



Meeting notes

North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee

Meeting details	
Date:	Thursday, March 14, 2024
Time:	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (light breakfast refreshments will be set at 7:45 a.m.)
Location:	West Vancouver Community Centre, Mountain Room 2121 Marine Drive, West Vancouver
Chair:	Heather Keith, Municipal Representative, District of West Vancouver (1/3 meetings)
Vice-chair:	Adrien Byrne, Seaspan (1/3 meetings)
Attendees:	<p><u>Community Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irek Kuligowski, City of North Vancouver Liane McKenna, City 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"> Heather Keith, District of West Vancouver Neonila Lilova, District of North Vancouver <p><u>Organizational Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Obeck, Seaspan Adrien Byrne, Seaspan Naomi Horsford, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Kimberly Ng, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority <p><u>Guest Speaker:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Plewes, Plewes Environmental
Regrets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tyler Banick, CN Rail Lisa Dooling, Neptune Terminal Natalia Skapski, District of North Vancouver Christina Cassidy, District of North Vancouver Magda Kwaterska, City of North Vancouver Carleen Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh Nation
Previous meeting date	December 14, 2024

Agenda item	Discussion/ Action item
Welcome and introductions, safety moment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee chair Heather began the meeting by acknowledging the traditional lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh nations the committee was meeting on The committee welcomed the new City of North Vancouver community representative, Irek Kuligowski; and Vancouver Fraser Port Authority representative, Naomi Horsford A safety moment was shared to remind committee members about cybersecurity and to use strong passwords, update software, and not to click on suspicious links

<p>Presentation and discussion: Air quality</p>	<p>David provided a presentation on industrial air pollution on the waterfront.</p> <p>Discussion highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about industrial air pollution and opacity, who regulates air pollution, how opacity is regulated and why it is regulated • Air pollution on the North Shore is regulated through permits. Permit information is available on the Metro Vancouver website.
<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"> - In November 2023, Council voted to allow increased access for dogs on-leash with their owners in Horseshoe Bay Park, Ambleside Park, and the Centennial Seawalk - Community representative shared appreciation for the Lions Gate Hospital and a reminder that there are mental health resources available on the North Shore • City of North Vancouver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The spring Shipyards events and activities are starting and committee member were invited to join - While industrial development on the waterfront is valuable, there are air quality concerns. Residents are encouraged to contact Metro Vancouver to make an air quality complaint. - Boat owners are concerned with the upcoming closure of Mosquito Creek Marina <p><u>Indigenous:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Squamish Nation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undergoing land use planning for two North Shore reserves including the Pacific Environmental Centre (PEC) lands at the north end of Lions Gate Bridge, and the Seymour Reserve - Mosquito Creek Marina will be closing a majority of the docks due to safety concerns, while a rehabilitation or redevelopment plan is considered for the future <p><u>Municipal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District of West Vancouver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noise from ships at anchor near West Vancouver is a concern - Work on the Ambleside Local Area Plan is ongoing. The plan outlines the long-range vision for Ambleside as a whole. Once adopted, the plan will become a component of the Official Community Plan. - Jimmy Pattison’s former house was dismantled. West Vancouver acquired the property last year and is converting waterfront properties into park space. There is one remaining house in the area. - Ambleside and Dundarave piers re-opened in November 2023 after significant damage due to a major storm in 2022 - West Vancouver’s Ferry Building Gallery reopened after a three-year closure to upgrade the heritage site - The Urban Forest Management Plan was approved by Council. The plan includes specific goals and strategies to support the District’s guiding policies related to urban forest management. • District of North Vancouver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Economic Development Strategy will be presented to Council in May. The strategy includes four priority areas, 10 key initiatives, and 20 projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Key takeaways include preserving the remaining industrial land supply, intensifying industrial use to better service industries on

