



South Shore Community Liaison Committee Meeting Summary Notes

Meeting:	#6
Date:	August 25, 2020
Time:	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location:	Online meeting
Facilitator:	Pam Ryan
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 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 Kel Coulson, CN Railway Austin McConnell, 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 Mandy Ellis, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Advisor</p> <p>Guests: Su-Laine Brodksy, Strathcona Residential Train Noise Group</p>
Regrets:	Chris Robertson, City of Vancouver Howard Grant, Musqueam First Nation Luc Lamont-Caputo, Member at Large

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1. Welcome and introductions	Pam welcomed and introduced guest presenter Su-Laine Brodksy from the Strathcona Residential Train Noise Group; Kel Coulson and Austin McConnell from CN Railway; as well as Matthew Bourke and Paul Storer from the City of Vancouver.
2. Community/ organizational happenings	<p>Highlights:</p> <p>Committee members engaged in a round-table discussion of recent happenings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Helen provided an update from the Burrardview Community Association regarding their recent contributions to planning for improvements to Dusty Greenwell Park as part of the Columbia Containers expansion project. The association will be creating a social media presence. The improvements at New Brighton Park continue to impress the community and usage of the park increases monthly. The City of Vancouver’s Slow Streets initiative has been really nice for the community. Mary Helen noted recent noise issues at Columbia Containers have improved. • Trefor provided an update from the Strathcona Residents’ Association. The ongoing encampment at Strathcona Park is top-of-mind for the association. The SRA air quality working group will be meeting with and hiring a contractor to assist in coordinating community engagement though winter on scoping to inform their community-based air quality monitoring project. They have been working with the port authority on the project, which has been a positive development. With respect to Strathcona Village, rail noise remains a concern. • Austin McConnell, General Manager for CN Railway - Western, introduced himself and thanked the committee for having him. • Mike Lovecchio, Director, Indigenous Relations and Government Affairs, CP Railway, provided an updated that rail safety week begins September 23. • David spoke to recent air quality monitoring flights he observed. He also shared that the City of Vancouver was quick to address graffiti he reported to the city. • Peter I. advised that the PAC3 deconstruction project should be complete by end of September. Unfortunately work at Cascadia has been postponed for a year. • Carleen advised that Tseil-Waututh Nation is working with the provincial government and industry user groups to update literature on water quality standards along the Burrard Inlet. • Paul provided an update on the City of Vancouver’s traffic calming measures, which should make streets more comfortable for people. A report proposing traffic calming measures will go to city council soon for consideration. Strathcona will be the first neighbourhood implemented (between Hastings Street and Prior Street). Planning continues to improve walking and cycling facilities in other neighbourhoods. • Kate spoke to the Strathcona encampment and community concerns about the impacts of cruise when ships return. • Arnold provided an update that Lantic continues to make social contributions. He noted that unplanned seasonal events were well managed by the port authority, who continue to work to make the overpass project a success. • Jeff Otto commented on disaster incidents around the world, including the tragic explosion in Beirut. • Dorothy noted there has been odour issues. Pam asked Dorothy to follow up with specific details.
3. Presentation Strathcona Residential Train	Su-Laine Brodsky, Residential Train Noise Group, presented on the topic of “pandemonium train movements” through the Strathcona neighbourhood on CN Railways BI Line.

