



Meeting notes

North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee

Meeting details	
Date:	Thursday, December 14, 2023
Time:	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (light breakfast refreshments will be set at 7:45 a.m.)
Location:	North Vancouver City Hall – Atrium, located on the main level down the hall Address: 141 14 th Street, North Vancouver
Chair:	Doug Ausman, Community Representative, City of North Vancouver (3/3 meetings)
Vice-chair:	Heather Keith, Municipal Representative, District of West Vancouver (1/3 meetings)
Attendees:	<p><u>Community Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug Ausman, City of North Vancouver • Natalia Skapski, District of North Vancouver • Christina Cassidy, District of North Vancouver • Joseph McDaniel, District of West Vancouver <p><u>Indigenous Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carleen Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh Nation <p><u>Municipal Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Keith, District of West Vancouver • Magda Kwaterska, City of North Vancouver <p><u>Organizational Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Obeck, Seaspan • Adrien Byrne, Seaspan • Cliff Stewart, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority • Kimberly Ng, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority <p><u>Guest Speaker:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anita Gill, Director, Health, Safety & Security, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
Regrets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liane McKenna, City of North Vancouver, Community representative • Christine Oberti, District of West Vancouver, Community representative • Ruby Carrico, Squamish Nation • Gerry Heinrichs, BC Terminal Operators Association/Richardson International • Tyler Banick, CN Rail • Lisa Dooling, Neptune Terminal • Neonila Lilova, District of North Vancouver
Previous meeting date	October 12, 2023

Agenda item	Discussion/ Action item
Welcome and introductions, safety moment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee chair Doug Ausman began the meeting by acknowledging the traditional lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh nations the committee was meeting on. • A safety moment was shared to remind committee members about fire safety during the holiday season. Whether you have a natural or gas fireplace, it's a source of heat and potential danger.

<p>Port Update</p>	<p><u>Port update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority’s board of directors is pleased to announce that it has appointed Peter Xotta as president and chief executive officer, effective Monday, December 4, 2023 • The annual <u>Christmas at Canada Place event</u>, presented by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, takes place from December 1 to January 2 • Cliff shared a business update including a 5% increase in total cargo. There are also increases over 2022 seen for coal, autos, grain, sulphur, chemicals, and petroleum. There were declines in potash, foreign breakbulk, container TEUs, canola oil, and wood pellets. • The port authority is partnering with the Government of Canada and Province of B.C. through the Integrated Marketplace program to collaborate on innovation and technology to enhance the reliability and efficiency of trade through the Port of Vancouver.
<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"> • District of West Vancouver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encouraged the committee to attend the <u>Dundarave Festival</u> and the Forest of Miracles where various groups and individuals sponsor and decorate Christmas trees at Dundarave beach. There are also community events including a bonfire with Christmas caroling held there on Saturdays as part of the Festival. All proceeds go to the Lookout Society’s North Shore Shelter. - The West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society is concerned about the pre spawn mortality of coho salmon found near Brothers Creek. There are concerns that it was caused by urban runoff, specifically a compound found in tires. • City of North Vancouver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acknowledged that the Shipyards district has grown dramatically, and that density is increasing. The numerous free events benefit both the economy and the community. - The <u>Spirit of the Season Festival</u> at The Shipyards was held on December 2 and the <u>skating rink</u> is now open - Residents are interested in updates on ICBC’s plan to sell off their Lonsdale Quay property - The City of North Vancouver is exploring the development of a <u>Curb Access & Parking Plan</u> to improve the choice and convenience of accessing our curb space, while addressing the changing demands of the curbs seen in recent years. The business community is concerned whether paid street parking will impact local businesses. • District of North Vancouver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Sema7maka (snowbird) family canoe sleep ceremony put two canoes to sleep at the DFO’s Pacific Science Centre in West Vancouver. - Capilano University announced their courses for the <u>Squamish campus</u>. Programs include early childhood care and education, adult basic education, Bachelor of Arts with a major in interdisciplinary studies and more. • District of North Vancouver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The community is concerned about port security and referenced a report released by the City of Delta and Delta Police <p><u>Indigenous:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tsleil-Waututh Nation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work continues on the eelgrass project in front of the Tsleil-Waututh reserve on Dollarton Highway. As well, bull kelp planting continues on the South Shore.

