



Meeting summary notes

East Vancouver Port Lands and Liaison Committee

Date	2021-10-06
Time	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Location	Online via Zoom
Chair	Ram Chungh
Attendees	<p>Barb Fousek, BCA Harry Mah, BCA Peter Idema, Viterra Mike LoVecchio, CP Kristen Romilly, Avant building Ram Chungh, Acting Manager, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA) Tessa Battimelli, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Advisor, VFPA</p>
Guests	<p>Sterling Shipyard Remediation and Infill Project Presentation Kate Grossman, Public Engagement Advisor, Planning and Development, VFPA Caitriona Feeney, Development Planner, Planning and Development, VFPA Jag Bilkhu, Project Manager, SNC Lavalin Caillin Katnich, Director, Client services, Kirk & Co <i>Permit and Environmental Review Team:</i> Andrea Kwasnicki, Public Engagement Advisor, Planning and Development, VFPA Deborah Renn, Planner, Planning and Development, VFPA</p> <p>Commissioner Street Road Realignment Project – Update Payman Pegahi, Manager, Infrastructure Delivery, VFPA Joelle Westlund, Manager, Project Communications, VFPA Lisa-Marie Martin, Senior Communications Advisor, Project Communications, VFPA <i>Permit and Environmental Review Team:</i> Andrea Kwasnicki, Public Engagement Advisor, Planning and Development, VFPA</p> <p>CP Commissioner Street Rail Expansion Project Presentation Kiley Gibson, CP Paul Schaap, Dillion Consulting <i>Permit and Environmental Review Team:</i> Andrea Kwasnicki, Public Engagement Advisor, Planning and Development, VFPA Deborah Renn, Planner, Planning and Development, VFPA</p>
Regrets	Kirsten Behler, City of Vancouver

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Presentations	
1. Sterling Shipyard Remediation and Infill Project Presentation	<p>Kate Grossman provided an overview on the port authority's project and environmental review (PER) process and presented an overview of the Sterling Shipyard Remediation and Infill Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposing remediation and redevelopment activities in subtidal, intertidal and upland areas of a former shipyard at 2089 to 2095 Commissioner Street in Vancouver. • Contaminated sediment from the former shipyard will be removed and replaced with clean fill. The remediated area will be infilled to raise the grade and reclaim 4,500 square meters of additional land. • Project components include remedial excavation and dredging of substrate, rock berm installation, backfilling and vibro compaction. • Habitat offsetting through the development of a reef and planting of vegetation is also proposed. • Two public engagement strategies were proposed by the project team. <p>Discussion highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EVPL members indicated their preference for the engagement strategy that included direct mail drops to residents in the project area, newspaper advertisements, a project website with project overview and a feedback form. • Method of delivery for notification will be mail drop determined by postal code. • The notification area for the mail drop was expanded at the request of EVPL members. • Scope of project is remediation. Any future tenant/development proposal would need to undergo the PER and EVPL processes and would be considered a separate project. <p>Additional resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project and Environmental Review project webpage • Applicant's project engagement website
2. Commissioner Street Road Realignment Project – Update	<p>Payman Pegahi provided an update on the Commissioner Street Road Realignment Project and requested approval for the following low-impact activities on Monday, October 11, 2021, Thanksgiving Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bypass pumping – <i>continuous during the day, with marginal noise</i> • Grouting – <i>silent</i> • Liner welding – <i>almost silent, small generator running at one location</i> • Test ball and air compressor running – <i>marginal noise</i> <p>Proposed mitigation measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shrouding implemented to stationary equipment • Lights on construction site to face away from residences • Contractor to use silent pumps during the bypass pumping for Metro Vancouver sanitary sewer relocation activities where available or use shrouding around the pump station

