



Meeting notes

North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee

Meeting details	
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, October 12, 2023
<b>Time:</b>	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (light breakfast refreshments will be set at 7:45 a.m.)
<b>Location:</b>	Seaspan Office Address: 2 Pemberton Avenue, North Vancouver
<b>Chair:</b>	Lisa Dooling, Neptune Terminal (3/3 meetings)
<b>Vice-chair:</b>	Doug Ausman, Community Representative, City of North Vancouver (3/3 meetings)
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><u>Community Representatives:</u></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>• Christina Cassidy, District of North Vancouver</li> <li>• Christine Oberti, District of West Vancouver</li> </ul> <p><u>Indigenous Representatives:</u></p> <p><u>Municipal Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heather Keith, District of West Vancouver</li> <li>• Neonila Lilova, District of North Vancouver</li> <li>• Magda Kwaterska, City of North Vancouver</li> </ul> <p><u>Organizational Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen Obeck, Seaspan</li> <li>• Adrien Byrne, Seaspan</li> <li>• Cliff Stewart, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</li> <li>• Evangeline Englezos, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</li> <li>• Kimberly Ng, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</li> </ul>
<b>Regrets:</b>	<p><u>Organizational Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joseph McDaniel, District of West Vancouver</li> <li>• Ruby Carrico, Squamish Nation</li> <li>• Tyler Banick, CN Rail</li> <li>• Lisa Dooling, Neptune Terminal</li> <li>• Gerry Heinrichs, BC Terminal Operators Association/Richardson International</li> <li>• Carleen Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh Nation</li> <li>• Dave Hutch, City of North Vancouver</li> </ul>
<b>Previous meeting date</b>	June 8, 2023

