



# Port Community Liaison Committee

## Meeting summary notes

<b>Meeting:</b>	#61
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, June 16, 2022
<b>Time:</b>	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Hybrid meeting (in-person at the Delta Community Office and over Zoom)
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Michelle LeBaron
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b>Community representatives</b>  Randy Anderson-Fennell, Ladner  Mike Frost, Ladner  Heather Lapper, Tsawwassen  Michelle Sharma, Ladner – <i>via Zoom</i>  Sepia Sharma, North Delta - <i>via Zoom</i>  Greg Wirch, Tsawwassen</p> <p><b>Environmental representative</b>  Oliver Busby – <i>via Zoom</i></p> <p><b>Tsawwassen First Nation representative</b>  Sheila Williams</p> <p><b>Organizational representatives</b>  Gord Westlake, BC Railway Co. - <i>via Zoom</i>  Bernita Iversen, City of Delta  Jennifer Perih, Global Container Terminals (GCT) – <i>via Zoom</i>  Tom Corsie, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA)  Greg Andrew, Westshore Terminals</p> <p><b>Guests for Great Blue Heron Way presentation</b>  Ruth Adams, Tsawwassen First Nation  Jesseca Adams, Tsawwassen First Nation  Sandra Jones  Roel Schootman  Léon LeBrun, TrailsBC – <i>via Zoom</i>  David Grigg – <i>via Zoom</i>  Sheryl Atkinson – <i>via Zoom</i>  Korine Deol – <i>via Zoom</i></p> <p><b>Guests for port optimization initiatives presentation</b>  Sean Baxter, Manager, Marine Operations and Assistant Harbour Master – <i>via Zoom</i>  Kirsty Dick, Lucent Quay Consulting Inc. – <i>via Zoom</i></p> <p><b>Other guest(s)</b>  Dan Emerson, vice president, Canada operations, Wallenius Wilhelmsen Solutions</p> <p><b>Committee coordinators</b>  Tanya Hawke, community engagement advisor, VFPA  Sarah Pilgrim, community engagement specialist, VFPA</p>

<b>Regrets:</b>	<p>Councillor Richard Sparrow, Musqueam Astor Dreger, North Delta Jill McKnight, Delta Chamber of Commerce Marko Dekovic, Global Container Terminals (GCT) Noel Roddick, Delta Farmers' Institute (DFI)</p>
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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: Great Blue Heron Way + potential crossing at foot of Roberts Bank causeway	<p>Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN) Elder Ruth Adams made a presentation about her vision for the Great Blue Heron Way (GBHW), a proposed regional greenway/multi-use trail, to reconnect First Nations around the Salish Sea and Stó:lō (Fraser River). A current impediment to the trail is lack of connection between the TFN dike trail and Brunswick Point trail, which is blocked by the railway tracks at the foot of the Roberts Bank causeway. If completed, the GBHW would be a way to advance reconciliation, enabling a diversity of people to meet and connect through shared use of the trail.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question regarding how a person or organization can support this initiative. Contact Sandra Jones for more information (contact info below).</li> <li>• Question about Trails BC. It is a registered non-profit that oversees the Trans Canada Trail in BC and is involved in the GBHW project. Trails BC representative Léon LeBrun explained Trails BC has a great interest in connecting greenways throughout the province; the GBHW is unique and brings another dimension to Trails BC's work through its vision to connect First Nations along provincial trail systems.</li> <li>• Question about proposed solutions to restoring the trail link. Roel Schootman outlined the three options: a level crossing, a bridge or a tunnel.</li> </ul> <p><b>Post-meeting note:</b> for more information about the Great Blue Heron Way, visit the Trails BC website: <a href="https://trailsbc.ca/the-great-blue-heron-way-vision-gbhw/">https://trailsbc.ca/the-great-blue-heron-way-vision-gbhw/</a>. Additional contact info: Elder Ruth Adams: 604-790-5414   Email c/o <a href="mailto:jadams@tsawwassenfirstnation.com">jadams@tsawwassenfirstnation.com</a> Sandra Jones: 604-230-2176   <a href="mailto:scjones@telus.net">scjones@telus.net</a>.</p>
3. Presentation and Q+A: Port optimization initiatives (VFPA)	<p>Sean Baxter and Kirsty Dick gave a high-level presentation of port optimization initiatives which are designed to increase efficiency and help manage vessel traffic impacts on communities.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments about the engagement process. The schedule seems tight in terms of PCLC members encouraging people to submit feedback. Another member asked about format. Answer: info sessions, online surveys, and meetings. Engagement promotion is done by notification and advertising.</li> <li>• Comment that it is unclear from the presentation what feedback is being sought on. Question about low-hanging fruit. Sean replied that there isn't a central record or data management platform so the west coast supply chain visibility project is well underway with Transport Canada and Port of Prince Rupert. There is also an increased use of anchorages in Gulf Islands so active vessel traffic management is a priority. VFPA assigns anchorages on behalf of Transport Canada but VFPA receives comments and complaints from Gulf Island residents.</li> </ul> <p><b>Post-meeting note:</b> for more information on Active Vessel Traffic Management Program, visit <a href="https://www.portvancouver.com/marine-operations/avtm/">https://www.portvancouver.com/marine-operations/avtm/</a>.</p>

