



Port Community Liaison Committee

Meeting summary notes

Meeting:	#60
Date:	Tuesday, March 8, 2022
Time:	8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
Location:	Hybrid: Online via Zoom and in person at Delta Community Office
Facilitator:	Michelle LeBaron
Attendees:	<p>Community representatives Randy Anderson-Fennell, Ladner Mike Frost, Ladner Heather Lapper, Tsawwassen Michelle Sharma, Ladner Sepia Sharma, North Delta Greg Wirch, Tsawwassen</p> <p>Environmental representative Oliver Busby</p> <p>Tsawwassen First Nation representative Mary Childs</p> <p>Organizational representatives Gord Westlake, BC Railway Co. Bernita Iversen, City of Delta Jill McKnight, Delta Chamber of Commerce Noel Roddick, Delta Farmers' Institute Jennifer Perih, Global Container Terminals (GCT) Tom Corsie, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA) Greg Andrew, Westshore Terminals</p> <p>Guests for Annacis Auto Terminal Optimization project presentation Robert Crompton, project manager, engineering, VFPA Dan Emerson, vice president, Canada operations, Wallenius Wilhelmsen Solutions Joelle Westlund, manager, project communications, VFPA Fay Kramer, senior communications advisor, project communications, VFPA Tim Blair, supervisor, planning and development, VFPA Emily Williamson, strategic planner, planning and development, VFPA Andrea Kwasnicki, public engagement advisor, planning and development, VFPA</p> <p>Guest for Tsawwassen First Nation presentation Sheila Williams, senior territory management coordinator; member of Tsawwassen Legislative Assembly</p> <p>Committee coordinators Tanya Hawke, communications outreach advisor, VFPA Sarah Pilgrim, community engagement specialist, VFPA</p>

Regrets:	Astor Drego, North Delta Councillor Richard Sparrow, Musqueam
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1. Welcome, acknowledgement and introductions	Michelle LeBaron opened the meeting with an Indigenous land acknowledgement, noted the meeting's regrets and invited the meeting guests to introduce themselves.
2. Presentation and Q+A: An overview of Wallenius Wilhelmsen and the Annacis Auto Terminal Optimization Project (Wallenius Wilhelmsen Solutions and VFPA) 2.1. ACTION	<p>Dan Emerson made a presentation that included an international and corporate overview of Wallenius Wilhelmsen, and an operational overview of Wallenius Wilhelmsen Solutions Canada (their local vehicle services division), which operates the Annacis Auto Terminal and the Richmond Auto Terminal.</p> <p>Robert Crompton made a presentation that included an overview of the proposed Annacis Auto Terminal Optimization Project. The presentation included a project video, rationale, map, benefits and timeline. It also included an overview of the engagement process, and referenced the upcoming public information session on March 10, 2022 and public engagement period running from February 23 to March 29, 2022.</p> <p>Discussion summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 340 employees at the Annacis Auto Terminal; after consolidation, it is expected there would be the same number of employees. • Roll-on roll-off (RoRo) vessels take up very little water; most of the structure is visible above the water. Some new RoRo vessels are almost the same height as cruise ships. The George Massey Tunnel and Alex Fraser Bridge do not pose a challenge for the safe transit of RoRo vessels. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Request for additional information about the engineering of RoRo vessels, specifically whether or not it is ballast that helps to keep them afloat and upright. • The project has been designed to increase on-terminal rail capacity, which will make it possible for more cars to sit on the terminal at once, reducing the need to swap out rail cars mid-shift. The project team is doing engagement now to gather feedback and understand the concerns of neighbours. • As vessels have been getting larger and they've been able to carry more product, and there has been a decrease in the number of vessel calls. • Risk mitigation measures include having marine pilots on board and never moving two vessels at the same time (for example at the Annacis Auto Terminal, and at DP World Fraser Surrey). Wallenius Wilhelmsen and DP World Fraser Surrey have a good relationship and communication practices.
3. Presentation and Q+A: Tsawwassen First Nation	<p>Sheila Williams presented to the committee about Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN). The presentation began with a prayer in Hən̓q̓əmi̓ñəm̓ and included information about: Tsawwassen Territory, the Declaration of Tsawwassen Identity & Nationhood, Tsawwassen's Vision Statement, the structure of Tsawwassen Government and Administration, territory management, economic development, community engagement, and the Tsawwassen First Nation-Vancouver Fraser Port Authority relationship agreement.</p> <p>Discussion summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TFN has approximately 400 acres of irrigated agricultural land. • TFN has 505 members, about 220-230 of whom live on TFN lands. The other members live elsewhere in Canada and the United States.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TFN does not have formalized relationship agreements with Metro Vancouver or the City of Delta, but that is something TFN government is looking to advance with both groups. Chief Baird sits on the Metro Vancouver Board. TFN has various working relationships, contracts and established channels of communication with the City of Delta, for example with respect to fire, policing and engineering. Chief Baird sits on the Delta Police Services Board. • Due to COVID, TFN has not been able to engage with the public as much as the nation would have otherwise liked. The Language and Culture Department is its own department now, and their mandate going forward will include community outreach, such as Sheila is doing today, to teach and show the neighbouring community about TFN culture and values. • As is the case with many First Nations across Canada, member engagement is not always as high as desired. TFN member engagement varies depending on the issue at hand. Elections and contentious issues related to major projects are examples of topics where member engagement is higher. • TFN has no official position on proposed port expansion plans at Roberts Bank; TFN leadership hasn't said they are for or against either Roberts Bank Terminal 2 (RBT2) or Deltaport Expansion Berth 4 (DP4). TFN is participating in the assessment process for both projects to ensure the nation's Treaty Rights are being upheld and not being infringed upon, and to make sure the nation's interests and priorities are being heard, considered and communicated properly. TFN's main concerns are related to crabbing, the navigational closure area, and offsetting in the intertidal area between the causeways. • Regarding the differences between the engagement processes under the <i>Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012</i> and the <i>Impact Assessment Act, 2019</i>, TFN's engagement principles are the same; TFN is making sure TFN's voice is heard. Under the <i>Impact Assessment Act, 2019</i> it has been great for TFN to see the amount of flexibility there is to advance a robust assessment coordinated with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) and BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) upfront. So far engagement with GCT is going well, and GCT has been doing a good job of communicating and starting to build a relationship with TFN to understand the nation's goals, needs and priorities. It is interesting to see the way that Indigenous-led assessment can be different.
<p>4. Participant roundtable</p> <p>4.1. ACTION</p>	<p>Michelle LeBaron explained the purpose of the roundtable, and called upon participants to share any port-related updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gord Westlake reported that while supply chains continue to be a worldwide issue, locally they appear to be fluid; there is nothing causative locally. In 2021, there were an average of five coal trains and nearly 32,000 linear feet of container traffic in/out of Roberts Bank per day. Despite the effects of COVID and natural disasters, the 2021 and 2020 volumes are almost identical. • Sepia Sharma shared that Sandra Jones had emailed her on behalf of TFN elder Ruth Adams regarding the Great Blue Heron Way project/initiative; their group would like to come and present to the PCLC at an upcoming meeting. • Michelle Sharma wished all the women a happy International Women's Day. • Jill McKnight reported the Delta Chamber of Commerce is celebrating women leaders in the community, starting with profiling the three women-led businesses nominated in the rising star category at the Hats Off to Excellence business awards. The features will be coming out on social media over the coming week. The Chamber is planning for an in-person annual general meeting on April 21 or