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<p>Noise Group – Su-Laine Brodsky</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Su-Laine provided an overview of train movements through the Strathcona neighbourhood that are not smooth. She played a one-minute sound clip and noted a longer version is available online through Sound Cloud should members want to access it (see presentation deck for link). She noted these are late-evening northbound trains, and that recently, offending trains (where a train stops, pauses and starts up again) can be heard between 9:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. more than once a week. <p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trefor commented about developers not adequately depicting proximity to existing rail. He asked if the start and stop movements are necessary, noting that it causes loud warning bell systems through the night. • Lindsay advised that CN Rail moves four northbound trains a day and that and advised that at-grade crossings are not permitted to be can be blocked for longer than five minutes. She offered to investigate concerns – if more data could be provided – to determine if changes could be made. Train slowing and stopping/starting would happen less frequently without the at-grade crossing. • Lindsay noted that as a federally regulated entity, CN Rail is exempt from environmental assessment and advised that the FCM-RAC proximity guidelines were developed to help cities mitigate future rail proximity issues. Lindsay offered to arrange a follow-up meeting with Su-Laine and CN. • Austin commented that CN needs to grow this line and to do that with as little impact as possible. • Carleen asked for clarification around what triggers an environmental assessment in a community like Strathcona, noting that consultation is required for development in traditional territories of First Peoples. • Su Laine asked if the port authority would recommend a 30 metre setback for the BI Line. • Peter X. noted that the matter of rail/development setback has been a challenge in the Port of Vancouver for some time. The port authority supports the FCM guidelines, as residential development continues in proximity to 24/7 port and rail operations and suggested that the proposed follow-up meeting with CN would be beneficial.
<p>4. Presentation – CN Railway – Lindsay Brumwell</p>	<p>Lindsay Brumwell introduced her CN colleagues, Kel Coulson and Austin McConnell. Austin, the new General Manager, CN-Western has 20 years’ experience running trains, as well as experience in other parts of the CN network. Lindsay provided an overview of CN rail operations, including the work of the CN Community Board, corporate giving, capital expenditure projects, and public enquiries line.</p> <p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trefor asked about the approximate completion date for the BI project, as the Strathcona Residents’ Association had previously been informed the project would be complete by 2021. Lindsay responded that CN has paused engineering design while is in commercial discussions. When CN has information the community will be notified through the South Shore Community Liaison Committee at a future meeting. • Trefor suggested that a minimum respectful amount of notice prior to start of construction would be three months (including notice of design plans). Pam thanked Trefor for sharing his suggestions and suggested Lindsay follow up on both questions. • Su Laine asked if CN operators log every stop/start and the reasons for each. Lindsay confirmed that this all movements are recorded as part of regular operations.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Su Laine asked whether CN would commit to not using the line as a rail yard. Lindsay clarified that the BI Line is and has always been a rail line, not a rail yard. Its function is to facilitate more fluid movement of goods and commodities; she confirmed that the BI project will not change result in a change to a rail or staging yard. • Peter X. noted that in addition to the BI line twinning, a separate project (overpass) is proposed as part of a larger suite of projects. Previously the projects were conceived to proceed at the same time, but subsequently separated due to differences in the planning timeline for each. Construction will likely move forward at different times.
<p>5. Port authority update</p>	<p>Updates were provided in meeting documents regarding the following initiatives and projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 Blue Circle Awards • Community awareness campaign • Ammonium nitrate and dangerous goods movement • Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project • Commissioner Street Road and Rail Project • Columbia Containers Ltd. shoreline protection rehabilitation • Land Use Plan amendment consultation • Land Use Plan update engagement • Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) Program • Kiewit Ledcor TMEP Partnership 2115 Commissioner Street – Temporary construction staging, barge loading • Pacific Elevators New Dust Control System and Access • Cascadia Terminal Modular Office Building Installation • 90 Waterfront Road: demolition • Saam Towage - Operations Centre, 2285 Commissioner Street <p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter X. asked the committee to share any community concerns with respect to the current detour and ongoing construction for the Centennial Road overpass project. • Peter X. commented on several matters that arose during the meeting: • With respect to cruise, Peter X. noted that cruise is considered favourably and is an important part of tourism business locally and across BC. The industry faces very significant challenges before it will receive regulatory approval to operate in Canada again. The port authority continues to undertake improvements at Canada Place to mitigate cruise impacts, including shore side improvements to allow for more shore power connections. • Regarding advocacy for temporary shelter for residents on federal land, Peter X. noted that use of federal port lands is at the federal government's discretion; temporary shelter is not currently a permitted use, so the port authority cannot advocate for such use on port lands without senior government approval. • With respect to the standing agenda item on air quality and truck traffic, Peter X. offered to provide the committee with an update on initiatives to introduce more stringent truck age requirements for Port of Vancouver drayage trucks at an upcoming meeting.

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	<p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CN Railway to follow up on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>More information about triggering environmental assessment for federal railway projects, and consultation with First Nations</i> - <i>More information about compliance and monitoring for federal rail</i> - <i>Provide committee information about BI Line project when available, as well as timeframe for BI twinning</i>
6. Committee admin	<p>Future presentations/agenda topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air quality initiatives and sustainability • 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 October 22, 2020

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Guest presenter Su-Laine to follow up with Lindsay Brumwell regarding train movement data collected	Su-Laine	In progress
Follow-up with Transport Canada to accept the offer for a presentation at the October meeting.	Mandy	Complete
Schedule SSCLC harbour tour for a future meeting	Mandy	TBD