



South Shore Community Liaison Committee

Meeting Summary Notes

Meeting details	
Date:	Thursday, October 22, 2020
Time:	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location:	Online meeting
Facilitator:	Pam Ryan, Lucent Quay Consulting
Attendees:	<p>Community representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trefor Smith, Strathcona Residents Association • Mary-Helen Wright, Burrardview Community Association • David Hutchinson, Member at Large • Kate Walker, Member at Large <p>Indigenous representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carleen Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh First Nation <p>Organization representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindsay Brumwell, Canadian National Railway • Peter A. Idema, Viterra • Arnold J. Jaggernaut, Western Lantic Canada • Angela Kirkham, DP World • Mike LoVecchio, Canadian Pacific Railway <p>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Xotta, Vice President, Planning and Operations • Ronan Chester, Manager, Strategic Environmental Initiatives • Mandy Ellis, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Advisor • Akshay Newgi, Environmental Specialist, Air and Noise <p>Guest(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katherine Beavis, Manager Strategic Program Policy, Oceans Protection Plan, Transport Canada
Regrets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorothy D. Barkley, Grandview Woodlands Area Council • Howard Grant, Musqueam First Nation • Luc Lamont-Caputo, Member at Large • Jeff Otto, Member at Large • Chris Robertson, City of Vancouver
Previous meeting date	August 25, 2020

Agenda topic	Discussion/Action items
1. Welcome and introductions	Pam welcomed and introduced Katherine Beavis, Manager Strategic Program Policy, Oceans Protection Plan, Transport Canada; Ronan Chester, Manager, Strategic Environmental Initiatives, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority; and Akshay Newgi, Environmental Specialist, Air and Noise, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.

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<p>2. Presentation Katherine Beavis, Manager Strategic Program Policy, Oceans Protection</p>	<p>Katherine Beavis, Manager Strategic Program Policy, Oceans Protection, provided an overview of initiatives under Transport Canada's national Ocean Protection Plan.</p> <p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In response to a question from Mary-Helen about the new response capacity within Vancouver Harbour as a result of the Trans Mountain Expansion project (TMX) vessel of interest program, Katherine spoke to the Polluter Pays Principle, which embodies the approach that in Canada users and producers of pollutants and waste bear the responsibility. Katherine spoke to the role of the Canadian Coast Guard and the West Coast Marine Response Corporation who work hand-in-hand in preparing for and responding to marine-based spills.
<p>3. Community/ organizational happenings</p>	<p>Highlights: 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 continued planning for improvements to Dusty Greenwell Park as part of the Columbia Containers expansion project. The City of Vancouver's Slow Streets initiatives continues to be a benefit for the community. Mary-Helen asked about the shoreline work happening near Columbia Containers. <i>Post-meeting follow up: Construction of the Columbia Containers Shoreline Rehabilitation project is expected to be complete in February 2021. More information is available in the June 18, 2020 and the August 25, 2020 Port of Vancouver Updates, which are posted to our committee page here. Full project details can be found here.</i> Trefor provided an update from the Strathcona Residents' Association. The SRA air quality working group is hiring a contractor to assist in coordinating community engagement planned for this winter to inform their community-based air quality monitoring project. The port authority is participating. Train signals remain a concern. With assistance from CN and CP, there has been some noticeable improvement, particularly at night. Recent train signal issues have been investigated and found to be originating at the Alliance Grain Terminal on port lands. Trefor also raised that noise from trucks using the Heatley overpass at all times of day is a concern for nearby residents. <i>Post-meeting follow up: For the next six months, all port traffic travelling west of Rogers Sugar will be required to exit the port via the Heatley overpass. This includes truck traffic from Centerm. Residents and businesses along Hastings Street, Powell Street, Dundas Street, Nanaimo Street and McGill Street are likely to notice an increase in truck traffic for the duration of this work.</i> <i>A traffic notice was distributed to the community in July 2020. Full project details, including current road work and traffic information, are available on our website here. Details are also included in the June 18, 2020 and August 25, 2020 Port of Vancouver Updates, posted to our committee page here.</i> <i>To help manage traffic impacts in the area, the port authority will:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Adjust traffic signal timing on Heatley Avenue to reduce truck congestion</i> <i>Remove southbound parking at Heatley Avenue (lane south of Powell Street to Cordova Street, and lane south of Cordova Street to Hastings Street) to allow trucks to turn</i> <i>Install signage to ensure truck drivers follow appropriate truck routes</i> <i>Use traffic control personnel to manage traffic</i>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike advised that CN/CP do not sound the horn when serving Vanterm and AGT. Mike also shared that CP has announced Viterra Gull Lake (Canada) as grain elevator of the year. CP presents this award annually to the grain elevators that achieve high volumes from a single loading point while consistently demonstrating efficient railcar loading and a strong commitment to safety. • David commented there has been a noticeable increase in port traffic on city streets due to construction activity, which compounds current congestion issues. He also commented that residents of Wall Street felt they were not adequately consulted about the city's recent closure of Wall Street to local traffic and bicycles. • Peter I. advised that PAC3 deconstruction project is complete. • Lindsay shared that CN continues to address noise issues, and that train schedules have been adjusted slightly to accommodate port projects currently underway. • Carleen shared that Tsleil-Waututh Nation continues to work with the provincial government and industry user groups to update literature on water quality standards along the Burrard Inlet, and are planning for data collection and reporting regarding Southern Resident Killer Whales. • Kate thanked Peter I. for Viterra's informative reply to a recent community enquiry around the terminal's dust suppression system. Kate also commented that she has concerns about wild salmon stocks, in particular related to the potential adverse impacts of commercial fish farms. • Arnold shared that Lantic continues to make social contributions and has recently completed a virtual run challenge. He noted that the ongoing project work in the area is challenging, but has been well managed by the port authority. • Angela provided an update on the Centerm Expansion Project. Specifically, infilling of the lagoon in the eastern expansion area and placement of preload materials is now complete. Infilling of the northeast perimeter dyke is ongoing. Two caissons, built offsite in September, are now installed at the terminal. Towing the two concrete caissons across the Burrard Inlet to Centerm required immense coordination and skillful navigation. A video of the successful transport should be available soon.
<p>4. Presentation: Air quality initiatives</p>	<p>Ronan Chester, Manager, Strategic Environmental Initiatives, provided an overview of some of the air quality initiatives led by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.</p> <p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary-Helen asked about changes to air quality and presence of Southern Resident Killer Whales with the absence of cruise traffic in 2020. Ronan noted the port authority works closely with Metro Vancouver which is the agency that measures air quality continuously through a network of air quality monitoring stations. Ronan offered to follow up with Metro Vancouver to request a comparison of current data to other years. Ronan also spoke to the port authority's shore power program, which enables ships fitted with the necessary equipment to shut down diesel powered auxiliary engines and plug into land-based electrical power. Cruise ships tend to be better equipped to connect to shore power, which significantly reduces air emissions. • Kate posed a question for follow-up after the meeting regarding factoring upstream production emissions when projecting greenhouse gas reductions. Ronan agreed share research on this important topic. • ACTION: <i>Follow up at a future meeting with more information about year-over-year air quality monitoring reporting.</i>

