



Port Community Liaison Committee

Meeting summary notes

Meeting:	#54
Date:	Thursday, October 8, 2020
Time:	8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
Location:	Online meeting
Facilitator:	Michelle LeBaron
Attendees:	<p>Community representatives Oliver Busby, environmental representative Michelle Sharma, Ladner Dennis McJunkin, North Delta Mark Gordienko, Tsawwassen Heather Lapper, Tsawwassen Greg Wirch, Tsawwassen (<i>departed early</i>)</p> <p>Organizations Gord Westlake, BC Railway Co. Bernita Iversen, City of Delta Garry Shearer, Delta Chamber of Commerce Noel Roddick, Delta Farmers' Institute Marko Dekovic, Global Container Terminals Greg Andrew, Westshore Terminals</p> <p>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Tom Corsie, Vice President, Real Estate Tanya Hawke, Communications Outreach Advisor Sarah Pilgrim, Community Engagement Specialist</p> <p>Guests N/A</p>
Regrets:	Simran Walia, community representative (Ladner) Astor Drego, community representative (North Delta) Steven Stark, Tsawwassen First Nation

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1. Welcome and introductions	Michelle LeBaron welcomed committee members and shared a participant question about recording the meeting for those who could not attend. She noted the committee's Terms of Reference state that audio or video recordings are not permitted. <i>Additional response from the port authority:</i> <i>The committee's Terms of Reference are available here.</i>

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2. Presentation	<p>Presentation by Greg Andrew on Westshore Terminals' operations and business, environmental practices, coal dust management and monitoring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garry asked about the source of the water used to spray the coal as part of dust suppression measures. <p>Greg explained Westshore Terminals has a contract to buy water from the City of Delta at a rate of up to 1500 gallons per minute, and stores water through reservoirs on the terminal. Under high wind conditions, the terminal runs multiple sprayers and pulls city water and augments it with water in the reservoirs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garry asked what happens to excess water and runoff from spraying. <p>Greg responded the water is diverted to sumps, ditches and a cleaning system before being held in a reservoir where it acts as a buffer to feed the ocean discharge system. From the reservoir, it goes into a coagulation and flocculation system that drops coal out of the water being discharged directly to the ocean. Westshore Terminals has a permit with the Ministry of Environment that states the allowable contents of solids, oil and grease. Sampling is done on a regular basis to ensure Westshore Terminal is in compliance with the permit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom asked about one of the photos in the presentation, which was of a dog whose fur was blackened after exiting a ditch. The photo had been published in the Delta Optimist and the writer suggested the ditch was contaminated with coal. <p>Greg explained Westshore Terminals receives complaints about operations through the City of Delta, the port authority, GCT and railways, and tries to make it easy for members of the public to contact them with concerns. In this instance, Westshore Terminals did not have the contact information of the submitter of the photograph to follow-up with them directly.</p> <p>Noel commented that every ditch on their farm has very black goo at the bottom, which has been the case for 100 years. He speculated it is not coal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Sharma asked if rainwater runoff is tested for coal dust trace elements. <p>Greg responded testing is done on ocean discharge water as part of the permit with the Ministry of Environment. Four times a year samples are taken from the ocean discharge water and submitted to a lab where trout or salmonids swim in the effluent for 96 hours and they count how many die. Since the 1970s, there have only been two instances (2 and 3 years ago) where there was not 100% survival rate. Westshore Terminals hired an external consultant to investigate and their hypothesis is that infrequently there are higher than average levels of zinc in the water, although they have not been able to determine the source of the zinc, as it is not the coal. He noted the fish mortality events have been because of testing; to his knowledge, there has not been mortality from ocean discharge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oliver noted the area adjacent to the train siding along Deltaport Way is agricultural land and asked whether soil from that area is tested for residual or buildup of coal dust. <p>Greg responded that soil hasn't been tested; dust settlement testing is done along the right-of-ways.</p>
3. Port update	<p>Tom Corsie provided port updates including those with respect to business sectors and mid-year cargo statistics, and the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Sharma asked if there is any additional information or studies being done about how the pandemic may change cargo numbers and forecasts. <p>Tom replied there are a number of specialist forecasters and the port authority is closely watching the auto sector, in which forecasts are projecting comebacks, but it may take up to 5 years to return to last year's numbers. The other sector in which the port authority is</p>

