



# Port Community Liaison Committee

## Meeting summary notes

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| <b>Meeting:</b>     | <b>#56</b>   |
| <b>Date:</b>        | Tuesday, March 2, 2021   |
| <b>Time:</b>        | 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  |
| <b>Location:</b>    | Online meeting   |
| <b>Facilitator:</b> | Michelle LeBaron   |
| <b>Attendees:</b>   | <p><b>Community representatives</b><br/>Michelle Sharma, Ladner<br/>Dennis McJunkin, North Delta<br/>Mark Gordienko, Tsawwassen<br/>Heather Lapper, Tsawwassen<br/>Greg Wirch, Tsawwassen</p> <p><b>Tsawwassen First Nation representative</b><br/>Mary Childs</p> <p><b>Organizational representatives</b><br/>Bernita Iversen, City of Delta<br/>Garry Shearer, Delta Chamber of Commerce<br/>Noel Roddick, Delta Farmers' Institute<br/>Marko Dekovic, Global Container Terminals<br/>Greg Andrew, Westshore Terminals</p> <p><b>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority representatives</b><br/>Tom Corsie, Vice president, real estate<br/>Tanya Hawke, Communications outreach advisor<br/>Sarah Pilgrim, Community engagement specialist</p> <p><b>Guests</b><br/>Victor Pang, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority<br/>Kirk Zhou, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</p> |
| <b>Regrets:</b>     | Gord Westlake, BC Railway Co.<br>Astor Drego, North Delta<br>Oliver Busby, Environmental representative  |

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| 1. Welcome, acknowledgement and introductions                       | Michelle LeBaron opened the meeting with Indigenous acknowledgement, welcomed committee members and introduced meeting guests.   |
| 2. Presentation and Q+A: Economic overview of the Port of Vancouver | Victor Pang, chief financial officer of the port authority made a presentation entitled <i>How the port authority prepares for Canada's growing trade</i> and responded to related questions. The presentation included a brief overview of the port authority and Port of Vancouver, information about 2020 performance, and how the port authority does its forecasting. Kirk Zhou, acting director, financial planning and analysis and procurement |

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|                           | <p>also responded to questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Garry Shearer asked how 2020 performance compared to the 2020 forecast.</li> </ul> <p>Victor Pang responded the port authority had budgeted for low single digit growth, which was not achieved in 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heather Lapper referred to a recent article in the Globe &amp; Mail that said trade with Indonesia went up 22% and asked what is being traded with Indonesia.</li> </ul> <p>Kirk Zhou responded the main increase through the port was in specialty crops, feed and fertilizers, and forest products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noel Roddick asked which agricultural products are exported in containers.</li> </ul> <p>Victor Pang responded about 20% of all grain exports are shipped in containers. Kirk Zhou added it is mainly the high value specialty crops known as pulses (e.g. lentils, peas, chickpeas).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marko Dekovic referred to the Ocean Shipping Consultants container forecast from five years prior and asked how successful the forecast was at predicting throughput.</li> </ul> <p>Victor Pang responded that both the 2016 forecast and the new forecasts, which were just released today, paint a picture where the west coast will run out of capacity by the mid-to-late 2020s, a picture which the port authority believes is still true.</p> <p><i>Post-meeting note: the referenced container forecasts are available under the “Studies” section on the port website at: <a href="https://www.portvancouver.com/about-us/statistics/">https://www.portvancouver.com/about-us/statistics/</a>.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marko Dekovic shared GCT’s view is that there is not a shortage of capacity in the port now and that already-approved construction projects will deliver enough capacity into the future. He asked what the risks of overcapacity are in the gateway.</li> </ul> <p>Victor Pang responded anytime you are adding capacity, there are risks on both sides, i.e. having too much or too little; being too early or too late. He explained the difference between practical capacity and 100% capacity and said the port authority is predicting RBT2 will be a little bit late to meet increasing demand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dennis McJunkin asked what sort of increase there had been in commodities that historically would have been considered bulk but are now being shipped in containers.</li> </ul> <p>Kirk Zhou responded that, for the eighth year in a row, the Port of Vancouver handled record volumes of grain (bulk and containerized total), which means that both containerized and bulk tonnage have been increasing. Containerized grain has seen strong growth in the past 3 years: in 2018 up 19%, 2019 up 19%, and 2020 up 8%.</p> |
| 3. Participant roundtable | <p>Michelle LeBaron explained the purpose of the roundtable, and opened the floor for members to introduce themselves to Mary Childs and to share updates. Members shared updates, and also generated questions summarized below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noel Roddick expressed interest in knowing more about the process of shipping in general (e.g. agents, ship sizes, brokers, flags of convenience).</li> <li>Marko Dekovic referred to Seattle as an example of what happens when there is overcapacity in a gateway, commenting that somebody has to pay for it. He reiterated GCT’s perspective that it is unlikely the west coast will be running out of capacity any time soon.</li> <li>Bernita Iversen commented the City of Delta is concerned about the “all-or-nothing” approach of RBT2 and she is interested in knowing more about the phased aspects</li> </ul>  |