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5. Port authority update	<p>Peter X. referred to the following port authority updates that were provided in meeting documents regarding the following initiatives and projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breaking Bottlenecks podcast • Mid-year stats • Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project • Commissioner Street Road and Rail Project • Maplewood Marine Restoration Project • Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) Program • Pacific Elevators New Dust Control System and Access • Western Canada Marine Response Corporation – Oil spill emergency response base • Saam Towage - Operations Centre, 2285 Commissioner Street <p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With respect to rail signal noise Peter X. advised that as a result of community feedback, AGT have adjusted their procedures at night (7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) to reduce sounding the horn. Peter X. encourages community members to contact the port authority if they notice differences in this approach. • With respect to truck traffic noise, Peter X. noted that community feedback can help identify where noise is a problem and help to facilitate improvements, such as repairs to uneven roadway to reduce excessive chassis rattle. Peter X. confirmed that the appropriate method of contact for members of the public is the port authority's community feedback line. Residents can contact us with general enquiries, or to report noise and nuisances. • In response to a question from Mary-Helen about potential to align port operations with regular business hours and municipal noise bylaws, Peter X. noted that Canada's ports will always operate 24/7; however, he also noted that container truck operators tend to favour daytime shifts, and the terminal operators will cancel nighttime shifts when demand is low.
6. Committee admin	<p>Pam encouraged members to send ideas for the 2020 holiday donation in advance of the December 1 meeting so that a decision can be confirmed either before or during this last meeting of the year.</p> <p><i>Post-meeting follow up: in 2019 the committee split the \$1000.00 holiday donation between Union Gospel Mission and The Bloom Group Cottage Hospice.</i></p> <p>Members suggested an alternative video conferencing platform be considered for future meetings. Pam and Mandy will confirm options and advise.</p> <p>Future presentations/agenda topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational noise management (scheduled for December 1) • 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 December 1, 2020

Action items

Action	Lead	Status
Follow up at a future meeting with more information about annual air quality monitoring reporting	Ronan	In progress
Federal railway follow up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>More information about triggering environmental assessment for federal railway projects, and consultation with First Nations</i> 	Pam	Complete

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>More information about compliance and monitoring for federal rail</i>		
Provide committee information about BI Line project when available, as well as timeframe for BI twinning	Lindsay	TBD
Guest presenter Su-Laine to follow up with Lindsay Brumwell regarding train movement data collected	Su-Laine	Complete