replica bridge site.
 - Vancouver Drydock is planning to build a new building on site to replace the building that was deconstructed from the Pier a few years ago and that will replace the trailers currently on the site. Seaspan is also looking to build an office building on port property on the north west corner of the property as continued efforts for site beautification.
- BC Terminal Operators Association/ Richardson International:
 - Grain seeding is complete in Western Canada and Richardson is looking forward to the grain season
 - Richardson's [Railyard Expansion project](#) is well underway. The installation of new railyard should be complete in August.
 - Labour bargaining with ILWU and grain workers will be starting collective bargaining later this year.
- Neptune Terminal
 - Provided an update that the primary potash berth project is in the permitting phase and public consultation is expected to begin soon. Minor impacts to the community are expected.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community site tour dates will be announced soon. - Discussed air quality roles and encouraged community representatives to contact Lisa Dooling with air quality concerns related to Neptune. Neptune's Air Quality Monitoring Reports contain data from monitors located onsite at the terminal and offsite in the surrounding community.
Port update	<p>Port update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The port authority is looking at air quality regionally. For example, the Strathcona Area Air Quality Study launched in January 2023. The study aims to assess air quality conditions within the City of Vancouver's Strathcona neighbourhood, increase awareness and understanding of how air quality varies, and to identify opportunities for improvements. • Invited the committee to attend Canada Together event on July 1 at Canada Place. • Provided update on Roberts Bank Terminal 2 project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On April 20, 2023, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority welcomed the Government of Canada's decision to approve the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project following a rigorous environmental assessment, started in 2013. - For more information about the project, please visit our website, the Government of Canada's website, or for information about the decision you can visit IAAC's public registry to read the government's full decision statement and project conditions.
North Shore community feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The port authority received community feedback on a strange smell on the North Shore. Cargill confirmed that a grain bin overheated, and they worked around the clock to remove the bin. No further complaints were received. • Received a concern about dust from a vessel near Alliance Grain Terminal on the South Shore. Our operations centre spoke with the superintendent who noted that the vessel was adding small amounts of cargo in strategic locations to ensure a safe sailing. During this time, dust suppression was inactive and the operation was completed shortly after. • Also received a concern about operational noise and suspected water pollution at Seaspan Drydocks. The water seen being pumped overboard was ballast (sea water) and the tanks were required to be emptied for a planned inspection, No further complaints were received.
July 15, 2023, All-CLC Appreciation Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The port authority is inviting all committee members to join us on Saturday, July 15 for harbour tour and lunch. This will be a chance to connect with the three other committees while enjoying the sights of Burrard Inlet. • For more details and to RSVP, please visit the Eventbrite page that was shared with all committee members <p>Action: Committee members to register for the July 15 harbour tour on the Eventbrite page</p>
Bard on the Beach event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the port authority's community investment sponsorship, we've received 40 tickets to the Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival on September 22. • We are inviting committee members and a guest to watch "As You Like It" which is a tribute to the Beatles. • For more details and to RSVP, please visit the Eventbrite page that was shared with all committee members <p>Action: Register for Bard on the Beach event on the Eventbrite page</p>
Port authority's Climate and Air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On June 22, the port authority invites the committee to take part in the Climate and Air Quality Action Plan engagement.

Quality Action Plan update	Action: Participate in the port authority’s Climate and Air Quality Action Plan (CAQAP) virtual workshop on June 22, 2023
Committee admin	<p><u>Start time:</u></p> <p>Next meeting venue, date and time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 12, 2023, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. (location TBD) <p>Future presentations of interest:</p> <p>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 Dangerous Goods Transportation (Marine, Road, Rail) <p>Additionally, Seaspan representatives offered a tour of the Seaspan facility for the October 2023 meeting.</p>
Presentation, Tour and discussion: DFO Pacific Science Enterprise Centre	<p><u>Start time: 9:03 a.m.</u></p> <p>Nikki provided an overview of Pacific Science Enterprise Centre.</p> <p>Discussion highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For more information on Pacific Science Enterprise Centre, visit https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/science/organization/sec-ces/pacific-pacifique/index-eng.html

Action items

Action item	Lead	Status
Share consideration report for Seaspan drydock expansion once available	NSWLC staff lead	Complete
Participate in the port authority’s Climate and Air Quality Action Plan (CAQAP) virtual workshop on June 22, 2023	All members	Ongoing
Doug and Lisa will send out a summary of the Port Forward findings in the fall	Doug and Lisa	Ongoing
Register for the July 15 harbour tour through Eventbrite	All members	Ongoing
Register the September 22 Bard on the Beach event through Eventbrite	All members	Ongoing