



South Shore Community Liaison Committee

Meeting Summary Notes

| Meeting details | |
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| Date: | Thursday, June 16, 2022 |
| Time: | 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| Location: | Virtual meeting (Zoom) |
| Facilitator: | Pam Ryan, Lucent Quay Consulting |
| Attendees: | <p>Community representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicki Scully, Grandview Woodlands Area Council • Andrea Kastanis, Strathcona Residents Association • Trefor Smith, Strathcona Residents Association (<i>alternate</i>) • Mary-Helen Wright, Burrardview Community Association • Jeff Otto, Member at Large • Kate Walker, Member at Large • David Hutchinson, Member at Large • Luc Lamont-Caputo, Member at Large <p>Organization representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Bourke, City of Vancouver (<i>alternate</i>) • Mike LoVecchio, Canadian Pacific Railway <p>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naomi Horsford, Manager, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations • Candace McLellan, Municipal and Stakeholder Engagement Advisor <p>Guest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenter: Christine Rigby, Manager, Climate Action and Air Quality, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority |
| Regrets: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Kirkham, DP World • Chris Robertson, City of Vancouver (<i>alternate in attendance</i>) • Carleen Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh First Nation • Councillor Richard Sparrow, Musqueam First Nation • Peter A. Idema, Viterra • Peter Xotta, Vice President, Operations and Supply Chain • Adam James, Western Lantic Canada • Tyler Banick, Canadian National Railway |
| Previous meeting date | March 3, 2022 |

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| 1. Welcome, acknowledgements and introductions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam welcomed everyone and recognized the First Nations territories in which the port authority operates and the communities from which participants were joining. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pam also introduced our newest member Vicki Scully, representative from Grandview Woodlands and welcomed her to the committee, and thanked our alternates in attendance for joining. |
| <p>2. Presentation and discussion: Strathcona Area Air Quality Study: Overview</p> | <p>Christine Rigby presented an overview on the Strathcona Area Air Quality Study, which highlights the background, timeline, objective, technologies, locations and results for sharing.</p> <p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions and comments about the sources that contribute to air quality and how air quality is monitored. Dense ambient air quality monitoring will be conducted during this study. This type of monitoring is difficult to pinpoint where it is exactly coming from specifically. Monitoring stations will be located throughout the Strathcona area with a focus on areas downwind of the terminal, close to road/rail corridors and near sensitive receptors like schools, seniors facilities and community gathering areas. Rationale for conducting the study in the Strathcona area and why the study focuses only on port related air emissions instead of all air emissions. Christine clarified that the intent is to assess the impact of port activity (vessels, non-road machines operating at the terminals, rail and road network) on Strathcona area air quality. Technology that will be used and if it could become a community asset once the study is complete. Because the port authority leases much of the equipment for this study and other equipment has a limited lifetime, it won't be available as a community asset; however, the port authority will share with community representatives on this committee where they can purchase or lease additional equipment for future use. Strathcona Residents Association noted that they are creating an advisory committee, which will study findings as the study continues and work with the steering committee to assist in community information sharing and understanding. Relatively limited tree canopy in the Strathcona area – trees help to improve air quality. Kate requested more information on what trees are most helpful for air quality. Metro Vancouver also has air quality monitoring stations along the Knight Street corridor, that was used for an unrelated study. Information about this study can be found on Metro Vancouver's website here. Information about dispersion modelling for the Centerm Expansion Project can be found here. General discussion about port growth and how this study will inform future initiatives to advance the port authority's target to phase out air quality and climate change related emissions by 2050, supporting its vision for the Port of Vancouver to become the world's most sustainable port. Christine noted that while trade activity is increasing, air quality related emissions from the port have decreased. For more information on the port-wide emissions inventory, completed every five years, please visit our website here. <p>ACTION: Christine to confirm which UBC faculties are involved in the study.</p> |
| <p>3. Community/organizational happenings</p> | <p>Highlights:</p> <p>Committee members engaged in a round-table discussion of recent happenings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike advised that operations are running well. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea shared the success of the first ever <i>Celebrate Strathcona!</i> festival held on June 11, 2022. Andrea also asked for an update on the timing for CN’s BI line twinning. <p>ACTION: CN to confirm if there is any new information about the BI Line project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary-Helen shared that the \$50,000 donated from Columbia Containers will be used to install new benches and better accessibility to Dusty Greenwall Park. Through East Vancouver Port Lands (EVPL), a port donation of \$25,000 was provided to the Aboriginal Friendship Society and \$25,000 to the Hastings Community Association for upgrades to the Burrard View Park. Burrard View Park will be hosting a potluck, which will be a good opportunity for members and community to come together. She also thanked Chris for the City of Vancouver’s walk through of the Slow Streets project. • Kate shared that Hastings Community Center with UBC forestry faculty will be host Cool Hoods, as BC is expecting another heat dome this summer. The Vancouver Park Board is planning to improve the plaza at Kamloops and Hastings with a garden. Kate also shared that Adopt a Block works with City of Vancouver to clean up garbage in the area. • Matt provided an update on the City’s Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan, a long range planning initiative encompassing the area between First Avenue to 22nd Street between Nanaimo and Boundary Road. Public engagement has started, with public sessions planned for later this fall. For more information, please see the website here. • Vicki shared that she joined GWAC and is working to provide information to residents in the area. Her current priorities are to become more familiar with the Broadway Plan and the proposed Commercial/Broadway rezoning. She is also working to mobilize the community to work with the City for more green spaces for East Van. • David shared that Burrard View Park pool is now open and shared information about residents’ concerns with safety of the bike lane ending at Powell Street, and with TransLink’s decision to focus on bus rapid transit instead of SkyTrain for the future transit crossing at Second Narrows. He also noted that the bid for the 2030 Olympics includes potential for use of Hastings Park as an event venue. • Luc discussed the increase in new housing for vulnerable people of the Downtown East Side, as well as relocation of the Lookout shelter space for people in need. • Jeff shared information on the Global Port Efficiency Index report and shared his concerns that the Port of Vancouver ranked third last. He also reported that HMCS Discovery Naval Reserve announced the appointment of a female Commanding Officer (four the woman to obtain such a rank), and noted that GCT Deltaport will host an open house on June 25, 2022 to celebrate their 25th anniversary (sign up required). <p>ACTION: Naomi to share more information regarding the Global Port Efficiency Index report.</p> |
| <p>4. Port Forward Initiative: engagement process</p> | <p>Naomi Horsford provided an update on this initiative that is a long-term scenario planning. The port authority is looking for volunteers to help with the scenario planning. Committee member – Vicki Scully has volunteered to participate in this initiative.</p> <p>ACTION: The port authority will contact Vicki over the next week regarding her participation in this initiative.</p> |

