



# Port Community Liaison Committee

## Meeting summary notes

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>#64</b>
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, March 9, 2023
<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  Greg Wirch, Tsawwassen <i>via Zoom</i>  Sepia Sharma, North Delta</p> <p><b>Organizational representatives</b>  Chris Bevilacqua, BC Railway Co.  Tom Corsie, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority  Greg Andrew, Westshore Terminals  Noel Roddick, Delta Farmers' Institute (DFI)</p> <p><b>Municipal representative</b>  Bernita Iverson, City of Delta</p> <p><b>Guest from the ECHO program</b>  Jennifer McIntyre, Collaborative Initiatives Specialist- ECHO, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</p> <p><b>Committee coordinators</b>  Tanya Hawke, community engagement advisor, VFPA  Conner Da Silva, community engagement specialist, VFPA</p>

<b>Regrets :</b>	Richard Sparrow, Musqueam Marko Dekovic, Global Container Terminals Oliver Busby, environmental representative Shelia Williams, Tsawwassen Jill McKnight, Delta Chamber of Commerce
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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 everyone to introduce themselves.
2. Presentation: Creating a quieter Salish Sea for whales- ECHO	Jennifer McIntyre provided a presentation about how the port authority is leading efforts to reduce disturbance to at-risk whales.
3. Roundtable	<p>Randy Anderson-Fennell:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was invited to participate in BC goods movement strategies meetings which talked about short, medium, and long term strategies.</li> <li>• Noted its difficult to find drivers these days, and moving goods domestically is difficult. Suggested this is in correlation with an increase in mandatory requirements to obtain a class 1 drivers’ license.</li> <li>• There is also a lack of warehouse workers. Industry stakeholders feeling similar pressures and issues.</li> </ul> <p>Mike Frost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting BC students from kindergarten to grade 12. Helping manage tight operational budgets.</li> <li>• Always monitoring and working on contract agreements that can reduce costs, which helps free up funds for students.</li> </ul> <p>Noel Roddick:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asked why Tacoma (Washington State) can load grain in the rain, and why Vancouver doesn’t.</li> <li>• Tom Corsie responded by saying it is a complex issue. A variety of factors are considered in Vancouver including weather, shipment requirements, and safety. Efforts are underway to reach capital and structural resolution in the future.</li> </ul> <p>Chris Bevilacqua:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is a busy period heading into the spring.</li> <li>• 5.1 coal trains a day at Westshore.</li> <li>• Upgrading stub track/rail at Surrey-Delta border. Started project in February; to be completed in April. Dispatching has been tricky in the area, as they need to work around construction.</li> </ul> <p>Bernita Iverson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talked about local channel dredging. Currently, no entity has a mandate to keep local channels clear. Increasing pressure from Steveston and Ladner Harbour Authorities as channels are becoming more difficult to navigate. A working group is being formed to find solutions.</li> </ul>

	<p>Greg Andrew:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progressing on potash project. Waiting on preload to sink into the ground.</li> <li>• Coal is very busy. Ukraine war has driven coal prices up dramatically. Thermal coal demand and price at a premium.</li> <li>• Belarus potash being avoided, thus driving demand for Canadian potash.</li> <li>• Showed an image of one of the world's first wind-assisted freighters at Westshore, which can reduce vehicle emissions up to 8%. Noted that the sail can interfere with ship loading.</li> </ul> <p>Heather Lapper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report.</li> </ul> <p>Sepia Sharma:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works as a community health specialist with Fraser Health. Team works with many stakeholders.</li> <li>• Portfolio includes food security, mental health, overdose crisis, etc.</li> <li>• Recently participated in consultation with the city regarding extreme heat preparedness.</li> </ul> <p>Greg Wirch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Now working at WorkSafe BC as an insurance services officer. Role includes helping shareholders apply for coverage.</li> <li>• Requested feedback regarding Delta Optimist ads in recent weeks.</li> </ul>
<p>4. Port Forward Update</p>	<p>Mike Frost, PCLC's <i>Port Forward</i> representative, provided an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met a month ago for a second workshop in New Westminster.</li> <li>• Between workshops, the <i>Port Forward</i> team worked to synthesize information and came up with four future scenarios.</li> <li>• Workshop two looked at the latest drafts and feedback. Lots of validation and testing work.</li> <li>• Industry experts presented at workshop two providing valuable insight into future issues and challenges.</li> <li>• Workshop three scheduled for April, during which participants will evaluate final drafts and scenarios.</li> <li>• Tom Corsie stated that the VFPA would like to continue this process in some capacity going forward.</li> </ul>

<p>5. Port Update</p>	<p>Tom Corsie provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coal and potash are selling extremely well. Saskatchewan is in mining overdrive.</li> <li>• Grain down 20% due to this year's harvest.</li> <li>• Centerm Container Terminal expansion completed. Rail and waterfront road components still ongoing. Tom showed a time lapse video of the project (<a href="#">video is here.</a>)</li> <li>• VFPA participated in an emergency exercise program. Worked with province of BC to complete exercise.</li> <li>• Rolling Truck Age Program has been delayed.</li> <li>• Annacis optimization project underway.</li> <li>• Fraser Surrey Port Lands road reconfiguration project has shown little progress. May be related to legislation to protect barn owls.</li> <li>• DP Fraser Surrey has a permit application to add a canola tank farm to its Fraser Surrey complex.</li> </ul>
<p>6. Community Feedback</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Randy brought up ILWU Canada's recent letter to federal government saying it is opposed to Roberts Bank Terminal 2 and provided a summary of the "back and forth" that followed between VFPA and ILWU Canada.</li> <li>• Discussion followed on the balance between jobs and automation. Suggested that Canada needs to limit job loss in the future but Canada also needs to introduce automation to stay competitive and efficient in global trade.</li> <li>• Greg Wirch mentioned recent front-page advertisements in the Delta Optimist regarding RBT2. Greg had requested a response from VFPA and the VFPA memo was distributed to the committee shortly before the meeting. Understands concerns for future job loss associated with automation but emphasized the need for future efforts to produce additional work to offset automation. Heather noted she was also surprised to see the front-page ads.</li> <li>• Post-meeting update: On March 23, Marko provided the committee with a response to the VFPA memo on behalf of GCT.</li> </ul>
<p>7. Conclusion</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.</p> <p>Next meeting scheduled for June 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.          Harbour tour for liaison committees to take place on July 15.</p>