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4.2. ACTION	<p>22, with a formal announcement coming soon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Perih reported GCT recently completed an LED lighting upgrade project. 2022 is the 25th anniversary of GCT's operations at Roberts Bank and they are looking forward to engaging with the community and TFN to celebrate. GCT is partnering with Ocean Ambassadors Canada and the Tsawwassen Rotary to run a beach clean up and education program for youth in Delta in late spring/early summer. • Mary Childs noted 11 of TFN's legislative members are women, and it is hoped other elected councils in the province can follow TFN's example. TFN became a self-governing nation when the Treaty took effect on April 3, 2009. TFN commemorates that annually as Treaty Day. The TFN flag will be displayed at the provincial legislature in recognition of the date. • Oliver Busby referred to an article by Bird Studies Canada related to the RBT2 project, which he will share with Tanya Hawke for sharing with the rest of the committee. Link to article: https://www.birdscanada.org/a-final-push-to-protect-shorebird-habitat-in-the-heart-of-bcs-fraser-estuary/ • Greg Andrew reported Westshore Terminals is continuing to work through the permitting process for their potash export project. He explained there are osprey nesting on the equipment at berth 1. Recently nesting platforms were installed and he hopes to share photos with the committee. • Bernita Iversen reported Mayor Harvie is hosting a virtual panel discussion with women directors for International Women's Day. She noted the City recently provided a response to the federal government on RBT2. She explained council is asking that the decision on RBT2 be postponed pending the DP4 environmental assessment process so that a comparison of both projects can be made. Failing that, the City is requesting the project be denied based on negative environmental and community impacts. The City is hoping the federal government will have some flexibility on the ability to compare the two projects, each of which is on its own trajectory going through separate processes. • Greg Wirch said he would like to have the ability as a PCLC member to communicate to the public on a grander scale on Facebook or other forms of social media, to share what's going on at the port and direct people to information so they gain a better understanding. • Randy Anderson-Fennell reported the Vancouver and District Labour Council is holding an International Women's Day event on the theme of truth and reconciliation and promoting active allyship. He noted the BC Budget included \$20 million towards the Industry Training Authority, the first such increase to the training budget in decades. He noted with so many big projects planned, finding skilled labour will be a challenge.
5. Port authority update	<p>Tom Corsie highlighted items of interest, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming cruise season • Opening of the container storage facility in Richmond • Rolling Truck Age Program • RBT2 project public comment period concluding in mid-March • Annacis Auto Terminal Optimization Project • Fraser Surrey Port Lands Transportation Improvements Project

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5.1. ACTION	<p>Discussion summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With respect to the situation in Ukraine and sanctions against Russia, there is little trade activity with Russian entities at the port. In some sectors such as potash export, Canada competes with Russia for global customers. The global supply chain is complicated and it will take more time for the entanglements to be sorted out. <p>Additional discussion occurred regarding the City of Delta's request to the federal government to postpone making a decision about RBT2 until the DP4 assessment is complete, as well as how much time that would take. Jennifer Perih noted GCT anticipates construction of DP4 could start in 2028 and undertook to follow up and provide a more detailed timeline for the assessment process.</p>
6. Committee administration	Michelle LeBaron noted proposed changes to the committee Terms of Reference were discussed at the December meeting, and the updated document was circulated with today's meeting materials. She asked the committee members to share any concerns via email; she will consider the document final if she doesn't hear back.
7. New business	N/A
8. Next meeting and adjournment	Thursday, June 16 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Table of action items				
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60	2.1	Wallenius Wilhelmsen to provide additional information about the engineering of RoRo vessels	Fay Kramer	In progress
60	4.1	Coordinate with the Great Blue Heron Way group to present to PCLC at an upcoming meeting	Tanya Hawke	Scheduled for June 16
60	4.2	Share the Bird Studies Canada article with the committee	Tanya Hawke	See link in notes
60	5.1	Provide a more detailed timeline for the assessment of DP4	Jennifer Perih	In progress
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