

South Shore Community Liaison Committee - Meeting Summary Notes

Meeting:	#5
DATE:	June 18, 2020
TIME:	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Online meeting
FACILITATOR:	Pam Ryan
NOTES PREPARED BY:	Mandy Ellis
ATTENDEES:	<p>Members:</p> <p>Community representatives Dorothy D. Barkley, Grandview Woodland Area Council Trefor Smith, Strathcona Residents Association Mary-Helen Wright, Burrardview Community Association Luc Lamont-Caputo, Member at Large Jeff Otto, Member at Large Kate Walker, Member at Large David Hutchinson, Member at Large</p> <p>Organizations Peter A. Idema, Viterra Inc. Arnold J. Jaggernauth, Western Lantic Canada Angela Kirkham, DP World Mike LoVecchio, Canadian Pacific Railway Lindsay Brumwell, CN Railway</p> <p>Indigenous representatives Carleen Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh First Nation</p> <p>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Peter Xotta, Vice President, Planning and Operations Naomi Horsford, Manager, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Amanda McCuaig, Manager, Project Communications Mandy Ellis, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Advisor</p>
REGRETS:	Chris Robertson, City of Vancouver Howard Grant, Musqueam First Nation

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1. Welcome and introductions	Roundtable introductions for the benefit of the new member and invited presenter.
2. Community/organizational happenings	<p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dorothy noted that the Grandview Woodland Area Council have received community complaints about port noise outside standard business hours, including rail squeal and pile driving. Pam noted it as a future meeting topic. Mary-Helen noted that in the Burrardview area, more people are outside walking lately, and that the City of Vancouver has initiated a program called Slow Streets Vancouver. The Burrardview Community Association continue to meet digitally. The association shares the concerns about port noise. As a community neighbouring the port, noise is one of the bigger concerns they have. Specifically, the frequency and duration of the siren at the new grain terminal, as well as noise from Columbia Containers outside standard business hours, are bigger concerns.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David noted that pile driving noise can be heard in the community. In addition the overflowing garbage bins in New Brighton Park continues to be a concern. David also noted that the wharf at New Brighton Park tends to be quite busy with people fishing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Post-meeting follow up: Staff advised there are a few in-water works for projects in North Vancouver that may result in noise. The port authority issued a permit amendment for 24/7 works for Neptune terminal in North Vancouver. Pile driving noise will be mitigated by maximizing the use of a vibratory hammer. Impact, diesel hammer will be used minimally, and only during daytime construction hours, aligning with CNV noise bylaws and the permit issued by the port authority. In addition, in February 2020, a project permit was issued to Seaspan ULC. (the Applicant), to replace subtidal cobble in Burrard Inlet adjacent to their facility located in North Vancouver, British Columbia on federal lands managed by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.</i> • Luc noted that the handling of the recent encampment situation at the port authority parking lot 5 has been a concern to many in the community. He noted that there is active interest for more information about what took place as there was an understanding that resources would be made available to the encampment that were not. • Kate has been spending time at New Brighton Park. With respect to the New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project, Kate noted there is excitement in the community about the restored salt marsh, and the dog park is well used. She commented on recent whale sightings in the Burrard Inlet. She is concerned about air quality once restrictions are lifted with the return of cruise ship traffic. • Lindsay noted that CN Railway will be increasing promotion of rail safety information. CN Railway have had three consecutive months of record grain movement, and are currently taking feedback on their grain plan. CN Railway have a podcast centred on all things grain transportation-related. CN Railway's 2020 capital expenditure will focus on maintenance and structural repairs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CN's Grain Plan 2020/21 consultations feedback portal: https://www.cn.ca/en/your-industry/grain/grain-plan/ (also available on this page is the current 2019-20 Grain Plan and the weekly metrics). - CN BC Community Board – CN would appreciate if SSCLC members could share this link with non/not-for-profits and charities within your network that may be in need of a one-time donation. The application link is available HERE and the FAQs is available HERE. • Peter I. noted deconstruction work continues on the Viterra Pacific PAC3 deconstruction project. Work has been delayed slightly due to COVID-19. Peter I. also announced that Viterra Cascadia are now running 8500-foot grain trains. The expanded operating model enables the movement of more cargo per car and per train. Additionally, with respect to their COVID-19 response, the organization continues to meet at a distance. • Mike noted that phase three of CP Railway's K-Yard Reconfiguration project is now substantially complete. It is a huge accomplishment to achieve these infrastructure upgrades without disrupting operations and adjacent facilities, and with close proximity to a residential community. Mike noted that Viterra has been a tremendous partner on the project. The infrastructure upgrade increases capacity at Cascadia by 40 per cent, and is greatly important to the Prairie economy. Mary Helen asked if the new CP engines previously mentioned are new, improved technology. Mike responded that it is same engines, and that CP are in the process of renewing their locomotive fleet. You will see the fleet with the latest designs in the K-Yard below Wall Street.