Agenda item	Discussion/ Action item
<b>Welcome and introductions, safety moment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee vice-chair Doug Ausman began the meeting by acknowledging the traditional lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh nations the committee was meeting on.</li> <li>• Doug welcomed Heather Keith, the municipal representative for the District of West Vancouver, and Magda Kwaterska, manager of the Shipyards and Waterfront.</li> <li>• A safety moment was shared to remind committee members to participate in the Great B.C. Shakeout drill on October 19 and to “Drop, Cover, and Hold on”.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Port Update</b></p>	<p><u>Port update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The port authority released the <u>mid-year cargo statistics</u>. Overall cargo volumes are up by 11%. There have been drops in some sectors and encouraging rebounds in other key commodities such as grain, auto and cruise.</li> <li>• Strike action by B.C. dockworkers in July 2023, resulted in significant disruptions to trade moving through the Port of Vancouver. On August 1, 2023, we were pleased to see an agreement reached to end the labour dispute. Recovery continues across the Port of Vancouver, with individual port terminals and cargo types recovering at differing speeds, and we expect all operations to return to normal in the fall.</li> <li>• On September 28, 2023, the port authority welcomed the Government of British Columbia’s decision to approve the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project. The <u>provincial environmental assessment certificate</u> includes 16 conditions to help avoid, minimize or offset potential adverse effects, such as a greenhouse-gas reduction plan and to be net-zero by 2050.</li> <li>• The Canada Place cruise terminal was awarded <u>North America’s Leading Cruise Port 2023</u> at the recent World Travel Awards. The annual World Travel Awards previously named Canada Place as “North America’s Leading Cruise Port” in 2021 and 2020.</li> <li>• After 14 years as president and CEO of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, Robin Silvester’s last day at the helm of the organization was Friday, June 30, 2023. The decision to select a new president and CEO will be made by the port authority’s board of directors, who are currently leading a comprehensive search</li> <li>• The port authority, in partnership with DP World, announced that the port authority-led Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project have been awarded the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI) <u>Envision Platinum award</u>, the highest rated award by ISI.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Kimberly to share <u>Port Forward scenarios report</u> and <u>video</u>.</p>
<p><b>Roundtable</b></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"> <li>• City of North Vancouver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The community appreciates the Shipyards District and the numerous successful summer programs and activities</li> <li>- Central Lonsdale merchants continue to work to create a BIA and society that replicates the success of the Lower Lonsdale BIA and Shipyards District</li> </ul> </li> <li>• District of North Vancouver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There were concerns about the impact of the strike action by B.C. dockworkers as well as concerns about safety and organized crime on the waterfront</li> <li>- Dust, noise and light are general concerns related to Neptune Terminal, however, the community praised Lisa Dooling in particular for her responsiveness to community concerns</li> <li>- The North Shore Streamkeepers helped restore a <u>salmon spawning habitat</u> in Lynn Creek</li> <li>- Question: How is the port authority planning to improve container port efficiency, specifically considering changing demands for container ports? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>[Post-meeting follow-up]</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The World Bank and S&amp;P Global’s container performance index rated the Port of Vancouver 347 out of 348 container ports for 2022</li> <li>• The port authority is responsible for enabling trade through the Port of Vancouver and can speak to overall port operations. Terminals are run by independent operators</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>who are responsible for managing their own day-to-day operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We are now seeing congestion ease in the container sector and would expect to see our rank improve in 2023 onwards; however, the last few years have reinforced the need to continue to invest in port infrastructure and technology to accommodate Canada's growing trade and keep supply chains moving efficiently.</li><li>• Similar to other west coast ports, strong consumer demand in 2021 and 2022 caused a surge of imports through trans-pacific trade routes including at the Port of Vancouver, which resulted in congestion. Container trade through the Port of Vancouver in 2022 was also affected by:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ - Supply chain congestion in Ontario and Quebec throughout the year</li><li>○ - Overhang from extreme flooding in late 2021 in the early part of the year</li></ul></li></ul> <p>- Question: How does the port authority support ocean cleanup efforts and do you work with <a href="#">The Ocean Cleanup</a>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>[Post-meeting follow-up]</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We don't work directly with The Ocean Cleanup. However, we indirectly support cleanup efforts from Ocean Wise through our community investment fund. We also hosted and participated in shoreline cleanups through our ECHO Program team, Environment team and the Delta Community Office.</li></ul></li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District of West Vancouver<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The community appreciated the Harmony Arts Festival and other activations this summer</li><li>- There are some complaints of ship noise and light and ship traffic seen from West Vancouver however the number of complaints has decreased</li></ul></li></ul> <p><u>Municipal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District of West Vancouver<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Ambleside and Dunderave piers sustained significant damage due to a major storm that occurred in 2022 and they are currently being repaired</li><li>- The revitalized <a href="#">Horseshoe Bay Park</a> re-opened on June 30</li><li>- The <a href="#">Ambleside Local Area Plan</a> is going well and more engagement opportunities are expected this fall</li><li>- The Province set <a href="#">housing targets</a> to encourage municipalities to tackle the housing crisis. These targets align with existing housing plans within the District.</li></ul></li><li>• District of North Vancouver<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The <a href="#">Economic Development Strategy</a> is looking to engage with the waterfront industry stakeholders</li><li>- The Province set <a href="#">housing targets</a> to encourage municipalities to tackle the housing crisis. These targets align with existing housing plans within the District's Official Community Plan.</li></ul></li><li>• City of North Vancouver<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Shipyards had a successful summer with 150 activations from May through September. The city is preparing to open the skating rink from December 1 to the end of March.</li><li>- The city is working to prepare budgets which will go to council in late fall and winter</li></ul></li></ul> <p><u>Industry:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seaspan</li></ul>
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<p><b>North Shore community feedback</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The port authority received a complaint about speeding recreational boaters. When it comes to recreational boating, our role is to monitor and advocate safe boating practices; however, we cannot investigate, enforce or ticket pleasure craft operators—only local law enforcement has authority to do this.</li> <li>• We also received comments about the Seaspan expansion project from North Shore residents. These comments were passed to the Permit and Environmental Review team.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Discussion: Community and municipal issues</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community and municipal representatives were asked to identify port-related issues or concerns in their communities. Topics included:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ship noise from anchorages</li> <li>- Port security and organized crime concerns</li> <li>- Labour unrest</li> <li>- Lack of residents' knowledge on maritime benefits, practices, and safeguards</li> <li>- Noise, dust and truck congestion and pollution</li> </ul> </li> <li>• There appeared to be consensus that the committee focus its active attention on:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Measures to get a better understanding of how North Shore residents see maritime industry activities. This may include information on safety, benefits to communities, economies, and the environment.</li> <li>- Information about truck and rail traffic. Including where cargo is going to and from, the volume of trucks and trains, and a opportunities to shift to electric from fossil fuels.</li> <li>- The committee being more proactive in the community through active participation in local events, reports to municipal councils etc. Perhaps a sub-committee of community reps to develop a plan.</li> <li>- The port authority and the maritime industries could provide "assignments / homework" for community and municipal reps to obtain residents' feedback for the industries.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> <i>Committee to further identify port-related issues and action-oriented decisions at the December 14, 2023 meeting.</i></p>
<p><b>Committee Admin</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website update           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Due to website requirements, the port authority proposed to keep two years' worth of committee content on the <a href="#">North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee webpage</a> including meeting notes and port updates.</li> <li>- The committee agreed with this approach</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Call for chair and vice-chair selection</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> <i>Doug to solicit volunteers for both the chair and vice-chair positions. The vice-chair will begin at the December meeting and transition to chair in the new year.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review action items</li> <li>• Next meeting venue, date and time           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- December 14, 2023 (location TBD)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Future presentations of interest:</b></p> <p>The following were identified by committee members as priority topics for future meetings/presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ocean Wise's Pollution Tracker program</li> <li>• Port of Vancouver and national corridor air quality emissions</li> <li>• BC Marine Terminals Operators Association overview</li> <li>• Second Narrows Rail Bridge overview</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TransLink and transportation on the North Shore</li> <li>• Long term port development plans and key projects</li> <li>• CBSA process for inspecting incoming cargo containers</li> <li>• Dangerous Goods Transportation (Marine, Road, Rail)</li> </ul>
<b>Presentation, tour and discussion: Seaspan</b>	<p>Adrien provided a tour and overview of the Seaspan shipyards.</p> <p><b>Discussion highlights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For more information on Seaspan, visit <a href="https://www.seaspan.com/">https://www.seaspan.com/</a></li> </ul>

Action items

Action item	Lead	Status
Share Port Forward scenarios report	Kimberly	Complete
Identify port-related issues and action-oriented decisions at the December meeting	All	In progress
Select a new chair and vice-chair to begin at December meeting	Doug	Complete