



Port Community Liaison Committee

Meeting notes

Meeting:	#63
Date:	Thursday, December 8, 2022
Time:	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Location:	Hybrid meeting (in-person at the Delta Community Office and over Zoom)
Facilitator:	Michelle LeBaron
Attendees:	<p>Community representatives Randy Anderson-Fennell, Ladner Mike Frost, Ladner Heather Lapper, Tsawwassen Michelle Sharma, Ladner Greg Wirch, Tsawwassen Sepia Sharma, North Delta <i>via Zoom</i></p> <p>Organizational representatives Chris Bevilacqua, BC Railway Co. Tom Corsie, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Greg Andrew, Westshore Terminals Jill McKnight, Delta Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Environmental representative Oliver Busby</p> <p>Tsawwassen First Nation representative Shelia Williams</p> <p>Guests from Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Delta Station 8 Robin Johnston, President, Delta Marine Rescue Society Rob Gibson</p> <p>Committee coordinators Tanya Hawke, VFPA Conner Da Silva, VFPA</p>

Regrets :	Richard Sparrow, Musqueam Bernita Iverson, City of Delta Astor Drego, North Delta Marko Dekovic, Global Container Terminals Noel Roddick, Delta Farmers' Institute
Agenda topic	Discussion/Action Items
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. Acknowledged that this meeting is community representative Michelle Sharma's last meeting and BC Rail's Chris Bevilacqua's first meeting.
2. Presentation: Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Delta Station 8	Robin Johnston and Rob Gibson presented an overview of the Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue Delta Station 8 to PCLC members. Presentation is posted online here .
3. Roundtable	<p>Sepia Sharma:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fraser Health busy supporting the extreme weather shelters and updated public facing website for winter weather: https://www.fraserhealth.ca/news/2022/Nov/get-ready-for-winter-snow-and-cold-safety-for-you-and-your-home#.Y6AhVofMI2x Informed public about PCLC events through community platforms. <p>Oliver Busby:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snow geese numbers higher than anticipated. Difficult to estimate population numbers. Avian flu is widespread in Canada. Shore birds back in Delta already. <p>Michelle Sharma:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates. Pleased to have served on PCLC and learned a lot about the port. <p>Jill McKnight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excited to handout awards to local Delta businesses at the awards gala. Delta Chamber of Commerce hosted a gingerbread house building competition at its Christmas luncheon earlier today. Delta Chamber of Commerce made new connections in Ottawa. Presented PCLC donation to The Mission to Seafarers at the Port of Vancouver Delta Community Office on December 7. <p>Shelia Williams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New chief, new executive council, and legislature at Tsawwassen First Nations for the next 4 years. Invited PCLC to its upcoming legislature session to see how Tsawwassen First Nation governs. <p>Heather Lapper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked why so many trucks were at the Deltaport Staging Facility today. <p>Mike Frost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in the <i>kids don't float</i> program which was mentioned in the RCMSAR presentation. Supporting school districts around the region. Working on new projects for schools including technology updates, cyber security resources, and IT services.

	<p>Tom Corsie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflected on a meeting that invited marine operators to observe a 2035 model rail network. Explained that it takes weeks to run the model, and its objective is to identify chokepoints in the Vancouver gateway. <p>Chris Bevilacqua:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced himself as the BC Rail representative going forward. Participated in a multi-agency emergency management exercise at Westshore and was happy that emergency protocols worked smoothly. Also, assisted with logistics and equipment for the exercise. Roberts Bank Rail Corridor: 3 coal trains a day in October, 3.7 coal trains per day in November, and 2.4 coal trains per day in December so far. 90 intermodal trains in October and 18 intermodal rains in December so far. <p>Greg Andrew:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted an emergency management exercise with the City of Delta, firefighters, and Delta police to ensure all agencies know how to work together when an emergency incident occurs. 1 year into potash project since permit was put in place. ¼ of site is shut down to accommodate new potash project. 24.5 million tons of coal moving through Westshore despite having less space. <p>Greg Wirch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stressed the importance of the quarterly PCLC meetings. About to begin a new role with WorkSafe BC. Complimented the generosity of the Port of Vancouver. <p>Randy Anderson-Fennell:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labour update: BC Fed convention and new elections. New president is first LBGTQIA2S+ leader, and secretary/treasurer is first leader of Punjabi descent. Encouraged members to check out carol ships event at Canoe Pass / Ladner Harbour.
<p>4. Port Forward Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Frost provided an overview of <i>Port Forward</i> as the PCLC rep. <i>Port Forward</i> is a scenario planning exercise hypothesizing where the world will be in 50 years. <i>Port Forward</i> will examine indigenous relations, environment, climate, infrastructure, and economics. Mike also emphasized that the port is important to our country, and Canada needs to consider the individual perspectives of Canadians and weigh the trade-offs that come with port development. Tom Corsie complimented Mike on his contributions to <i>Port Forward</i>. Upcoming segments of <i>Port Forward</i> to take place in February.

<p>5. Port Update</p>	<p>Tom Corsie provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cargo update - coal up 13%, grain is down 47% because of the challenging harvest last year. • Cruise season is wrapped up. 70% passenger count and highest ship count ever recorded. • Christmas at Canada Place is on until the end of the month. Drone show was cancelled due to radio interference in the harbour. • Active vessel traffic management in a public engagement period. • RBT2 update: once sufficiency is declared, it will start an 88-day clock for an official decision to be made on the project. • DP World has applied to create a new canola export facility at berth 10 at DP World Fraser Surrey. The port authority is in a commercial lease discussion and application process with DP World. • Question: how does the port manage the snow issue and were there any issues with the recent snowfall? Answer: container trucks likely operated at a reduced volume, but unaware of any terminal or marine complications.
<p>6. Year end summary report</p>	<p>Michelle LeBaron highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCLC members were asked how they found meetings in 2022. Response: members had mostly positive comments about the meetings. Several people said there was a good blend of issues being addressed and important information being shared. Some hoped that members could be more connected outside of meetings in 2023. • PCLC members were asked about highlights from PCLC meetings this year. Response: members particularly enjoyed the Blue Heron Way presentation, and the group visit to the Douglas J. Husband Discovery Centre. • PCLC members were asked for any general suggestions. Response: suggestion to collect brief bios of all PCLC members to help members get to know each other. Request for ongoing information on port operations, and ways can members be more involved with PCLC. • Some members thought submitting brief articles to the <i>Delta Optimist</i> could be helpful next year. • Appreciation for the information and coordination of the Port of Vancouver. • Acknowledgement of the importance of the port to the community. • Positive comments about the work at the Port of Vancouver Delta Community Office. • Ongoing questions about the mission and purpose of PCLC were addressed, acknowledging that its mission will change when port expansion is decided. • Further port expansion could boost importance of PCLC. • Emphasis on building strong relationships and build community awareness of the port. • Suggestion to make sure new members are looped in on information. <p>Member priority topics/site visits for the new year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Musqueam. • Coal exports presentation. • ECHO program presentation. • Environmental issues and impact of port operations presentation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing information about expansion (RBT2 and general) .• TFN youth centre and legislature visit.• Suggestion of a health authority or other presentation on noise, light, and air pollution.
7. Conclusion	Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. 2023 meeting dates to be determined in January; most likely March, June, October, December.