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| 3.1. ACTION                              | <p>of DP4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greg Andrew shared that Westshore had received the first dust complaint of 2021; on February 10 the weather was very cold and the water dust suppression system had to be turned off so it would not freeze. Trucks were brought in successfully to get the dust under control.</li> <li>• Greg Wirch provided a personal and professional update.</li> <li>• Michelle Sharma asked if there were any RBT2 updates from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, or related to the federal and provincial assessments of the project.</li> </ul> <p>Tanya Hawke responded there are no RBT2 updates at this time, that the project team is working on the response to the Minister's information request and that the RBT2 team is to present to PCLC at the September meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heather Lapper asked whether the Mission to Seafarers Centre accepts donations throughout the year and asked to be put in touch with a contact.</li> </ul> <p>Tanya Hawke confirmed she would provide a contact at the Mission to Seafarers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Gordienko provided a personal update.</li> <li>• Garry Shearer shared that the Chamber is preparing for the BC Chamber AGM and advocating for better public transit south of the Fraser River (particularly servicing industrial areas) and for a rail connection on Annacis Island to create a loop to alleviate congestion. He also highlighted the Chamber podcast series.</li> <li>• Dennis McJunkin provided a personal update.</li> <li>• Mary Childs provided updates from Tsawwassen First Nation, referencing the annual budget process, a new youth centre and COVID vaccination clinic.</li> </ul> |
| 4. Port authority update                 | <p>Tom Corsie highlighted items of interest from the port update, including approval of the port authority's Land Use Plan by its Board of Directors, the Transport Canada extension of the cruise ship ban to 2022, the Fraser Surrey Docks containerized dry bulk handling project, Fraser Grain Terminal project, Annacis Auto Terminal optimization project and Fraser Surrey port lands transportation improvements.</p>  |
| 5. Annual feedback report and discussion | <p>Michelle LeBaron summarized the annual feedback report she prepared at the end of 2020 based on one-on-one conversations she had with committee members.</p> <p>Tanya Hawke noted the port authority takes the comments seriously and she is working to address them.</p> <p>Michelle referenced the recent vote on presentation topics for the coming year; she noted that hearing from Tsawwassen First Nation was the top interest of PCLC members and the committee is keen to have them present at a future meeting. Mary Childs expressed willingness to coordinate a presentation.</p>   |
| 6. New business                          | N/A  |
| 7. Next meeting and adjournment          | <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.</p> <p><b>Friday, June 11, 2021 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.</b></p>  |

| <b>Table of action items</b> |            |   |             |  |
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| <b>Meeting</b>               | <b>Ref</b> | <b>Item</b>   | <b>Lead</b> | <b>Status</b>                                    |
| 56                           | 3.1        | Port authority to provide contact for the Mission to Seafarers to Heather Lapper.     | Sarah       | Provided.  |
| 56                           | 5.1        | Tsawwassen First Nation to confirm availability to present at a future meeting.       | Mary/Sarah  | Tentatively planned for December 9, 2021 meeting |
| 54                           | 3.2        | Port authority to coordinate presentation from RBT2 project team regarding mitigation | Tanya       | Planned for September 21, 2020 meeting           |
| 53                           | 4.1        | Port authority to invite Fraser Grain Terminal to provide a presentation and update   | Tanya       | Scheduled for June 11, 2021 meeting              |
| 53                           | 2.1        | Port authority to schedule tour of truck staging facility for interested members      | Tanya       | Postponed due to COVID                           |
| 51                           | 5.1        | Coordinate GCT Deltaport tour for committee members in 2020.                          | Marko       | Postponed due to COVID                           |