



Port Community Liaison Committee

Meeting summary notes

Meeting:	
Date:	Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Time:	8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Location:	Hybrid meeting (in-person at the Delta Community Office and over Zoom)
Facilitator:	Michelle LeBaron
Attendees:	<p>Community representatives Randy Anderson-Fennell Corinne Atwood Oliver Busby, environmental representative Mike Frost Jim Noel Nathan Schwartz</p> <p>Organizational representatives Chris Bevilacqua, BC Railway Company Mike Brotherston, City of Delta Robin Buss, Tsawwassen First Nation Marko Dekovic, Global Container Terminals Naomi Horsford, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Jill McKnight, Delta Chamber of Commerce Jodi Waring, Westshore Terminals</p> <p>Committee coordinators Tanya Hawke, VFPA Marc Testa, VFPA</p>
Regrets:	Paul Banns Noel Roddick Jimena Grueso

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.
2. Migratory birds in Delta presentation by Oliver Busby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oliver introduced himself and his background of work - Oliver's presentation is here - Oliver spoke about the Pacific Flyway, bird migration patterns and bird types - He spoke about the Fraser River delta, its importance to the Pacific Flyway, the governance of the Fraser River delta and the protections in place - The committee discussed biofilm at Roberts Bank - The committee discussed local issues, including those faced by farmers and their crops as bird habitats and populations change
3. The port and Delta presentation by Tanya Hawke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tanya's presentation is here - Tanya answered committee questions about how the port monitors noise and air quality in Delta - The committee asked questions and discussed where the port's jurisdictional boundary lies along waterways such as the Fraser River - The committee discussed the port authority's engagement and sponsorship programs in Delta
4. Local Channel Dredging update: w. Naomi Horsford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Naomi introduced herself and her background with VFPA and PCLC since its inception - Naomi's presentation is here - The committee discussed recent dredging work that has been completed - The committee discussed the differences between Richmond and Delta's dredging requests - The committee discussed potential solutions to river flow issues, draft levels and dredging
5. Roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mike Brotherston: Shared that Delta is reviewing its official community plan (OCP). He stated that Delta is working to meet provincial requirements by building more housing units - Corinne Atwood: Shared that she has heard concerns about auto theft through the port. She also stated the port should attempt to clear up misconceptions by clarifying CBSA's jurisdiction and obligations to the public - Jim Noel –This is his first meeting; no specific updates - Chris Bevilacqua: No specific updates - Mike Frost: Mentioned concerns that community members have with changes to the OCP in Delta. Mike also requested information on CN/CP emergency response plans - Nathan Schwartz: Shared that his company is involved with the city on the redevelopment of Tsawwassen Town Centre and a new public library and is working to determine the best practices for its design and construction - Jill McKnight: Shared that the chamber is busy with government meetings and the planning for the 114th AGM in April - Jodi Waring: Shared that Westshore has continued to be focused on their potash project - Robin Buss: Informed PCLC that Tsawwassen First Nation is celebrating 15 years of its treaty and is conducting a review of the treaty - Marko Dekovic: Stated that container volumes are higher than expected but lower than in recent years. Also, recent railcar shortages could cause delays on terminals. He also mentioned new collaboration with the port authority on low emission initiatives. - Randy Anderson-Fennel: Stated that a decline in economy is still evident

	<p>but is optimistic that things should pick up soon. Randy also gave an update on local trucking operations and issues as it to pertains to the Retail Wholesale Union</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oliver Busby: Spoke about the high cost of dredging for float homeowners
6. Port authority update by Naomi Horsford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Naomi's presentation is here - Committee members spoke about recent Annacis Island auto terminal upgrades - Committee members also discussed port statistics - Committee members also discussed current gateway projects the port authority is working to deliver - Committee members discussed the recent speaker series and tours hosted by the Delta Community Office
7. Committee Business: w. Naomi Horsford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Naomi discussed the possibility of changing the number of committee meetings in 2024 from four to two sit-down meetings and one activity or tour. The port authority's two other liaison committees will be following the new format this year - Many committee members stated their desire to continue with four sit-down meetings but would be interested in adding an activity or tour
8. Community Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community representatives stated that they believe the community would benefit from more information on container inspections at port terminals - Community representatives reported that community members are still concerned with the dredging needs of Delta, in particular float homeowners
9. Conclusion and Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m., with thanks to all presenters and PCLC members for their participation - Next meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2024, the meeting is currently scheduled for 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. but will be reverting to 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. which is the standard morning meeting time