



Meeting notes

South Shore Community Liaison Committee

Meeting details	
Date:	Thursday, December 7, 2023
Time:	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location:	In-Person <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address: 100 The Pointe – 999 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC V6C 3T4 • Meeting Room: Boardroom
Facilitator:	Pam Ryan, Lucent Quay Consulting
Attendees:	<u>Community Representatives</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Hawthorne, Burrardview Community Association • Andrea Kastanis, Strathcona Residents Association • Luc Lamont-Caputo, Member at Large • Jeff Otto, Member at Large <u>Organization Representatives</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter A. Idema, Viterra • Chris Robertson, City of Vancouver • Tyler Banick, CN <u>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Representatives</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parm Hari, Vice President, People, Process and Performance • Chance McKee, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Advisor • Kimberly Ng, Municipal and Community Engagement Specialist
Regrets:	<u>Community Representatives</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorothy Barkley, Grandview Woodlands Area Council • David Hutchinson, Member at Large <u>Indigenous Representatives</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carleen Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh Nation • Councillor Richard Sparrow, Musqueam First Nation <u>Organization Representatives</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike LoVecchio, CPKC • Angela Kirkham, DP World • Adam James, Western Lantic Canada <u>BIA Representatives</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vincent Kwan, Strathcona BIA • Patricia Barnes, Hastings-North BIA
Previous meeting date	October 5, 2023

#	Agenda Item
1.	<p><u>Welcome, Acknowledgments and Introductions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam started the meeting at 6:10 pm and provided a land acknowledgement to recognize and give appreciation to the Indigenous First Nations whose lands and territories the committee was meeting on. • Pam then asked the committee whether any changes or additions to the agenda were needed. The committee accepted the agenda as proposed. • Pam then invited Parm Hari, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's Vice President, People, Process and Performance, to provide the committee with a State of the Port presentation.
2.	<p><u>State of the Port Presentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parm began the presentation by updating the committee on the appointment of Peter Xotta as the new President and CEO of the port authority. The port authority's board of directors announced on December 1, 2023, that it had appointed Peter Xotta as President and Chief Executive Officer, effective Monday, December 4, 2023. This appointment followed a comprehensive, competitive global executive search process facilitated by Korn Ferry. Peter previously served as the port authority's Vice President, Operations and Supply Chain, and port authority representative for the South Shore Community Liaison Committee. • The committee was shown a video of the final Port Forward Scenarios, outlining the 4 possible scenarios identified that could impact the future of Vancouver's gateway. • Parm then provided a general overview of the Port of Vancouver as Canada's largest port; recapped major milestones and key events of 2023, including the federal and provincial government's approval of Roberts Bank Terminal 2; the completion of the Centerm Expansion Project; port authority-led supply chain optimization initiatives; a record-breaking 2023 cruise season; accomplishments from the port authority's ECHO program, and the port authority's efforts to advance building additional trade capacity in the short- and long-term for Canada. • Parm also informed the committee of actions the port authority is taking to combat climate change in the short- and long-term, and help reach the port authority's goal of "Getting to Zero by 2050." • Parm also asked for feedback from anyone on the committee who attended the GVBOT State of the Port panel address. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tyler Banick, from CN, said he was in attendance and that the new panel format and Q&A was very effective in conveying the port authority's key messages, as well as being very engaging from an audience and stakeholder standpoint. ○ Andrea Kastanis, from Strathcona Residents Association, mentioned wanting to know more about supply chain optimization efforts, as well as port security and compliance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parm mentioned the port authority team is scheduling a port security and compliance presentation for liaison committees by the port authority's Director of Health, Safety & Security at a future meeting. ○ Andrea asked Tyler to provide an update regarding the twinning of the rail line (owned by BNSF and leased by CN). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Action: Tyler committed to working with subject matter experts internally at CN about where this project stands and providing an update regarding this at, or before, the next SSCLC meeting. ○ Chris Robertson, from City of Vancouver, asked about the timeline for discussions regarding the port authority's Rolling Truck Age Program (RTAP) to help him coordinate this internally at, and provide support from, the City of Vancouver. He expressed that the City of Vancouver is currently willing to help with this transition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Action: Parm committed to following up with this information once available.

