



Port Community Liaison Committee

Meeting summary notes

Meeting:	#59
Date:	Thursday, December 9, 2021
Time:	8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
Location:	Online meeting (Zoom)
Facilitator:	Michelle LeBaron
Attendees:	<p>Community representatives Astor Drego, North Delta Dennis McJunkin, North Delta Sepia Sharma, North Delta Mark Gordienko, Tsawwassen Heather Lapper, Tsawwassen Michelle Sharma, Ladner Michael Frost, Ladner Randy Anderson-Fennell, Ladner</p> <p>Environmental representative Oliver Busby</p> <p>Tsawwassen First Nation representative Mary Childs</p> <p>Musqueam First Nation representative Councillor Richard Sparrow</p> <p>Organizational representatives Jill McKnight, Delta Chamber of Commerce Marko Dekovic, Global Container Terminals Greg Andrew, Westshore Terminals Gord Westlake, BC Railway Co.</p> <p>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA) representatives Tom Corsie, vice president, real estate Tanya Hawke, communications outreach advisor Sarah Pilgrim, community engagement specialist</p> <p>Guests Jodi Waring, Manager, Engineering & Environmental Services, Westshore Terminals Karen McMillian, Permitting Support (Hatfield), Westshore Terminals Andrea Kwasnicki, public engagement advisor, planning and development, VFPA Tim Blair, supervisor, planning and development, VFPA</p>
Regrets:	Greg Wirch, Tsawwassen Bernita Iversen, City of Delta Noel Roddick, Delta Farmers' Institute

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project is not expected to significantly overlap with or impact neighbouring container project proposals. Materials would be brought in by barge within each project's waterlot.
<p>3. Presentation and Q+A: Deltaport Expansion Berth 4 Project (DP4), Global Container Terminals</p>	<p>Marko Dekovic presented an update about Global Container Terminals' (GCT) proposed Deltaport Expansion Berth 4 Project (DP4). The presentation included: an overview of GCT, GCT's environmental social governance (ESG) goals, GCT's history of investing in infrastructure in the Port of Vancouver, an overview of DP4 project components and location, an overview of the coordinated Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) and BC Environmental Assessment Office (BCEAO) assessment process, the anticipated project schedule, and the current opportunity to participate in a public comment period (until January 7, 2022).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be an open house hosted by regulators on December 14, 2021, expected to be about 90 minutes in duration. Regulators will go into detail about the assessment process, GCT will provide a project update/overview, and videos and slides will be available online. It was noted ocean carrier rates have increased substantially over the past two years, from around \$2000 to \$9100, with a huge variety of prices in between as well as higher and lower. GCT's price—its lift rate—has remained flat. GCT's charge is the cost of lifting a container onto or off a ship and onto rail or a truck, and vice-versa. GCT did implement a COVID surcharge related to extra cleaning and disinfection practices.
<p>4. Participant roundtable</p>	<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"> Greg Andrew commented on the impacts of the loss of rail service through the Fraser Valley because of the recent flooding. Westshore Terminals spent about a week waiting for trains to show up. The terminal was also affected by the rain itself, which overcome their treatment system's ability to handle the water on site temporarily. Michelle Sharma shared that she and Heather Lapper met at the TFN Youth Centre yesterday to present the PCLC donation of \$500. It was a wonderful experience to engage with kids and view the facility, which was special. It's nice to see the committee is broadening where the donation money goes and is engaging other parts of the community. Heather Lapper echoed Michelle's words, noting it was a wonderful experience and beautiful afternoon to be out by the water and to see the wonderful new youth centre. Heather bid farewell to Dennis and Mark and thanked them for their collegiality over the past two years and for serving on the recruitment committee. Sepia Sharma introduced herself as a resident of North Delta who works with Fraser Health, as a community health specialist. She looks at her work through a health lens, as it relates to economics and work that happens in Delta. She noted she wanted the opportunity to learn more about planning, operations and governance of the Port of Vancouver and its terminal operators. Michael Frost introduced himself, commenting that having a young daughter attracted him to Ladner and he wants to see her grow up in a better and improving world. He's been a supply chain professional for 30 years, having previously worked at Vancouver Wharves, a bulk shipping terminal (sulphur) on the North Shore. He explained he has good insight into terminal activities and what the port

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Follow-up item	<p>brings to the local and Canadian economies. Many community members don't see what the port brings, so he explained he's looking forward to sharing what he learns at the committee with the broader community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randy Anderson-Fennell introduced himself as a float home resident of Ladner who lives on Canoe Pass near the Westham Island Bridge. He is an electrician by trade, with ties to Delta through his advocacy work for skilled trades and apprenticeships. He observed that there is always a need for skilled tradespeople at the port. He works at the Retail Wholesale Union, whose members handle and distribute goods from the port. • Astor Drego welcomed the new committee members and wished everyone happy holidays. • Dennis McJunkin offered his assistance to new committee members, in terms of sharing some of what he's learned in his four years on the committee. He thanked Greg and Marko for the presentations, noting it was a good way to wrap things up. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas. • Mark Gordienko thanked everyone for the farewell card/messages and noted he had some questions but thought they were off-topic from other members' interests, so said he would follow up directly. • Jill McKnight noted it had been a busy periods at the Delta Chamber of Commerce, where she's having many conversations with members about the supply chain challenges on the port side as well as goods movement across Canada. She reported on the recent Hats Off to Excellence business awards, held in person. She thanked presenting sponsor VFPA and Citizen of the Year award sponsor GCT. • Richard Sparrow welcomed the new committee members and encouraged everyone to think about things in a holistic way, such as taking into consideration the cumulative effects of the various projects and initiatives proposed for the lower Fraser River and adjacent marine way. He expressed appreciation for the presenters engaging in conversation. He noted he would be following up internally with Musqueam technicians and representatives about today's presentations. • Gord Westlake noted the challenging month for railroads. The BC Rail port sub line (that allows CP, CN and BNSF to get from Langley to Roberts Bank) was unharmed by the flooding, although the CP and CN mainlines were down between Kamloops and Vancouver. During the three weeks rail operations were affected, only 20 miles of container traffic made it through, when it would normally be 120. BNSF was able to continue running traffic up from the south, resulting in coal being less affected. As of December 5 things are more or less back to normal in terms of rail traffic. • Marko Dekovic further discussed the impact of the rail disruption. There are 6 container ships at berth right now across all terminals, with 9 ships at anchorage (where 3-5 at anchor would be normal as a result of COVID). With the rail mainlines back up and running GCT begins the process of clearing the backlog. GCT has 6000-8000 feet of rail surge capacity that is helping them handle more than the regular volume. The VFPA, collaboration with BCMTOA – BC Maritime Terminal Operators Association – recently secured \$4.1 million in funding from the federal government to preload land in Richmond to facilitate much-needed container storage. Everyone in the entire supply chain is working hard and there is light at the end of the tunnel.
5. Port authority update	Tom Corsie introduced himself to the new committee members, thanked Dennis and Mark for their years of service on the committee, and highlighted items of interest from the port update, including:

Table of action items				
Meeting	Ref	Item	Lead	Status
59	6.1	Michelle LeBaron to finalize and circulate the updated Terms of Reference.	Michelle	In progress
59	2.1	Westshore Terminals and Musqueam to connect offline regarding further consultation and setting up a meeting.		
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	Complete
58	4.1	VFPA to provide additional info about meeting with Fraser River fire chiefs	Tanya	Complete
56	5.1	Tsawwassen First Nation to confirm availability to present at a future meeting.	Mary/ Sarah	Rescheduled to 2022
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