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4. Roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Indigenous Peoples Day is June 21. TFN is hosting an event from 11-4 at its sports field; activities include BBQ and TFN artists. Parking is limited. TFN is having its general election for Chief and Council in October; terms will be four years not three.</li> <li>• Question about activities at Delta Community Office. Free port tours have started; events planned throughout summer. Events listed here: <a href="http://portvancouver.com/delta">portvancouver.com/delta</a></li> <li>• Question about education program / school field trips. Classroom presentations occur during school year. Info is here: <a href="http://portvancouver.com/community/education">portvancouver.com/community/education</a></li> <li>• Environmental report: spring bird migration is finished. Freshet (spring run-off) of the Fraser River has started. Hoping to see salmon at river mouth.</li> <li>• GCT is hosting open house at Deltaport to celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, June 25: <a href="https://globalterminals.com/dp25/">https://globalterminals.com/dp25/</a>.</li> <li>• GCT is launching “Pick Up 3” trash reduction initiative with Ocean Ambassadors at Fred Gingell Park on Saturday, June 18. More info: <a href="https://pickup3.org/">https://pickup3.org/</a></li> <li>• GCT Deltaport Fourth Berth project update: regulators issued final joint guidelines for impact statement development phase.</li> <li>• Reminder from Fraser Health Authority about extreme heat events and taking precaution. Info is here: <a href="http://fraserhealth.ca/FH_Climate_Change_Poster_Heat_2021.pdf">FH Climate Change Poster Heat 2021.pdf (fraserhealth.ca)</a></li> <li>• New Westminster Labour Council is celebrating Labour Day on Monday, September 5, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Holland Park in Surrey.</li> <li>• Update provided on Westshore’s potash project.</li> <li>• Overview provided of Annacis Auto Terminal operations and supply chain challenges.</li> <li>• Municipal election is in October. Four City of Delta councillors are not running again. City has a lot of job vacancies.</li> </ul>
5. Port update	<p>Tom Corsie highlighted items of interest, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VFPA gave out its annual Blue Circle Awards to ocean carriers for environmental performance / initiatives; no terminal operators this year because air quality team were unable to visit terminals due to pandemic</li> <li>• VFPA is reimagining July 1; new event is called Canada Together in collaboration with Musqueam, Tsleil Waatuth and Squamish nations</li> </ul> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question regarding news coverage of poor performance at Port of Vancouver. Tom replied the rating was due to extreme weather events that stopped supply chain in and out of the port.</li> <li>• Discussion regarding complexity of global supply chain challenges which may take a year or more to resolve.</li> </ul>
6. Port Forward initiative	<p>VFPA is launching a new planning scenario initiative called Port Forward which will bring together representatives from the gateway to imagine our shared future. The committee is asked to select a community representative to participate in Port Forward’s engagement sessions. Mike Frost and Heather Lapper indicated interest. Mike Frost was selected by coin toss.</p>
7. New business	N/A
8. Next meeting and adjournment	<b>Tuesday, October 4, 2022 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.</b>

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	Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Table of action items				
Meeting	Ref	Item	Lead	Status
60	2.1	Wallenius Wilhelmsen to provide additional information about the engineering of RoRo vessels	Fay Kramer	In progress
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