



Meeting notes

South Shore Community Liaison Committee

Meeting details	
Date:	Thursday, March 19, 2024
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"> • Mary-Helen Wright, Burrardview Community Association • Dorothy Barkley, Grandview Woodlands Area Council • Andrea Kastanis, Strathcona Residents Association • David Hutchinson, Member at Large • Jeff Otto, Member at Large <u>Organization representatives</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Robertson, City of Vancouver <u>BIA representatives</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tricia Barnes, Hastings-North BIA <u>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority representatives</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evangeline Englezos, Director, Community and Government Relations • Kimberly Ng, Municipal and Community Engagement Specialist <u>Guest speaker</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anita Gill, Director, Health, Safety and Security, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
Regrets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luc Lamont-Caputo, Member at Large • Vincent Kwan, Strathcona BIA • Carleen Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh Nation • Adam James, Western Lantic Canada • Peter A. Idema, Viterra • Angela Kirkham, DP World • Tyler Banick, CN • Mike LoVecchio, CPKC
Previous meeting date	December 7, 2023

#	Discussion/ Action item
1.	<p>Welcome, acknowledgments and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam provided a land acknowledgement to recognize that the meeting was being held on the traditional, unceded lands and territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations • The committee accepted the agenda as proposed
2.	<p>Presentation and discussion: Port of Vancouver safety, security and compliance</p> <p>Anita Gill presented on port safety, security, and compliance.</p> <p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about the port authority’s role in safety, security, and compliance • Discussion about how the port authority’s role in law enforcement and how it supports other agencies in their role • Anita clarified the port authority’s obligations, jurisdiction and mandate pertaining to port lands and tenants who operate terminals • Anita responded to questions about monetary penalties including contravention tickets and administrative monetary penalties • In response to questions about how individual terminals’ security plans, Anita clarified that Transport Canada reviews and approves these plans • Discussion about the difference between port security and port policing, which parties have a role each, and what their role is • Discussion about a two-year port-wide initiative to enhance port resiliency, which involves more than 45 organizations <p>Action items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kimberly to share list of 29 agencies that contribute to port policing • Kimberly to confirm with Anita which slides from her presentation can be shared on the committee web page • Anita to connect with Chris to confirm who from the City of Vancouver participated in the port resiliency planning initiative • Kimberly and Anita to follow up on possibility of an exterior sign to advise how to contact staff after hours if attending a meeting at port authority offices. • Kimberly to issue an email the day of in-person meetings reminding committee members to bring their cell phones.
3.	<p>Community and organization happenings</p> <p>The committee members engaged in roundtable updates from their respective organizations, communities, and municipalities.</p> <p><u>Organization:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vancouver Fraser Port Authority - Port update document <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The port authority provided an update on the Rolling Truck Age Program and committed to a follow up presentation later in 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The port authority deferred program implementation in February 2023 for a period of no less than 9 months and initiated an extensive round of industry consultation in November 2023 which completed in January 2024 ▪ The port authority is assessing and considering collaborative ways to achieve emission reduction objectives and will present an update once available ▪ Committee members expressed disappointment in the deferral and suggested mandatory enforcement similar to the B.C. government’s new over-height truck regulations ▪ Evangeline confirmed that the vast majority of trucks are already compliant and the focus for full implementation is ensuring fairness for those who have already complied

- The port authority is aware of interest in a healing centre at CRAB Park and defers to the Vancouver Park Board and the City of Vancouver which holds a long-term lease on the property and has been working on initiatives under this umbrella
- Committee members asked for clarification on the port authority's latest statistics:
 - Increased coal shipments relate to metallurgical coal for steel production, not thermal coal
 - **[Post-meeting follow-up]**
 - Metallurgical coal is an essential ingredient in the production of steel
 - In 2023, of the 42.6 million metric tonnes of coal volume, 58% was metallurgical coal, 41% was thermal coal and 0.5% was other/unspecified coal
 - **[Post-meeting follow-up]**
 - In 2023, container volumes at the Port of Vancouver decreased 12% to 3.1 million twenty-foot equivalent units, or TEUs

Action items:

