



# Port Community Liaison Committee Meeting summary

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>#58</b>
<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, September 21, 2021
<b>Time:</b>	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Online meeting (Zoom)
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Michelle LeBaron
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b>Community representatives</b>  Astor Drego, North Delta  Dennis McJunkin, North Delta  Mark Gordienko, Tsawwassen  Heather Lapper, Tsawwassen  Greg Wirch, Tsawwassen</p> <p><b>Environmental representative</b>  Oliver Busby</p> <p><b>Tsawwassen First Nation representative</b>  Mary Childs</p> <p><b>Musqueam First Nation representative</b>  Councillor Richard Sparrow</p> <p><b>Organizational representatives</b>  Jill McKnight, Delta Chamber of Commerce  Noel Roddick, Delta Farmers' Institute  Marko Dekovic, Global Container Terminals  Greg Andrew, Westshore Terminals</p> <p><b>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA) representatives</b>  Jennifer Natland, acting vice president, real estate  Tanya Hawke, communications outreach advisor  Sarah Pilgrim, community engagement specialist</p> <p><b>Guests</b>  Erin Harlos, acting director, infrastructure sustainability, VFPA  Sean McNulty, manager, environment, VFPA  Tim Wilding, manager, project permitting, VFPA  Rebecca Abel, senior communications advisor – projects, VFPA</p>
<b>Regrets:</b>	Michelle Sharma, Ladner Gord Westlake, BC Railway Co. Bernita Iversen, City of Delta

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1. Welcome, acknowledgement and introductions	Michelle LeBaron opened the meeting with an Indigenous land acknowledgement and introduced the new committee members (Jill McKnight, Councillor Richard Sparrow, Jennifer Natland), as well as the invited meeting guests.
2. Presentation and Q+A: Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project  Follow-up item	<p>Erin Harlos and Sean McNulty made a presentation about the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 (RBT2) Project. The presentation included a project overview, information about the environmental assessment and Minister's information request, including content specific to juvenile salmon, southern resident killer whale (SRKW), western sandpiper and biofilm, offsetting and follow-up program, as well as an overview of consultation and engagement, ongoing work and next steps.</p> <p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marko asked a question about GCT's proposed Deltaport Berth 4 (DP4) project. Erin Harlos responded that the environmental assessment and presentation is focused on RBT2.</li> <li>• Richard asked where the study area for juvenile salmon was. Sean undertook to provide the figure in follow-up.</li> </ul> <p><i>Post-meeting notes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Figure 13-1 of the environmental impact statement (EIS) shows the local assessment area for marine fish and is available in the PDF of EIS Volume 3 Figures (PDF page 27): <a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/documents/p80054/101364E.pdf">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/documents/p80054/101364E.pdf</a></i></li> <li>• <i>Figure 13-2 of the EIS shows the regional assessment area for marine fish and is available in the PDF of EIS Volume 3 Figures (PDF page 28): <a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/documents/p80054/101364E.pdf">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/documents/p80054/101364E.pdf</a></i></li> <li>• <i>Figure 1 of the Juvenile Salmon Surveys Technical Data Report shows the survey area specific to juvenile salmon (PDF page 68): <a href="https://www.robertsbankterminal2.com/wp-content/uploads/RBT2-Juvenile-Salmon-Surveys-TDR.pdf">https://www.robertsbankterminal2.com/wp-content/uploads/RBT2-Juvenile-Salmon-Surveys-TDR.pdf</a></i></li> <li>• Richard asked about the scope of the \$30 million prey abundance fund. Erin responded that it will be further developed in coming months in collaboration with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and Indigenous groups, and would not be initiated until such time as the project is approved.</li> <li>• Marko asked about the commitment to delay daytime unberthing of container vessels when SRKW are present and whether that would apply to all Roberts Bank terminals or just RBT2. Sean confirmed that this update is specific to the information request and for RBT2. Data indicates that when SRKW visit the Roberts Bank area, it is predominantly during daytime hours; focusing mitigation efforts on daytime activities will likely lead to a bigger reduction in potential effects.</li> <li>• Noel asked what biofilm is. Biofilm is a shallow green film of vegetation predominantly comprised of carbohydrates, but also photosynthetic diatoms that sit within a matrix. Its study to date by the project team has been in relation to western sandpipers, who use it as a direct food source.</li> <li>• Greg Wirch asked about a Delta Optimist article about biofilm. Sean responded that the independent review panel for the project determined that the effects of the project on salinity will be minor; the project team is confident that there will be more than enough biofilm to support western sandpiper migration.</li> <li>• Oliver asked about the biofilm assessment in the context of climate change and extreme events. Sean responded that the biofilm assessment is informed by a comprehensive baseline and is underpinned by a geomorphology study that considered future sea level rise; its predictions take into account climate change.</li> </ul>

