



Port Community Liaison Committee

Meeting summary notes

Meeting:	
Date:	Tuesday, June 11, 2024
Time:	8:00 to 10:00 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 Paul Banns Oliver Busby, environmental representative Michael Frost Jimena Grueso Nathan Schwartz</p> <p>Indigenous representative Jordan Point, Musqueam First Nation</p> <p>Organizational representatives Chris Bevilacqua, BC Railway Company Muneesh Sharma, City of Delta Jill McKnight, Delta Chamber of Commerce Noel Roddick, Delta Farmers Institute Marko Dekovic, Global Container Terminals Jodi Waring, Westshore Terminals Naomi Horsford, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</p> <p>Guests M.K. Anand, Global Container Terminals Mehrnaz Ashrafi, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</p> <p>Committee coordinators Tanya Hawke, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Marc Testa, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</p>
Regrets:	Sheila Williams, Tsawwassen First Nation Jim Noel

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. Climate and Air Quality at the Port of Vancouver by Mehrnaz Ashrafi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Find Mehrnaz's presentation here. - The committee discussed the sources of greenhouse gas and air quality emissions at the port and their breakdown by sector (marine, on-road, non-road, rail and administration). - The committee discussed the discounts and incentives offered by the port authority to shipping lines that take voluntary measures to reduce their environmental impact, such as by using renewable energy to reduce air emissions. - The committee asked questions about the adoption of shore power by different ship types and shipping lines, as well as the safety and technical challenges that might limit its use. - The committee discussed the global adoption of green initiatives in the marine sector and where support is strongest. - The committee asked questions and discussed how ship emissions are tracked and how they are calculated within the boundary of the inventory that goes beyond the port authority's jurisdiction.
3. GCT - Stronger Together by Marko Dekovic and M.K. Anand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Find GCT's presentation here. - The committee discussed GCT achieving its current environmental targets as well as its Net Zero goals for the future. - Some of the other topics discussed by the committee included current programs undertaken by the terminal, longevity of new technology/ equipment and strategies to decouple volumes growth from total emissions. - Marko and M.K. also reassured committee members that all new equipment on the terminal will continue to prioritize and improve employee safety, terminal efficiency and terminal security
4. Roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Michael – Mentioned his desire to have a presentation on the world port rankings and safety procedures around vessel movement in the port. He also stated that he is worried that the closure of the Delta Community Office will impact the community's ability to get information on port activity. - Marko – Provided a container volume update in which he said volumes have increased from last year but are still below pre-pandemic volumes. - Naomi – Naomi updated the committee on the Blue Circle awards, safe boating procedures in light of the float plane and recreation boat collision in the Vancouver harbour, and the record year of cargo moved through the port in 2023. She spoke about the potential impacts if there were a rail strike. She also stated that the port authority has modernized many safety protocols related to vessel transits in recent years and recommends that anyone who is interested refer to our website for more information on specific programs. Finally, Naomi spoke about the closure of the Delta Community Office. She stated that the port will continue to focus on Delta but wants to engage with all 16 municipalities that border port operations. She stated that PCLC will continue, and venues will be organized to facilitate the meetings as needed. - Jill – Informed the committee that nominations for the business excellence awards are open until June 21. Please go to the chamber's website for more information on how to nominate businesses here. Finally, Jill attended the BC Chamber where there was discussion on more transit options for business parks and industrial areas.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nathan – Stated that his company is continuing to deliver new housing, however, they are awaiting the approval of the new OCP to ramp up their operations. - Jodi – Gave an update that Westshore is continuing its potash project, and trusses for the storage building will be installed in the coming months. - Chris – Provided a brief update on the potential rail strike, including demands of the union and the state of negotiations. Additionally, he mentioned that the emergency manager of Delta has asked BCR to work with them to discuss and plan for emergency procedures around rail accidents. - Oliver – Stated that white pelicans can be seen at Roberts Bank. Additionally, he mentioned that many local municipalities are looking to eradicate invasive species/weeds from dykes and other city infrastructures as part of maintaining our environment. - Corinne – Spoke with enthusiasm about a local shoreline cleanup that was organized by the Delta Community Office. She also mentioned how she was proud to attend the REACH gala as a guest of the port authority. However, she is sad to see the Delta office close, and the community lose a resource. - Muneesh – He stated how impressed he was with the meeting and its level of engagement in the community. He also said he looks forward to seeing the future growth of Delta and its relationship with the port. - Paul – Shared his enjoyment of the REACH gala, and how proud he is to see the help it provides for local children. Finally, Paul said the closure of the Delta Community Office is disappointing, and that community members will miss the resource. - Jimena – Shared that she found the information from today’s presentations very interesting. She also shared the news that the Delta School District is closing its film academy where she teaches, after being in Delta for over 14 years. - Randy – Randy notified the committee about two upcoming memorials in Vancouver: The Iron Workers Memorial Bridge memorial and the Battle of Ballantyne Pier memorial. He also spoke about some of the challenges faced by float homeowners who are trying to have their leases renewed. - Noel – Thanked the port authority for their efforts to monitor water salinity in the Fraser River and mentioned his concerns surrounding the Massey Tunnel replacement. Noel also asked about port police. He was provided a copy of the port authority's presentation on port policing from a meeting he could not attend. - Jordan – Thanked the committee for having him attend on behalf of Musqueam First Nation and said he heard lots of interesting information.
<p>5. Committee update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tanya provided the committee with an update on the June 15 Fraser River tour.
<p>6. Conclusion and thank yous</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. - Next meeting: Thursday, October 17, 2024, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Location to be determined.