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	<p>Mike noted that renewal is an ongoing process as locomotives are expensive assets and last a long time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arnold noted that for Western Lantic Canada, logistics have been phenomenal between CP Railway and Alliance Grain Terminal. They have received really positive feedback from customers including Loblaws and Sobeys. With respect to their COVID-19 response, Lantic donated \$50,000.00 to charitable organizations. On the project side, work is underway for the installation of five temporary lights (ongoing to early July commencement). Communication between the marine and traffic working groups has been great. • Angela noted that DP World has added DP Fraser Surrey Docks to its family. DP World are tremendously appreciative to their staff and supply chain partners (rail), union members, foremen and longshore, for coming in as front line workers during challenging times to keep goods moving for Canada. • Carleen noted that noise is a shared concern. Pam noted noise as a future topic for discussion. • Trefor noted that the Lot 5 encampment has moved to Strathcona Park. The Strathcona Residents Association is calling on all levels of government to come up with a sustainable solution, as the park facilities are not suitable for a long term solution. Trefor noted the issue is front and centre for their community right now. Trefor announced that the Strathcona Residents Association has learned they have received approval for a community-led air quality initiative under their Centerm funding application. Trefor had a constructive meeting with port authority environmental programs staff. Trefor noted a concern for the community is the proximity of the Strathcona Village building to the CN Railway's BI Line. The track crosses Raymuir and trains will often idle at day or night, leaving bells and noise running the entire time. The association wants to see the at-grade closure accelerated as residents at the Strathcona Village building are suffering from noise. Lindsay noted that there may be opportunities with Transport Canada at-grade crossings regulations 2021. Peter X. noted that with these projects it helpful to have residents' support. With respect to train idling concerns, Lindsay noted the best thing for residents to do is to contact CP Railway's community line (CN Public Inquires 1-888-888-5909) . Specific times and duration are especially helpful information to provide. <p>ACTION: Trefor to follow up with Lindsay regarding at-grade crossing</p>
<p>3. Presentation - Vancouver Fraser Port Authority – Centerm and SSAP update</p>	<p>Amanda McCuaig, Manager, Project Communications, provided an overview of current activities related to the Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project.</p> <p>Q&A highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question from Trefor about traffic going south on Clark. Asked if it feasible for them to turn left on Cordova instead. • Mary Helen asked about construction timeline for the Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment project. <p>ACTION: Amanda to provide detail about analysis of the turning radius available at the right-hand turn from Powell on to Clark</p> <p><i>Post-meeting follow up: The actual turning radius available at the right-hand turn from Powell on to Clark is not wide enough to accommodate trucks (tractor/trailer style commercial trucks) without having to close or impact oncoming traffic.</i></p>

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	<p>ACTION: Amanda to provide information on the Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment project timeline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Post-meeting follow up: This project is the Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment project. Detailed information including timeline is on our website at www.portvancouver.com/commissioner. The website includes a map and schedule of activities. The more significant road realignment construction begins in October 2020, and will take place over one year. We'll be able to confirm the specific hours closer to the start of that work in the fall. Work won't take place in all of those areas at the same time – typically it will move along the road as it progresses.
<p>4. Port authority update</p>	<p>Updates were provided in meeting documents regarding the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centerm Expansion Project and Centerm fund • South Shore Access Project • Land Use Plan update engagement • Pacific Elevator No. 3 (PAC3) Deconstruction – Pacific Elevators Terminal • 90 Waterfront Road: demolition • Royal Vancouver Yacht Club: Proposed expansion project • Kiewit Ledcor TMEP Partnership Temporary construction staging and barge loading <p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With respect to questions about the recent Lot 5 encampment, Peter X. noted that the port authority are very sympathetic to the social complexities involved. As the administrators of the property the port authority are not permitted to allow that activity and staff were obligated to take the steps they did. The port authority did reach out to organizations involved in these situations to offer a financial contribution. We know there is a call to have all senior levels involved and are currently considering how we can go about providing appropriate support. We attempt to live every day our organizational values. Transparency is a key pillar of our organizational values. • Luc added that people at the encampment did not understand the urgency to proceed to enforce the injunction. They also understood supports were on the way and they were not in place when enforcement happened. • With respect to an earlier comment about cruise, Peter X. noted there will be no cruise season this year in Vancouver. We are going through significant challenges. Cruise is vitally important to the tourism industry in Vancouver and beyond. What the cruise industry looks like coming out of these challenges will remain to be seen.
<p>5. Committee feedback summary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In an effort to learn about how committee members are feeling about the SSCLC, how the group is meeting its objectives, and to understand what has been working well and what can be improved, Pam has now contacted most of the committee members for feedback. Pam thanked those who were willing and available to share and summarized feedback heard. • As a result of member feedback, we will organize meeting agendas to begin with roundtable discussion and focus on fewer topics per meeting. Pam continues to canvass and schedule topics. It was noted there is interest to have noise and cruise impacts as future topics. • It was also noted it is helpful to receive materials in advance and have materials on screen wherever possible. • There was the suggestion to implement committee tours. Pam noted that when we go back to having in-person meetings, we can look to coordinate a site visit at the facility that hosts. <p>ACTION: Add the topic of traffic and air quality as a standing item going forward.</p>

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6. Committee admin	Future presentations/agenda topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strathcona Residential Train Noise Group and CN Rail presentation • Noise • Cruise impacts • Committee harbour tour and site visits – To be actioned at later dates
7. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjournment and reminder of next meeting on August 25, 2020

Action items

Action	Lead	Status
Trefor to follow up with Lindsay regarding at-grade crossing	Trefor	In progress
Amanda to provide detail about analysis of the turning radius available at the right-hand turn from Powell on to Clark	Amanda	Complete
Amanda to provide information on the Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment project timeline.	Amanda	Complete
Add the topic of traffic and air quality as a standing item going forward.	Mandy	Complete
Provide contact information for community feedback.	Mandy	Complete
Provide additional information regarding the Fisheries authorization for Centerm marine works.	Mandy	Complete
Follow-up with the Union Gospel Mission to accept the offer for a presentation of up to 10 minutes at the August meeting.	Mandy	Complete
Schedule SSCLC harbour tour for a future meeting	Mandy	In progress