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3. Participant roundtable	<p>Michelle LeBaron explained the purpose of the roundtable, and called upon participants to introduce themselves to the new committee members and share any relevant port-related updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greg Andrew noted Westshore's recent announcement of having entered into a contract with BHP Canada, and related submission of a VFPA project permit application to diversify the terminal to handle potash. The project is proposed within Westshore's existing property and would include a new potash storage shed, dumpers, and conveying system; vessels would call at Berth 2.</li> </ul> <p>Tanya Hawke noted Westshore Terminals would be giving a presentation about the project at the next meeting as part of the Project and Environmental Review (PER) process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Astor shared that the community in North Delta is excited about new terminals and also concerned about impacts. The presentation has provided good information he can share with the community.</li> <li>• Noel noted the potato crop is soon to be harvested; it was less affected than other crops by the heat wave in June.</li> <li>• Jill noted the Delta Chamber of Commerce Hats Off to Excellence business awards will be held on November 19, 2021 and nominations are open through Saturday, September 25, 2021.</li> </ul>

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<p>4. Port authority update</p>           <p>4.1. ACTION</p> <p>4.2. ACTION</p>	<p>Jennifer Natland introduced herself and highlighted items of interest from the port update, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Port authority staff activities related to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30)</li> <li>• Business/cargo volumes update</li> <li>• \$1 million funding committed to Delta for local channel dredging</li> <li>• Annacis auto terminal optimization project</li> </ul> <p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The port authority is in conversation with the City of Delta about allocation of the funds for local channel dredging; efforts will be focused on Gunderson Slough and Ladner Harbour. It was noted uses of those channels are for local, not trade-related activities. The port authority recognizes there is a desire by local communities for ongoing funding for local channel dredging and would support applications for funding to government or other agencies.</li> <li>• Greg Wirch requested more information about the initial meeting between the port authority and Fraser River fire chiefs. Port authority to follow up.</li> <li>• Greg Wirch requested more information about the tabletop exercise undertaken on July 14 by the Roberts Bank Emergency Management Working Group, specifically whether there were any new, additional or improved controls. Port authority and GCT offered to follow up.</li> </ul>

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5. Committee administration	<p><b>PCLC member terms</b></p> <p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PCLC members whose first two-year term will end this fall have agreed to stay on for a second term; one member has agreed to stay on for one year only.</li> <li>Recruitment will get under way for new community representatives to replace Mark and Dennis because their second two-year term ends in December. Heather, Mark and Dennis volunteered to be on the recruitment committee. Gord Westlake was suggested as the organizational representative.</li> </ul> <p><i>Post-meeting note: Gord has agreed to be on the recruitment committee.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PCLC members are invited to help spread the word and recommend candidates</li> <li>Suggestion that an orientation booklet would be of benefit to new members; Greg Wirch to canvas current and departing PCLC members for their thoughts on orientation needs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Annual \$1000 holiday donation</b></p> <p>Michelle LeBaron reviewed past recipients of the holiday donation and noted the possibility to donate funds to one recipient or divide it in two. The committee voted to give to two organizations (\$500 each).</p> <p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michelle Sharma (prior to the meeting) suggested Tsawwassen First Nation Youth Centre</li> <li>Mark Gordienko suggested Mission to Seafarers</li> <li>Dennis McJunkin suggested OWL (Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society)</li> </ul> <p>Mary to ask colleagues at the youth centre how the potential donation would be used.</p> <p><i>Post-meeting note: The youth centre would use the possible donation toward the purchase of a kiln for its arts program.</i></p>
5.1. ACTION	
Follow-up item	
5.2. ACTION	Tanya will email committee with suggestions and to ask for their vote.
6. New business	N/A
7. Next meeting and adjournment	<p><b>Thursday, December 9 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.</b></p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.</p>

Table of action items				
Meeting	Ref	Item	Lead	Status
58	5.2	Tanya to coordinate vote for recipient(s) of annual holiday donation.	Tanya	Complete
58	5.1	Greg Wirch to canvas current and departing PCLC members for their thoughts on orientation needs for new members	Greg Wirch	In progress
58	4.2	VFPA and GCT to provide additional info about Roberts Bank tabletop emergency exercise.	Tanya/Marko	In progress
58	4.1	VFPA to provide additional info about meeting with Fraser River fire chiefs	Tanya	In progress

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57	5.1	Port authority to confirm status/availability of video footage related to Fraser Grain Terminal construction	Sarah	Complete – video feed is no longer available.
56	5.1	Tsawwassen First Nation to confirm availability to present at a future meeting.	Mary/ Sarah	Tentatively at December 9, 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