

MEETING NOTES

Port Community Liaison Committee - Delta

Meeting:	#53
Date:	Thursday, August 13, 2020
Time:	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Location:	Virtual via Webex
Facilitator:	Michelle LeBaron
Coordinator:	Tanya Hawke
Attendees:	<p>Community representatives Mark Gordienko, Tsawwassen Heather Lapper, Tsawwassen Michelle Sharma, Ladner Dennis McJunkin, North Delta</p> <p>Organizations Tom Corsie, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Marko Dekovic, Global Container Terminals Garry Shearer, Delta Chamber of Commerce Noel Roddick, Delta Farmers' Institute</p> <p>Guests Tony Benincasa, manager, logistics and operations, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Payman Pegahi, manager, infrastructure delivery, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</p> <p>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Naomi Horsford, manager, municipal and stakeholder relations Tanya Hawke, communications outreach advisor Julian Lam, community relations staff</p>
Regrets:	Greg Andrew, Westshore Terminals Bernita Iversen, City of Delta Gord Westlake, BC Railway Co. Astor Drego, community representative (North Delta) Simran Walia, community representative (Ladner) Oliver Busby, environmental representative

#	Agenda item
1. Introductions	
1.1	Tony Benincasa, manager, logistics and operations, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Payman Pegahi, manager, infrastructure delivery, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
2. Presentation	
2.1	<p>Presentation and Q+A by Payman Pegahi and Tony Benincasa on Deltaport Truck Staging Facility</p> <p>Q&A Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg asked whether future situations such as the incident described in the presentation would rely on Delta Police to divert traffic into the truck staging facility. <p>Tony responded that once VFPA is aware of an incident, the dynamic messaging board on Highway 17 will be activated to alert truck drivers to divert to the staging area. Notifications will also be sent via the Port Van eHub app and email to trucking companies. Because Delta Police were available to assist with the August 12 incident that activated the truck staging facility, they offered to provide</p>

	<p>support in diverting trucks into the truck staging facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg asked if support is needed to help communicate to drivers that the facility is open for use, such as communication with the B.C. Safety Council and other driver-related organizations to remind truck drivers that the staging area is open and operational. <p>Tony replied that information has been distributed (including map and directions to access the staging area) to individual trucking companies and the B.C. Trucking Association. The same notice has also been distributed to truckers accessing the Deltaport terminal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom highlighted the acquisition of mobile washrooms for the staging area. Tony added that these particular washrooms are normally used on movie sets. Given the COVID-19 situation and that most public washrooms were closed to truck drivers, the port authority was able to lease them. • Payman highlighted two issues that were raised by Delta Farmers' Institute during an on-site meeting in March regarding the facility: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Identified the lefthand turn along Deltaport Way eastbound lane toward Highway 17A as congested and narrow. The concern was addressed by adjusting the lane painting on the eastbound and westbound lane to make it wider and by adding more space between the lefthand turn lane and the westbound lane. 2) Identified that people were not respecting the right of way of farm vehicles. The Ministry of Transportation is considering signs along Deltaport Way cautioning drivers that farm vehicles may be on the road. • Michelle S. asked about traffic volumes since the staging facility's opening and whether or not there were any security issues. <p>Tony responded that approximately 48 trucks per day have used the facility within the first two weeks. There have been no security issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marko asked if communication between the terminal and port authority could have been improved during the recent incident and moving forward, how communication between the staging facility and the terminal could be improved. <p>Tony responded that contacting emergency services is the terminal's priority before contacting VFPA. VFPA can be contacted to help monitor roadways and open the truck staging area if needed. It is prudent for the terminal to contact VFPA's operations centre regarding the incident and that first responders have been dispatched. VFPA will ensure access to the terminal for first responders as the priority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanya: Michelle Sharma requested a site visit of the truck staging facility. Tentative date and time of August 26, 10:30 a.m. has been postponed until September or October. Interest was expressed by Heather, Dennis and Mark as well as Michelle S. <p><i>Action: Schedule a visit of the truck staging facility with VFPA land operations in September or October.</i></p>
3. General Business	
3.1	None
4. Reports	
4.1	Port update (Tom Corsie)