Municipal:

- City of North Vancouver
 - The Shipyards Skate Plaza is now open with the [Spirit of the Season Festival](#) drawing 150,000 to 200,000 people on December 2. The City also provided lower income families with skating vouchers.
 - On December 31, there will be a family-friendly [New Year's Eve celebration](#).
 - The [Shipyards Destination Infrastructure Project](#) will begin in January. The project will provide upgraded water and electrical systems to allow for more sustainable events, festivals and activations.
 - A wayfinding study will take place next year to review connections between the waterfront, brewery district, waterfront park, and Lower and Central Lonsdale.
- District of North Vancouver
 - Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) announced for the North Shore last month:
 - One of three rapid bus lines prioritized by Translink to connect Metrotown to Park Royal
 - DNV has been actively pursuing and advocating via the [North Shore Connects](#) partnership of the three municipalities and two First Nations
 - Businesses and the community are calling on senior governments to commit funds to the project
 - District's [Economic Development Strategy](#) project:
 - Business engagement completed this fall – survey and three workshops with businesses held, including representation from the port authority, a diverse cross-section of DNV businesses and local economic development interest holders
 - Findings from the engagement and the employment lands and jobs supply/demand and opportunities report (currently under way) will be presented to DNV Council in January 2024
 - Final strategy deliverable anticipated in April 2024
 - BC Government short-term rentals ([Bill 35](#)) and housing ([Bills 44, 47](#)) bills – new BC regulations to increase housing supply
 - DNV is aligning short-term rentals regulations to take advantage of provincial enforcement supports (early spring to take effect in May 2024)
 - Dec 7 – Province released implementation manuals for Bill 44 (aimed to increase infill housing while streamlining/expediting municipal process) and Bill 47 (aimed to grow density and reduce parking requirements in Transit Oriented Areas)
 - Substantial staff effort under way to plan implementation of Zoning, OCP, process and other major changes, and align current projects, for 2024 and 2025 to implement the provincial regulations in a holistic way

Organizational:

- Seaspán
 - The Vancouver Drydock received a permit for an administration building including a lunchroom, lockers, and an office area. Construction will begin in 2024.
 - The City and District of North Vancouver will review the light exchange along the first corridor to examine traffic delays and allow for better traffic flow.
 - Noted that Seaspán's [electric shuttle bus service](#) is a success and has seen increased ridership. The shuttles feature custom, Indigenous artwork designed by Olivia George of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation (səlilwətaʔ), and Ray Natraoro of the Squamish Nation (Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw).
 - Seaspán will survey employees about park and ride options for those that live outside of the North Shore.
 - Seaspán Shipyards CAO, Brent Hale, wrote an [opinion piece on bringing rapid transit to the North Shore](#).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction for the Vancouver Drydock Water Lot Expansion will begin in 2024. Construction is expected to take approximately four months to complete. The drydocks and work pontoon would arrive fully constructed by water. - Construction of the outfitting pier extension will begin in 2024. Seaspan will launch a Joint Support Ship and Offshore Oceanographic Science Vessel next year. The outfitting pier will be used to finish the ships on the North Shore. As well, the polar ice breaker ship will start construction next year. - Seaspan hosted an annual stakeholder event on November 29 to recognize collaboration efforts with non-profit organizations, Indigenous nations, the City and District of North Vancouver, the port authority and other stakeholders. - Noted that under the National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSS), Seaspan has contributed more than \$5.7 billion to Canada's GDP through its shipbuilding and repair, refit, and maintenance activities and will contribute an additional \$20.7 billion to Canada's GDP through 2035.
<p>North Shore community feedback</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the last meeting, the port authority received two general noise complaints related to terminals on the North Shore. • Reducing noise is an ongoing challenge for the railways and terminals because they must use certain protocols under federal government worker safety regulations, such as horns, sirens, and whistles. The work railway and port terminal workers do can be dangerous, and nothing is more important to the railways and terminals than running a safe operation.
<p>Discussion – Community and municipal issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug summarized four options for issues for the committee to focus on including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ship noise and pollution - Port security/ crime - Lack of public's knowledge on maritime industry contributions - Truck congestion, noise and pollution • The committee agreed that there seem to be fewer complaints compared to prior years. • The committee agreed that regular meetings are helpful to keep the committee informed and if there are opportunities for community representatives to act, these will be shared with the committee. No further action items.
<p>Presentation and Discussion: Port of Vancouver Security</p>	<p>Anita provided a presentation on port safety, security and compliance.</p> <p>Discussion highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about the role the port authority plays in safety, security, and compliance • Questions about how the port authority supports law enforcement and emergency response coordination
<p>Holiday donation selection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neptune, Seaspan, CN and Richardson International volunteered to match port authority donations of \$1,000 for a total of \$5,000 • The committee voted to donate \$5,000 to the North Shore Neighbourhood House, particularly towards the food bank program <p>Action: Kimberly to organize donation of \$5,000 to North Shore Neighbourhood House</p>
<p>Committee admin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review action items • 2024 Chair and Vice Chair Updates • Reminder: Next Meeting: March 2024 (Date TBD) • Reminder: Complete annual survey by December 31 • Farewell to Doug and Gerry <p>Future presentations of interest:</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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term port development plans and key projects • CBSA process for inspecting incoming cargo containers • Dangerous Goods Transportation (Marine, Road, Rail)
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Action items

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Organize donation of \$5,000 to North Shore Neighbourhood House	Kimberly	Complete
Complete annual survey by December 31	All	In progress
City of North Vancouver to recruit for community representative	Magda/Kimberly	In progress