Community/Organization Happenings

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- John Hawthorne, Burrardview Community Association
 - John mentioned that CPKC is currently expanding the escarpment directly below the BCA, and that this area is currently being used as an intermodal yard. John requested that CPKC provide additional training for rail car operators regarding noise pollution, as there seems to be additional shunting and the community has expressed frustration.
 - **Action:** Mike Lovecchio, CPKC to respond.
 - John mentioned that the BCA hopes the City of Vancouver will work to beautify the portion of the Great Canadian Trail that runs through the City of Vancouver.
 - **Action:** John will follow-up with Chris regarding previous communication on this that the BCA has received from the City of Vancouver.
 - John also mentioned he would like to see more done regarding the Rolling Truck Age Program (RTAP) and expressed on behalf of his community, disappointment in the delay of this program.
 - **Action:** Parm mentioned that more will be coming from the port authority regarding the RTAP in the coming months, and that information regarding a timeline for those discussions will be shared with the committee once available in 2024.
- Luc Lamont-Caputo, Community Member at Large
 - Luc recently attended the Vancouver Chinatown Foundation Gala on November 9, 2023, and sat with Victor Pang, interim President and CEO for the port authority at the time. He expressed to port authority representatives, and shared with the South Shore committee, that the community he represents has been requesting more access to waterfront land and would like to see more waterfront land created for public use. Luc asked about the cost of moving all South Shore terminals to another area, such as Delta, for trade-enabling purposes, so as to provide the community with more waterfront land access.
 - Parm responded that currently there are no viable options for moving this trade-enabling space to another area; rather that port expansion is required to support Canada's trade. Expansion primarily is focused in the Delta area, with future construction of Roberts Bank Terminal 2.
 - Peter Idema, Viterra, noted that the South Shore area is where the Port of Vancouver originated and mentioned that given the hurdles of moving south shore operations, such as community engagement, cost (likely billions of dollars), environmental permitting, etc., it likely would be a non-starter.
 - Chris mentioned that the City of Vancouver knows how important industrial land is to the region and is committed to protecting and expanding industrial land, as well as land used for other zones (residential, agricultural, recreational, etc.).
 - Luc reiterated that his question was in regard to comments from Indigenous communities he works with that would like to regain access to waterfront land along the South Shore of Burrard Inlet.
 - **Action:** Parm committed to following up with the committee on the proposed CRAB Park healing lodge and through Chris, keeping the City of Vancouver connected in this conversation.
- Chris Robertson, City of Vancouver
 - Chris provided an update on 3 recent pieces of provincial legislation:
 - [Bill 44 – Housing Statutes \(Residential Development\) Amendment Act, 2023](#)
 - [Bill 46 – Housing Statutes \(Development Financing\) Amendment Act, 2023](#)
 - [Bill 47 – Housing Statutes \(Transit-Oriented Areas\) Amendment Act, 2023](#)
 - Chris discussed the 3 bills and how they affect transit and housing development, as well as the City's actions to meet the new mandates coming from this legislation.
 - Chris also mentioned this legislation will affect the City's work plans in both the short- and long-term, and that the City is still currently digesting this new information and has requested clarification around key pieces of these bills from the Province.

- Chris mentioned that internal discussions are ongoing at the City surrounding challenges of rezoning employment lands for other uses.
- Tyler Banick, CN Rail
 - Tyler informed the committee that CN recently published their Winter Plan, which will affect how they engage with customers regarding safety and due diligence.
 - Also informed the committee that 800 new high-capacity boxcars have recently been added, with another 750 on the way to service Vancouver and the Prince Rupert Port Authority (PRPA).
 - Tyler mentioned CN is testing renewable fuels on locomotives for sustainability purposes, and is also working with the Province of B.C. on a battery powered locomotive, which will be tested in rougher terrains in Northern B.C. An official announcement will be forthcoming.
 - **Action:** The committee had questions about electric locomotives and noise pollution. Tyler committed to follow-up with the committee regarding how electric locomotives will make a difference to local communities in regard to noise-pollution.
 - CN has made work around sustainability and climate action a priority throughout their organization and is working on sustainability and climate action with their fleet and locomotives. CN signed on to the [joint U.S.-Canada Rail Decarbonization Task Force](#) at COP28, which will aim to develop a common vision to reduce emissions from the rail sector.
- Andrea Kastanis, Strathcona Residents Association
 - Andrea informed the committee that the Strathcona Residents Association (SRA) recently held their [Annual General Meeting](#) on November 7, 2023, which included a few shifts in SRA's composition.
 - The SRA has expressed interest in learning more about the [Strathcona Air Quality Study](#) and any findings to-date. Overall, the SRA is happy that it is in progress.
 - The SRA has requested that maintenance continue to happen along the CN rail line in the area to ensure that, should fires occur in the area, they don't spread rapidly due to unmaintained brush.
 - **Action:** Tyler committed to relay this feedback to the "spray trains" operators at CN and committed to reaching out to CN's track team to ensure this occurs, especially for the summer season. Tyler also mentioned community members could use CN's Public Inquiry Line for any non-emergency concerns: 1-888-888-5909. For CN emergencies, the public is encouraged to dial 911 or call CN's Emergency Line: 1-800-465-9239.
 - The SRA is also interested in receiving more information regarding the RTAP.
 - Andrea asked about the process for receiving technical updates from the port authority in-between meetings. The port authority responded that committee members can contact the staff liaisons (Chance McKee, Kimberly Ng) at any time, and can also utilize the port authority's Community Feedback Line as a resource: 604-665-9004, community.feedback@portvancouver.com
 - **Action:** The Port authority also committed to asking committee members to submit questions ahead of committee meetings to ensure timely response at the meeting to any questions submitted ahead of time.
- Jeff Otto, Community Member at Large
 - Jeff asked about the current moth infestation in Stanley Park and if that is having any impact on port lands. No impact has been reported by the port authority or its customers and terminal operators, at this time.
 - Jeff inquired as to whether the port authority was involved in investigating the recent oil spill in False Creek. The port authority informed that the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) was investigating this, and that no further information has been provided to the port authority.
- Peter Idema, Viterra:
 - Peter informed the committee it is business-as-usual at Viterra, other than preparing on the basis of an upcoming merger with Bunge in 2024. Peter noted that although the Competition Bureau and Transport Canada are still reviewing this merger, no