	<p>the waterfront, and improving transportation to attract employees and ensure timely delivery of goods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planners are working on the housing policies set by the Province to update the Official Community Plan and zoning bylaws with a June 30, 2024 deadline. Transit-oriented development areas in the District include Phibbs Exchange and Capilano University Exchange. <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seaspan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed a survey on park and ride and other transportation modes among employees. Seaspan is looking into opportunities in the Greater Vancouver area to help reduce traffic on roads - Construction began on the Outfitting Pier Extension to accommodate new vessel construction - A launch event for the Offshore Oceanographic Science Vessel is scheduled for this summer - Seaspan is sponsoring the MONOVA Shipyard pals tour, the Polygon Gallery Kids First weekends, North Shore Crisis Services Society Gala of Grace, and Canada Day at The Shipyards • CN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - [Post-meeting follow-up] - Recognized by the 2024 S&P Global Yearbook as one of the top sustainability performers in the transportation industry - CN continues to negotiate with TCRC to reach a negotiated agreement. The bargaining process does not allow for either a strike or a lockout for close to three months after the appointment of conciliators. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TCRC represents approximately 6,000 conductors, conductor trainees, yard coordinators and locomotive engineers across CN's network in Canada - Through CN's EcoConnexions Partnership Program in 2023, 68 customers, suppliers and supply chain partners were recognized for their sustainability practices and CN is planting 100,000 trees in Canada and the United States in their honour • Neptune <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - [Post-meeting follow-up] - The Berth Two and Lynn Creek Estuary project public engagement report is now published • Vancouver Fraser Port Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Port update - 2023 cargo highlights include a total tonnage record at 150.4 mmt, driven by record foreign dry bulk tonnage - In January, the port authority took part in an emergency response exercise to simulate a significant oil spill in coal harbour - The first cruise ship of the season arrived in Vancouver on March 11. Record passengers are expected in 2024. - The Active Vessel Traffic Management Program rolled out a ship transit scheduling system in the Second Narrows in 2023 and will expand to the First Narrows in 2024
<p>North Shore community feedback</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the last meeting, the port authority received two noise complaints from vessels at West Vancouver anchorages. The port authority also heard two general noise complaints from the North Shore, no unusual terminal activities were attributed. • There was one complaint of smoke in North Vancouver which was later found to be related to a nearby apartment fire

<p>Discussion – Annual survey results and committee format suggestions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naomi summarized the annual survey results. There was general agreement that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We consistently use meeting time well. Issues get the same attention in proportion to their importance. - The committee helps to promote dialogue and information sharing between the various interests represented on the North Shore - Presentations are relevant and of interest - In-person morning meetings are preferred • Based on feedback and previous conversations about the committee’s goals, the port authority proposed committee format changes for one year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fewer in-person meetings (March and October) with an experiential activity in the summer - Shorten port update documents to PowerPoint slides, and more timely information such as media releases, information updates, and construction notices that community representatives can send to their networks - Potential fall/ winter networking with all the committees - Potential information webinars with all committees - Asking for written updates if representatives cannot attend a meeting • The committee agreed and approved the proposed changes
<p>Committee admin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review action items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action: Add vessel air emissions and foreign aquatic species concerns to future presentations of interest • Reminder: Next meeting date TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action: Kimberly to schedule October meeting and coordinate summer experiential activity • Farewell to Joseph and Natalia <p>Future presentations of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TransLink and transportation on the North Shore • Long term port development plans and key projects • Port of Vancouver and national corridor air quality emissions • Ocean Wise’s Pollution Tracker program • Second Narrows Rail Bridge overview • BC Marine Terminals Operators Association overview • Dangerous Goods Transportation (Marine, Road, Rail) • CBSA process for inspecting incoming cargo containers • Economic impact of port activities • City of North Vancouver Waterfront Strategy • Port Forward planning process overview • Vessel smoke and air emissions • Foreign aquatic species and ballast water exchange

Action items

Action item	Lead	Status
Schedule October meeting and send calendar invitation	Kimberly	In progress
Schedule and coordinate summer activity	Kimberly	In progress
Add vessel air emissions and foreign aquatic species concerns to future presentations of interest	Kimberly	Complete