- Port authority to report back on the timing for Rolling Truck Age Program implementation and schedule a follow up presentation once more details are available
- Port authority to follow up on year end stats as presented and issue revised slides if needed, including % of coal exports for metallurgical use and % change in container traffic volumes
- City of Vancouver
 - Provided an update on the City's actions in response to three recent pieces of provincial legislation:
 - [Bill 44 – Housing Statutes \(Residential Development\) Amendment Act, 2023;](#)
[Bill 46 – Housing Statutes \(Development Financing\) Amendment Act, 2023;](#)
[and Bill 47 – Housing Statutes \(Transit-Oriented Areas\) Amendment Act, 2023](#)
 - City staff are awaiting additional information and clarity from the province on each of the bills to prepare a report to council in April
 - Provided update that the B.C. government proposed legislative changes to support reconciliation efforts in Vancouver. [Bill 11](#) would amend the Vancouver Charter to make it easier for First Nations to build social housing on lands they own
 - Vancouver council unanimously [approved multiplex development on single-family lots](#), allowing up to 6 strata units or 8 secured rental units
 - Discussion about community representative concerns on the potential impacts that the recent housing bills could have on the character of their neighbourhoods
- **Action item:** Chris to research and share how residents can voice their opinions to council regarding future development plans
- Viterra
 - **[Post-meeting follow-up]**
 - There are no significant projects on the go
 - The transaction with Bunge is expected to complete by late summer, with rebranding from Viterra to Bunge before the end of the year
 - Labour negotiations between the Burrard Inlet grain terminals (VTEA) Grain Workers Union Local 333 ILWU are progressing
- CN
 - See written update attached

Community:

- Grandview Woodlands Area Council
 - The Grandview Woodlands Area Council AGM is upcoming, and the council would like to see more community involvement; asked if other reps had ideas for bossing participation
 - There is a concern with limited waterfront access for the community
- Burrardview Community Association
 - Expressed support for the Rolling Truck Age Program

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appreciated the cancellation of the live music festival at New Brighton Park that had been proposed by Live Nation. The community was concerned about potential safety, traffic, and environmental impacts - Noted ongoing noise concerns from train shunting and idling - Requested information about replacing a tree across from Wall Street that was removed during foreshore work near New Brighton Park <p>Action item: Kimberly to connect with port authority’s environmental team to investigate why the tree near New Brighton Park was removed and if there are opportunities for a new tree.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member at Large <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question about abandoned vessel program - [Post-meeting follow-up] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transport Canada committed US\$1.1 million to the Abandoned Boats Program to remove 34 abandoned vessels in British Columbia waters. Transport Canada is working with the port authority to locate vessels. <p>Action item: Add Transport Canada’s Abandoned Boats Program overview to list of presentation topics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strathcona Residents Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noise concern along Burrard Inlet line. Andrea will follow-up with Tyler directly - The community is keenly monitoring development applications along Hastings Street corridor after Vancouver City Council passed a motion that will prioritize transit in the area • Members at Large <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern about noise from truck engine brakes near the community - Question about how the port authority is reducing emissions - [Post-meeting follow-up] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Low-Emission Technology Initiative is a joint funding partnership between the port authority and the Province of British Columbia to promote the trial and adoption of low and zero-emission fuels and technologies at the Port of Vancouver. • Hastings-North BIA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerns from small businesses which may be driven out of the city due to new housing bills including impacts to parking limits and truck/ goods movements
4.	<p>Year-end survey results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam thanked committee members for completing the year-end survey • Pam reported that study results indicate general agreement that that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The committee helps to promote dialogue and information sharing between the various interests represented on the South Shore - The committee help to raise community awareness about port activity - Members understand the purpose and goals of the committee - The committee composition adequately represents the various interests on the South Shore - Slight preference for evening meetings • Areas of improvement include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asking organization representatives to provide written updates if unable to attend meetings
5.	<p>Committee format proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on feedback and previous conversations about the committee’s goals, the port authority proposed committee format changes for one year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fewer in-person meetings (two – in March and October, instead of three) with an experiential activity in the summer - Shorten port update documents to PowerPoint slides, and more timely information such as media releases, information updates, and construction notices that community representatives can send to their networks

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential fall/ winter networking with all the committees - Potential information webinars with all committees - Asking for written updates if representatives cannot attend a meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two committee members expressed a preference for three in-person meetings a year and one suggested inviting a Transport Canada rep to attend at least one meeting per year • Pam and Kimberly indicated they would follow up to seek feedback from committee members not in attendance • Based on all input received, the port authority will do a trial of two meetings this year and seek committee feedback as part of the year end survey
6.	<p>Committee admin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review action items • Reminder: Next Meeting Date TBD <p>Action item: Kimberly to schedule and send calendar invitations for next meetings</p> <p>Review current list of presentations of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply chain initiatives insights of rail, trucking sectors (Rolling Truck Age Program update) • Individual terminal presentations/site visits (<i>as time and operations permit</i>) • Musqueam initiatives (<i>as Richard's schedule permits</i>) • Current environmental initiatives within the South Shore • <i>Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act</i> 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 • Transport Canada's Abandoned Boats Program overview • The business of shipping: how different ships operate and their functions and challenges • Rail expansion and rail electrification

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