	<p>Roberts Bank Terminal 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marko asked if the VFPA has completed any impact studies on municipal tax revenues and jobs as a result of the project, and how tax revenues on existing businesses and terminals will be affected. Tom responded that the portrayal of semi-automation decreasing the number of jobs is inaccurate as it is more so the increase in technical jobs and decrease in standard manual jobs. <p>Follow-up:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Here is a two-pager that highlights the expected economic benefits (e.g. number of jobs and government revenue) of the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 project. 2. Here is the link to the economic impact study published in the port authority’s environmental impact statement. The study estimates the proposed project’s economic impact. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle S. asked if extensive consultation has been conducted with the City of Delta. Tom responded that VFPA is in consultation with the City of Delta staff on a regular basis. Tom pointed out that the relationship with staff is excellent and consultation has been consistently carried out. Marko noted that the position of the city council (in opposing RBT2) is not surprising since the city’s position has been obvious throughout the process. • Dennis asked about ammonium nitrate storage at the Port of Vancouver in light of the explosion at the port of Beirut on August 4. Follow-up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is mandated under the Canada Marine Act to enable Canada’s trade through the Port of Vancouver, ensuring goods are moved safely, efficiently and sustainably. We don’t, however, decide what moves through the port; the federal government is responsible for making decisions related to what goods and commodities Canada trades.</i> <i>As per the federal Transport of Dangerous Goods Act, the federal government does not allow ammonium nitrate to be loaded or unloaded at Canadian ports. There are special procedures in place to allow for the safe handling of products containing small amounts of ammonium nitrate, such as fertilizers. Here is a link for more information.</i> <i>Transport Canada maintains oversight of the movement of dangerous goods in Canada for all modes of transportation. All ships arriving at the Port of Vancouver are required to declare dangerous goods cargo at least 24 hours in advance and must receive a traffic clearance. Additionally, port terminal operators handling dangerous goods are surveyed regularly by National Resources Canada to determine safe quantities to be stored on the terminals.</i> <i>For any questions regarding the Canadian fertilizer industry and regulatory requirements, please contact Fertilizer Canada.</i>
<p>4.2</p>	<p>Delta Community Office update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle S. suggested a “by appointment” system for opening the office to the public. This would allow people to have access to someone at the office to hear their inquiries. • Heather suggested something should be posted on the office door regarding COVID-19 protocols. Furthermore, she noted that communication is an important factor to ensure that people feel they still can voice their concerns and issues.
<p>5. New Business</p>	
<p>5.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport Canada has offered a presentation on its oceans protection plan. Several members

	<p>indicated interest.</p> <p><i>Action: Coordinate presentation by Transport Canada regarding Oceans Protection Plan.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg noted that connection among committee members feels as though it has diminished due to a lack of face-to-face interaction. He asked if community representatives would be interested in meeting virtually before the next meeting. VFPA could assist with setting up meeting in Webex. Dennis and other committee members indicated interest. <p><i>Action: Greg to take the lead on coordinating the virtual meeting.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garry noted that a time change for the meeting would be welcome since the meetings were scheduled around meal times but are now virtual. <p><i>Action: Michelle LeBaron to discuss meeting times with VFPA.</i></p>
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6. Next meeting & adjournment

6.1	<p>October 8, 2020; 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Virtual via Webex; presentation: status update of Habitat Enhancement Program’s Delta sites</p>
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Meeting	Agenda Ref #	Action Item	Responsible	Due Date
53	4.1	Invite Fraser Grain Terminal to provide a presentation and update	Tanya	Future meeting
53	2.1	Schedule a site visit of the truck staging facility for interested members	Tanya	Sept/Oct 2020
53	5.1	Greg to coordinate virtual meeting of community representatives	Tanya	Prior to October 8, 2020 meeting
53	5.1	Coordinate presentation by Transport Canada regarding Oceans Protection Plan	Tanya	Scheduled for December 8, 2020 meeting
53	5.1	Michelle LeBaron to discuss meeting times with VFPA	Michelle	By October 8, 2020 meeting
51	5.1	Coordinate GCT Deltaport tour for committee members in 2020.	Tanya	TBD
51	4.1	Presentation request: container volume projections regarding container capacity reached by mid 2020s.	Tanya	2020
50	5.1	Inquire about PCLC getting together with other liaison committees	Tanya	Postponed
50	5.1	Presentation with status update of Habitat Enhancement Program’s Delta sites	Tanya	Confirmed for meeting on October 8, 2020
35	2.2	Provide formal presentation on salinity study and next steps.	Noel	Future meeting