



Meeting summary notes

North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee

Meeting:	#6
Date:	October 20, 2020
Time:	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location:	Online meeting
Chair:	Charlene Grant, General Manager Corporate Services, District of North Vancouver (2/3 meetings)
Vice chair:	Karen Obeck, Director Property, Facilities and Security, Seaspan (2/3 meetings)
Attendees:	<p>Community representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug Ausman, City of North Vancouver • Liane McKenna, City of North Vancouver • Kathy Heise, District of North Vancouver • Jamiann Questa, District of North Vancouver • Alex Tunner, District of West Vancouver • Michael Evison, District of West Vancouver <p>Municipal representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larry Orr, City of North Vancouver • Charlene Grant, District of North Vancouver • Natalie Roizman, District of West Vancouver <p>Organizational representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindsay Brumwell, CN Rail • Karen Obeck, Seaspan • Kris Neely, Seaspan • Cliff Stewart, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority <p>Guests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katherine Beavis, Manager, Strategic Program Policy, Oceans Protection Plan, Transport Canada
Regrets:	<p>Lisa Dooling, Neptune Terminal Naomi Horsford, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Ania Mafi, District of West Vancouver (alternate) Jeanette O'Brien, Western Stevedoring (alternate) Kim Stegeman-Lowe, Western Stevedoring</p>

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1. Presentations	
<p>1. Transport Canada – Oceans Protection Plan by Katherine Beavis</p>	<p>Katherine provided an overview of initiatives under Transport Canada's national Ocean Protection Plan</p> <p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The national Oceans Protection Plan is largest investment ever made to protect Canada's coasts and waterways; \$1.5 billion over five years. • There is understanding that oil cleanup is different on the water than on land and focus on prevention of oil spills is important • Transport Canada has a contract in place with Canadian Coast Guard, who have vessels with enough power to tow barge vessels <p>ACTION: Connect with Department of Fisheries and Oceans to learn about precautions in place to protect orca calves</p>
<p>2. Discussion: Updating Terms of Reference</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a continuation from the previous meeting, members discussed the number of industry members and the selection process • Members agreed that more industry representation would be welcomed • Current selection process for industry members has not been changed for many years. To help reflect current port-related projects and happenings on the North Shore, there is agreement for the port authority to use criteria for selecting waterfront industry representatives. These representatives will be shared with the committee for endorsement. Waterfront industry terms will be for two years, similar to term lengths for community members <p>ACTION: Alycia to revise the Terms of Reference and send to committee for final review.</p>
<p>3. North Shore News article</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members agreed to continue with another article submission in the North Shore News • Topic suggestions include: effects of the pandemic on the Port of Vancouver and features of personal port-related interest stories of North Shore residents • Next steps include: Alycia to draft with sub-team and circulate a final copy to the greater group
<p>4. Roundtable</p>	<p>Municipal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of North Vancouver is focused on the Open Streets Action Plan. Council has approved a continued patio program. There is also focus on tourism on the North Shore to promote staycations • The District of North Vancouver has noted that they continue to adapt and learn in our new COVID-environment and have especially been rethinking engagement opportunities • Natalie Roizman, Community Relations Liaison, was introduced as the new committee representative for the District of West Vancouver. In her update she shared that the district is focused on the Coastal Marine Management Plan working group, which is to provide policy recommendations on the management of the coast. Public consultation is scheduled to launch in early 2021. <p>Industry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the last few months, Seaspan has finished its last Canadian Coast Guard vessel build, and has hosted John Horgan as a campaign stop. Seaspan is also working with the City of North Vancouver in collaboration with the United Way on a parklet opportunity.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neptune has been busy with their projects. Their new stacker reclaimer, built in Victoria, was successfully delivered and installed; the new shiploader for berth 1 has been safely offloaded; and steelmaking coal system upgrades are progressing well. A construction notification was recently distributed to the local community regarding the extended hours to complete these projects. On the community front, despite not having an event this year, the Waterfront Gala was still able to donate \$104,000 to Sharing Abundance and Hollyburn Youth Safe House thanks to thanks to founding terminal sponsors (Neptune, Western Stevedoring, Seaspan, Fibreco and Pembina) and to the port authority for their continued generous support. • CN has been working hard in their efforts to reduce noise from rail including working to remove joints and maintaining a greasing schedule on a more frequent basis on the North Shore. Should there be any noise concerns please connect the CN public inquiry line by phone at 1-888-888-5909 or email at contact@cn.ca • In a response to community concerns about ammonium nitrate, the port authority shared that this product not allowed to be loaded or unloaded at Canadian ports. The port authority also provided the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breaking Bottlenecks podcast - Mid-year stats - Maplewood Marine Restoration Project - Land Use Plan amendments - Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation Program - Univar Canada rail expansion with tent - Seaspan landscape, architectural and wayfinding improvements - Seaspan ship load-out gravel-bed and shoreline protection - Neptune Terminals coal capacity project - Neptune Terminals construction work outside regular work hours (various projects) - Neptune Terminals dredging to deepen berth 1 - Neptune Terminals maintenance dredging at berth 2 and 3 - North shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Conveyance Project Extension Request - Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC Westridge Marine Terminal Upgrade and Expansion Project
5. North Shore community feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An email was sent through the NSWLC@portvancouver.com email inbox regarding train sirens being sounded at a gate crossing and shunting. The email was redirected to CN's public inquiry line. CN explained that train whistling at the crossing was required under federal legislation, and that there is a process in which the municipality (the City of North Vancouver) may ask Transport Canada for an exception on the crossing. The community member requested her email be shared with the NSWLC. • Based on CN's update, work is currently underway to help lessen some of the noise from the rail tracks. It was also noted that the port is busy and some noise could be attributed to other factors. This information will be shared with the community member.

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6. Survey result regarding community engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2019 NSWLC survey highlighted members interest to be more involved in the community. Due to the current COVID-19 environment, which requires social distancing, many events that could have been used as an engagement opportunity have been cancelled or changed to a virtual format. • Planning for appropriate community engagement opportunities will begin in the new year
7. Committee admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting venue, date and time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thursday, December 10 (6-8 p.m.) - Location: Online <p>Future presentations of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Shore Emergency Management Office's initiatives for emergency preparedness • Port of Vancouver and national corridor air quality emissions • Aquarium on "Pollution in the Ocean" • Sewage plant in North Vancouver • New North Vancouver Museum project • BCMTOA overview

Action items

Action Item	Lead	Status
Connect with Department of Fisheries and Oceans to learn about precautions in place to protect orca calves	Alycia	In progress
Update committee terms of reference and send to committee for review.	Alycia	In progress
Online brainstorming session for ways for committee to participate in more community outreach	Alycia	2021
Future presentation to council in 2020 - deferred	Alycia	Ongoing