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noticeable noise (such as back-up beepers on equipment) will be well within 70 dB as per WorkSafeBC construction guidelines • Noise monitoring station will be utilized to monitor noise along the road <p>The project team reiterated their goal of completing all construction activities before the end of the year. Allowing these low impact activities on Thanksgiving Day would help minimize traffic disruptions along Commissioner Street.</p> <p>The Project and Environmental Review team will consider feedback from the committee and communicate the decision via email by Friday, October 8, 2021. If approved, an updated work construction schedule would be posted to the project website and sent in the e-newsletter.</p> <p>Discussion highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project team indicated there are two stationary noise monitors on Commissioner Street, one along Renfrew Street and one along Nanaimo Street. A mobile device monitors noise near Dusty Greenwell Park during high impact activities. • The project team indicated they received three noise complaints in August, none in September and one in early October during the night. All noise complaints have been mitigated. • The committee stated that Saturday morning work seems to be the most disruptive and enquired about work starting later than 7:00 a.m. The project team indicated they would review the request. • The committee enquired about the projects connection to nearby ongoing sewer work at Renfrew/Victoria. • The committee agreed with the proposed online notification approach outlined in the project team’s presentation. <p>ACTION: Project team to review request for later start on weekends/holidays and provide details about nearby sewer works.</p>
<p>3. CP Commissioner Street Rail Expansion Project Presentation</p>	<p>Kiley Gibson presented an overview of the CP Commissioner Street Rail Expansion project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed project aims to improve mainline fluidity and switching operations of loaded and empty railcars, increase railcar storage capacity and support trade growth and increase local and national jobs. • The project components include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protection, upgrade or relocation of existing buried utilities - Two new yard tracks - Adjustments or improvements to existing crossings, turnouts, crossovers, and tracks, including Columbia Containers lead track and new crossing warning system with bells, lights and gates - A retaining wall along New Brighton Road (84 metres long by 3 metres high) • To-date, CP has completed an Archaeological Overview Assessment, Environmental Constraints Analysis, Initial Soil Quality Assessment, Geotechnical Assessment - L30 Track, and a Noise and Vibration Study. • CP does not anticipate any direct effects to: fish and fish habitat, groundwater, aquatic and terrestrial resources, species at risk or of special concern, marine

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	<p>operations, marine user groups or navigation, use of lands and resources by Indigenous peoples, or views.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary potential effects are anticipated to: air quality, archaeology and cultural resources, geotechnical, noise, vibration and light, surface water and soils, and traffic and presented their mitigation strategy for each. • Public engagement will take place Fall 2021. If approved, the project will commence by April 2022 and be complete by October 2022. • The engagement strategy includes Indigenous groups, specifically Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, stakeholders, public and the EVPL committee. <p>Discussion highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members enquired if this project will result in more or less train idling events and CP indicated idling is federally regulated by Transport Canada, however there should be a reduction once the track realignment and installation is complete. • Committee members asked about idling regulations and CP indicated they are allowed to idle for up to 30 minutes. Certain circumstances allow trains to exceed Transport Canada's regulations (i.e. temperature or need for air pressure breaking). Link to regulations is provided here. • Committee members enquired about specific pile driving methods and activities. CP indicated they will follow-up with engineering contractor. • Committee members asked to see the environmental best practices and CP's environmental consultant indicated that industry best practices and a general environmental plan have been submitted as part of their PER application and will be available to the public. Additional details, such as a site-specific environmental plan will be available once the construction contractor is engaged. • Committee members asked about whether this project will result in locomotives parking in front of residences. CP indicated operations will be same as today. • Committee members asked about whether larger trains will create more engine noise and CP stated that it will be the exact same equipment. CP is in the process of onboarding a new generation of higher capacity grain hopper car that is physically a bit shorter than the Government of Canada cars, but has the same functionality. • No additional feedback was provided in terms of the public engagement approach. The committee was satisfied with the notification area map, which covers an area ranging from 280 m to 420 m. <p>ACTION: CP to provide details on pile driving methods and activities. Tessa to share PER application once received, which includes best practices and environmental plan.</p>
New Business	
1. Roundtable and port updates	<p>CP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CP launched an orange painted locomotive in partnership with Orange Shirt Day with overall goal to stimulate discussion and awareness. • CP Holiday Train will be going virtual this year.

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	<p>Viterra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finishing dust upgrades. West side road will be complete mid-November. • Upcoming year will focus on internal improvements and finishing programs rather than capital improvements. <p>Port Authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The port authority provided port updates. • Kiewit Ledcor TMEP Partnership needs to replace two piles at their boat dock that were damaged from extreme tides in early September and plans to do the work this week. This work falls within the existing permit and is expected to be complete within a day or two.
2. Action item review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to note

Action items

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October 6, 2021	Commissioner Street Road Realignment project team to review request to start later on weekends/holidays	Payman	Complete
October 6, 2021	Commissioner Street Road Realignment project team to provide information about adjacent sewer works	Payman	Complete
October 6, 2021	CP Commissioner Street Rail Expansion project team to provide details on pile driving methodology	Kiley, CP	Complete
October 6, 2021	Provide link to CP Commissioner Street Rail Expansion PER application, which will include best practices and environmental plan	Tessa, Port Authority	Ongoing
October 6, 2021	CP Commissioner Street Rail Expansion to provide link to idling guidelines	Mike, CP	Complete
January 23, 2020	EVPL Members to participate on a South Shore tour	Tessa, Port Authority	On hold until post COVID