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| <p>5. Port authority update</p> | <p>Naomi Horsford provided a port authority update, which included the following initiatives and projects:</p> <p>General updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business update – trade volumes are up despite recent supply chain disruptions • Cruise-led green corridor focused on GHG reductions • Port authority-led ECHO program launches expanded measures to support recovery of southern resident killer whales • Port authority announces winners of Blue Circle Awards for environmental stewardship • Port Forward Initiative • 2022 Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Annual General Meeting • <i>Canada Together</i> at Canada Place on July 1 • Vanterm siren noise update <p>Port authority-led/funded projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centerm Expansion project and South Shore Access Project • Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project <p>Tenant-led/other projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed CP Commissioner Street Rail Expansion Project • Columbia Containers Ltd. Shoreline protection and rehabilitation project • Western Canada Marine Response Corporation – Oil Spill emergency response base • Sterling Shipyard remediation and infill project • Viterra Inc.] Pacific Terminals New Revetment Slope • Crab Park fieldhouse demolition and new washrooms |
| <p>6. Follow up to Dec 2021 brainstorming session</p> | <p>In follow up to our December 2021 discussion, Pam reported on her review of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific things the committee has accomplished since inception: helped increase community participation in the port authority’s Land Use Plan and City planning processes, helped reduce train noise/whistling along the corridor, donated \$3,000 to multiple charities, and resolved several issues at New Brighton Park. • Summary of topics we’ve discussed: Centerm, Cruise, ECHO program, federal assessments/Impact Assessment Act and port environmental review (PER) processes, role of the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum, port authority jurisdiction, port safety and operations, rail safety, shoreline modifications, spill response, train noise, and trucking. • Outstanding areas of interest: most of the outstanding items are topics outside not related to the Port of Vancouver (Trans Canada Trail connections), or are scheduled for future discussion (CN’s future BI line expansion and updates on South Shore tenant operations) <p>Pam then opened the floor to committee members and their thoughts on what was the most important thing people have learned, what information they have shared with their communities, topics they particularly liked, and what else they would like to address. Responses were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreline restoration project information – when the area around the project will be open to public |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siren noise has improved, but remain an issue for residents • Presentation from the Minister of Transport • Port harbour tour • Move back to in person or hybrid meetings in the fall |
| 7. Committee admin | <p>Pam noted the current list of presentations of interest has some duplication and suggested the following refined list for 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port of Vancouver Recap (<i>legislation, governance, history and future</i>) • Individual terminal presentations/site visits • Supply chain initiatives in managing Canada’s trade (<i>planning for the future – insights of from rail, and trucking sectors</i>) • Current environmental initiatives • Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act Overview • Dangerous goods movement <p>New suggested topics requested include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation of cruise vessels in the Port of Vancouver <p>Meeting logistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 3, 2022 meeting minutes approved. • Upcoming September will be a hybrid meeting (option of in-person or Zoom) |
| 8. Adjournment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. |

Action items

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| Christine to confirm which UBC faculties are involved in the study. | Candace | completed |
| Tyler to share updated CN information once becomes available to the public. Find alternate for next meeting if not able to attend | Tyler | In progress |
| Naomi to share more information regarding the Global Port Efficiency Index report. | Naomi/Candace | In progress |
| The port authority will contact Vicki over the next week regarding her participation in this initiative. | Port Forward team | Complete |