	<p>material changes from this review are expected. Peter also noted he believes this merger will be complementary to Canada, given that there is currently little competition between the two entities.</p>
4.	<p><u>Year-End Annual Survey Reminder</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam reminded the committee to please complete the Annual Satisfaction Survey by December 31, 2023. • Pam offered one-on-one phone interviews, if desired. For committee members who would like a one-on-one interview by phone, they should contact Pam Ryan directly. • Pam reminded the committee that all feedback received is anonymous, confidential and is simply used to help inform committee priorities and structure for future years.
5.	<p><u>Committee Holiday Donation Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam mentioned that in October 2023, a previous response had been sent to the committee regarding a suggestion for the South Shore Committee's community donation. The suggestion came from committee member Luc Lamont-Caputo: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lookout Housing & Health Society's Assisting Reduction of Clutter and Hoarding (ARCH) program. This program supports Lookout tenants in the Vancouver region who struggle with hoarding. Lookout works with UBC researchers to develop techniques to effectively treat hoarding often experienced by previously homeless/unhoused individuals. The ARCH program provides trauma-informed support, education, resources, and for tenants to maintain healthy and safe living spaces. The funds could be used to improve their equipment and expand their programming further. • Andrea suggested donating to the Vancouver Coastal Health Hoarding Action Response Team; however, since this is not a CRA-registered charity, it is ineligible to receive the donation from the port authority's South Shore Committee. • Tyler suggested a local food bank within the area, due to ongoing food insecurity concerns throughout the region and rising food costs. The committee agreed that the Greater Vancouver Food Bank would be a great option. • The committee decided to split the \$1,000.00 donation between both the Greater Vancouver Food Bank and Lookout Housing & Health Society's ARCH Program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action: Port authority committed to following up with the chosen non-profits to facilitate the committee's donation. • Pam mentioned that industry representatives on the port authority's North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee (NSWCLC) match the port authority's \$1,000.00 donation every year, increasing the impact of the donation, and offered a suggestion for SSCLC industry representatives to consider this for future years.
7.	<p><u>Committee Admin</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review action items • Reminder: Next Meeting: March 2024 (Date TBD) • Reminder: Complete Annual Satisfaction Survey by 12/31/2023 <p>Review current list of presentations of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port Security and Compliance • Supply chain initiatives insights of rail, trucking sectors (Rolling Truck Age Program update) • Individual terminal presentations/site visits • Current environmental initiatives • Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act overview • Dangerous goods movement • AGT South Shore Terminal Update • City of Vancouver Response to Provincial Legislation (Q2 2024) • Port Authority Drayage Update from Land Operations team

Action Items

Action Item	Lead	Status
Committee members interested in completing the Year-End Satisfaction Survey by phone to let Pam know	All	Completed
CN to follow-up with Strathcona Residents Association on status of federal funding related to the BI line twinning and related	Tyler	In Progress
CN to follow-up with Strathcona Residents Association regarding rail line maintenance for fire prevention, including advising when spring clearing is scheduled	Tyler	In Progress
CPKC to provide response to BCA regarding additional training for rail car operators regarding noise pollution near BCA	Mike	In Progress
BCA to provide City of Vancouver with previous communication regarding Great Canadian Trail	John	In Progress
Port authority to confirm timing of RTAP discussions for 2024	Parm	In Progress
Port authority to follow-up regarding CRAB Park Healing Center	Parm	In Progress
Provide Port Authority Community Feedback Line Contact Information to Committee	Chance	Completed
CN to follow-up with committee regarding electric locomotives and noise-pollution.	Tyler	In Progress
Port authority to solicit questions from committee 1 week ahead of future meetings	All	In Progress
Port authority to facilitate SSCLC's Holiday Donation to selected non-profit organizations	Chance	Completed
Share 2023 Year-End Satisfaction Survey Results Q1 2024	Parm and Pam	In Progress