

East Vancouver Port Land and Liaison Committee

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Port Updates

Greater Vancouver Gateway Port Projects Updates

Centerm Expansion Project

- Periods of single-lane alternating traffic will continue on port roads. Current status of port road access:
 - All semi-trailer and commercial vehicles must continue to enter at Commissioner Street
 - Commissioner Street: Single lane alternating traffic during work hours and two-way traffic during non-work hours, Sundays and statutory holidays. October 28, 2019 to February 2020
- Clark Drive overpass:
 - Closed to semi-trailer and container trucks until July 2020
 - Starting Monday, January 20, port pass holders with commercial straight trucks can enter the port using the Clark Drive overpass
 - Open to port pass holders driving standard vehicles
- Marine work
 - We will continue to dredge and infill to create the new land for the terminal. This work will take place 24 hours a day, 7 days a week so that we can get it done within the window of time in which fish are least impacted.

Centerm Community Fund

- *Details sent to EVPL by email on January 9, 2020*
- From now until April 3, 2020, the port authority is accepting applications for the second intake period. Applications must be received during the intake period to be considered
- The first round of the fund had 16 successful applicants. The selection committee chose a variety of programs that support a wide range of the population including children, Indigenous community, fathers, mothers, elderly, the unemployed, volunteers and newcomers to Canada

South Shore Access Project

Commissioner Street Road and Rail Improvements

- This is a road work project to widen and realign Commissioner Street to the north between Nanaimo Street and Slocan Street in order to make room for Canadian Pacific (CP) to add additional rail track. This project is being done to help support the capacity needed on the south shore to move goods
- Work has started on the demolition of the old Columbia Containers grain elevator; the equipment has been mobilized on site this week.
- The actual demolition piece of the grain silo is anticipated to begin closer to mid-February

Heatley Street detour

- At the December South Shore Community Liaison Committee, we had shared that the Heatley street detour was to begin in early February.
 - Will require all port traffic west of Centennial Road west of Rogers Sugar building) to exit via the Heatley Avenue overpass and will continue east back to their regular truck routes.
 - Truck traffic headed towards Highway 1 will turn left on Cordova and use Cordova/Powell/Dundas/Nanaimo/McGill streets
 - Truck traffic headed towards Delta/Richmond will turn left on Hastings and then onto Clark Drive
- Since returning from the holidays, we've learned that our construction team will be taking extra time to plan more details of the detour than we had originally anticipated.
- As a result the we will start the detour a later date in order to have more time to consider the feedback we have received and to provide enough notice to stakeholders.
- We are currently working with the contractor to refine the traffic management options and mitigation measures.
- We have also reached out to Ray Cam and will be meeting with them in the coming weeks to discuss the project. This will also help enhance our plan.

General Updates

CP Cascade Capacity Expansion

- *EVPL Green project – project approved by port authority in December 2019 – category C*
- *Sent by email to EVPL on November 22, 2019*
- Canadian Pacific will expand existing railway infrastructure to increase capacity along a section of their Cascade Subdivision from Port Moody to Burnaby, British Columbia
- Growth in freight volumes into and out of port facilities on the south shore of the Burrard Inlet requires an increase in rail capacity on the west end of CP's Cascade Subdivision.
- A section of third track will increase track capacity and will reduce potential delays to both freight and passenger train traffic through the area on the mainline tracks

Habitat offsetting

- As a requirement of this project, CP has developed a habitat-offsetting plan that includes the creation of beach spawning habitat, the creation of nearshore (subtidal) reef habitat and riparian vegetation planting at two locations within the Port Authority's jurisdiction:
 - east of Barnet Marine Park in Burnaby
 - west of New Brighton Park in Vancouver (below truck staging area)
- **In order to complete in-water works (i.e. development of rip rap) at low tide, construction will need to occur a nighttime for a short period of time.**
- **There will also be some nighttime work (material delivery and handling) related to construction laydown at the truck staging area This will also occur for a short period of time.**
- **A construction notification with full details be sent shortly**

CP Cascadia West rail extension

- *EVPL Yellow project – project application yet to be submitted to port authority – likely category B*
- *Mike presenting on this information*
 - For the portion of works within VFPA jurisdiction a review is required under PER as a Category B, concurrently this will be posted to the IAA registry. The level of additional consultation will need to be determined once an application is received.
- Connection of existing L29 and K10 rail track, installation of approximately 215m (of which 30m are within VFPA jurisdiction).
- Some staging of material and assembly of tracks proposed within existing south lane of Commissioner St with movement between staging area and project site.

- Some lane closures are proposed which will need to be coordinated and approved with Land Operations.
- Estimated to take approximately 2 weeks to complete and propose to undertake works on a 24 hour basis.
- Proposed to take place in March 2020 however will need to coordinate with ongoing VFPA projects in the area which may push this schedule (grain elevator removal, road realignment etc.)
- Important to note that 85% of this project is outside of port authority jurisdiction and therefore can be completed by CP without port authority authorization.

Kiewit Ledcor TMEP (Trans Mountain Expansion Project) Partnership on Commissioner Street

- The purpose of this project is development of the site at Commissioner Street for use as a marine off-loading facility and laydown yard with associated employee parking and marine taxi service
- The project is a support site for works associated with the construction of the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Expansion Project, particularly the marine portion of the project at the Westridge Marine Terminal in Burnaby
- TMEP is working on a community update regarding Commissioner Street, which we will share with EVPL once received (it's been a while since anything went out to community)

Dusty Greenwell Park Update

- Project is with the Vancouver Park Board staff
- The improvements outlined in the original donation letter are quite minor (gravel pathways, fencing, park benches and plantings). It's projected that the project could be done in-house by the summer.
- There is new staff starting this week and they can get started on this project right away
- For a project this size, a post is set up in the park via a site sign which will outline why the work is being completed, what's included in the upgrades and timing. The sign should be up in late spring.

Reminders

- Potential of adding Columbia Containers as participant of the committee
- Ask about frequency of meetings – is it working that meeting as needed basis? Commit to at least one per year?