



Port Community Liaison Committee

Meeting summary notes

Meeting:	
Date:	Thursday, December 7, 2023
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 Greg Wirch, Tsawwassen Oliver Busby, Environmental Representative Jimena Grueso, Ladner Nathan Schwartz, Ladner Paul Banns, Ladner Corinne Atwood, North Delta</p> <p>Organizational representatives Chris Bevilacqua, BC Railway Company Mike Brotherston, City of Delta Jill McKnight, Delta Chamber of Commerce Jennifer Natland, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Greg Andrew, Westshore Terminals Marko Dekovic, Global Container Terminals</p> <p>Guest speaker: Anita Gill, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</p> <p>Committee coordinators Tanya Hawke, VFPA Marc Testa, VFPA</p>
Regrets :	Richard Sparrow, Musqueam First Nation Sheila Williams, Tsawwassen First Nation Jim Noel, Tsawwassen Noel Roddick, Delta Farmers' Institute

Agenda topic	Discussion/action items
1. Welcome, acknowledgement and introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Michelle began with an Indigenous land acknowledgement and noted the meeting's regrets. - Michelle introduced herself and welcomed the new committee members. - All committee members followed and introduced themselves.
2. Port policing presentation and Q&A: w. Anita Gill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anita introduced herself, her role, and history with the VFPA. - Anita explained the goals of her department and the port authority regarding port resiliency. - Anita clarified the port authority's obligations, jurisdiction and mandate pertaining to port lands and its tenants who operate terminals. - Committee members discussed different forms of terminal security. - Anita explained the security infrastructure present on port lands and available to terminal operators. - The presentation ended with a clarification of CBSA actions, authority, and collaboration with local police departments. - The committee discussed the authority of local police forces on port terminals. - Further discussions proceeded on how drugs enter Canada. - Committee members expressed concerns that the Delta Police Department does not have the resources to assist the terminals in a meaningful way. - Committee members learned more about how the federal government makes decisions about port policing policies. - Committee members expressed interest in a presentation on how port safety policies are enforced and monitored on vessels. - Mike Brotherston asked if the port authority or any terminal operators would formally respond to the report on port policing.
3. Global Container Terminals (GCT) update: w. Marko Dekovic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marko gave the committee an overview of GCT's operations and the sale of its NY and NJ terminals. - Marko stated the company is working to lower its emissions at their terminals. - He also provided an update on the Deltaport berth 4 (DP4) project. - New committee members requested information on why container volumes have dropped in 2023. - Initiatives by GCT to lower carbon emissions were discussed and clarified. - The committee asked about the potential environmental impact from a future terminal expansion.
4. VFPA update: w. Jennifer Natland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The VFPA update is available here. - Jennifer informed the committee that Peter Zotta was appointed president and CEO of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. - Jennifer discussed that the port authority is examining the feasibility of building a new cruise facility outside Burrard Inlet. - Committee members stated their interest in seeing port volume data expand to encompass up to ten years instead of only year-to-year comparisons. - Committee members asked about the dredging of Ladner harbour. - Committee members shared community concerns about the harbour's feasibility in the absence of dredging and its negative impact on residents.
5. Roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New committee members explained what drew them to PCLC and their backgrounds. - Heather Lapper –Said farewell and thank you for four great years of community and learning.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jill McKnight – Provided the committee with a Delta Chamber update. - Chris Bevilacqua – Updated the committee on BC rail track maintenance. - Mike Brotherston – Shared that the City of Delta approved a new financial plan and explained the reasoning and changes occurring. - Greg Wirch – Said he had a great four years and is disappointed to leave but he was glad to have been involved. - Randy Anderson-Fennel – Recommended a musical called “The Battle of Ballantyne Pier.” It is a production about a historical incident that occurred on the Vancouver waterfront. - Greg Andrew – Updated the committee on Westshore’s potash project.
<p>6. Committee Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Michelle addressed her report and recapped the positives she heard during her year-end meetings. - Michelle mentioned ideas for future presentations and organized a vote to prioritize certain topics of conversation. - The top four topics selected were <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ an environmental presentation on the ports impact to migratory birds and wildlife, ▪ an update on new port developments such as new or expanding terminals, ▪ an update on potash development at Westshore and ▪ a presentation and breakdown on the port rankings released in summer 2023. - The new community representatives’ orientation will be scheduled in early 2024.
<p>7. Conclusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. The schedule for PCLC’s 2024 meetings will be published in January 2024.