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	<p>placing close attention to is cruise. The cruise industry is forecasting a third of the volume they would typically experience. There could be no passengers if the health authorities say so. The rest of the cargo generally looks strong.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Sharma asked if there is any plan to extend the moratorium on the cruise sector beyond October 31, 2020. <p>Tom replied the port authority has no new information. He speculated the health authorities may extend the moratorium until spring, or until June or July to compress the season (normally running from April to September) to July and August.</p> <p>Additional response from the port authority: <i>The current prohibition of cruise ships in Canadian waters is made by the Government of Canada via the Minister of Transport and is available here.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heather Lapper referred to a recent article in Business in Vancouver titled <i>Delayed decision hasn't cooled container terminal fight</i> and asked, what is the port authority's response to Roger Emsley's position (quoted in the article) that Terminal 2 is not needed as a result of planned expansions in the Port of Prince Rupert. <p>Tom responded that the port authority and Roger Emsley disagree and each has their own way to look at forecasts and the economy. The port authority has been saying for a long time that Canada is going to require additional container capacity, which would involve both Prince Rupert and Vancouver adding capacity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heather asked what Roger Emsley is basing his facts on. <p>Tom responded they tend to be based on statistics, in some cases the same statistics the port authority uses, though each interprets them differently. The port authority has been tracking container forecasts and comparing them to actual trends since 1990. Every few years, the port authority hires an international forecasting company to prepare a forecast and the results are shared with this committee.</p>
3.1. ACTION	<p>Port authority to provide link to the container forecasts.</p> <p>Additional response from the port authority: <i>Current and past forecasts dating to 2001 are available here.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Sharma asked if someone could attend a future meeting to speak about proposed mitigation measures in relation to the project.
3.2. ACTION	<p>Tom responded the request will be made to the project team, to be scheduled before the new year. Port authority to coordinate presentation from the RBT2 project team regarding mitigation.</p>
3.3. ACTION	<p>He noted the most recent information request from the federal Minister of Environment is categorized into different packages or "buckets." Port authority to provide list of topics comprising the latest information request from the federal government.</p> <p>Additional response from the port authority: <i>The letter from Minister Wilkinson to the port authority describing the additional information request is available on the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's website here and includes the following topics:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Fish and Fish Habitat Offsetting Plan</i> <i>Avoidance and Mitigation Measures for Project Construction</i> <i>Avoidance and Mitigation Measures for Project Operation and Marine Shipping associated with the Project</i> <i>Biofilm and Effects to Migratory Birds</i> <i>Effects to Indigenous Peoples</i> <i>Consultation with Indigenous Groups on New Information from These Requests</i> <i>Updated analysis of the economic benefits of the Project</i>

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4. Delta Community Office update	Tanya Hawke provided a community office update.
5. DP4 IPD update	Marko Dekovic provided an update on Global Container Terminals' recent submission of the Deltaport Berth Four (DP4) Initial Project Description (IPD) to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada.
6. Delta Chamber of Commerce Hats Off to Excellence business awards	Garry Shearer shared information about the upcoming awards gala, planned for November 19, 2020. Garry thanked the Port of Vancouver and Global Container Terminals for sponsoring the event.
7. Annual holiday donation 7.1. ACTION	<p>Tanya Hawke explained this is on today's agenda so the committee has time to think about which community organization(s) they would like to support, and asked the committee to bring their ideas to the next meeting. Dennis McJunkin suggested providing a list of previous recipients for the benefit of newer committee members.</p> <p>Port authority to provide list of previous recipients of holiday donation.</p> <p><i>Additional response from the port authority:</i> Previous recipients of the PCLC holiday donation include: Mission to Seafarers and Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society (2019), Mission to Seafarers and Deltassist (2018), Mission to Seafarers and Georgia Strait Alliance (2017), South Delta Food Bank (2016), Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society and South Delta Food Bank (2015), Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society and Deltassist (2014).</p>
8. New business	Michelle LeBaron asked the committee to reflect on the past year and the year ahead in advance of the next meeting, as she will be approaching committee members for feedback.
9. Next meeting and adjournment	<p>Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.</p>

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54	3.1	Port authority to provide link to container forecasts	Tanya	Complete
54	3.2	Port authority to coordinate presentation from RBT2 project team regarding mitigation	Tanya	In progress
54	3.3	Port authority to provide list of topics comprising the latest information request from the federal government	Tanya	Complete
54	7.1	Port authority to provide list of previous recipients of holiday donation	Tanya	Complete
53	4.1	Port authority to invite Fraser Grain Terminal to provide a presentation and update	Tanya	In progress
53	2.1	Port authority to schedule tour of truck staging facility for interested members	Tanya	Postponed
53	5.1	Coordinate virtual meeting/networking of community representatives	Greg	In progress
53	5.1	Michelle LeBaron to discuss meeting times with the port authority	Michelle	Complete
53	5.1	Coordinate presentation by Transport Canada regarding Oceans Protection Plan	Tanya	Scheduled for December 10, 2020 meeting
51	5.1	Coordinate GCT Deltaport tour for committee members in 2020.	Marko	Postponed

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51	4.1	Presentation request: container volume projections regarding container capacity reached by mid-2020s.	Tanya	In progress
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	Scheduled for December 10, 2020 meeting
35	2.2	Provide presentation on Delta Farmers' Institute Fraser River salinity study	Noel	In progress