Meeting Notes

East Vancouver Port Lands Community Liaison Committee

Meeting details			
Date:	Tuesday, December 5, 2023		
Time:	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.		
Location:	In-Person • Address: 100 The Pointe – 999 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC V6C 3T4 • Meeting Room: Boardroom		
Attendees:	 Community Representatives Jacqueline Shaben, Avant Building Barbara Fousek, Burrardview Community Association John Hawthorne, Burrardview Community Association Harry Mah, Burrardview Community Association Organization Representatives Kirsten Behler, City of Vancouver Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Representatives Naomi Horsford, Manager, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Chance McKee, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Advisor Kimberly Ng, Municipal and Community Engagement Specialist Guest Speaker: Candace McLellan, Acting Manager, Port Forward Initiative 		
Regrets:	Organization Representatives Mike LoVecchio, CPKC Peter A. Idema, Viterra		
Previous meeting date	December 6, 2022		

Agenda Item and Notes		
Welcome, Acknowledgments and Introductions		
 Naomi Horsford began the meeting at 6:15 pm The committee members present participated in a roundtable of introductions. Naomi asked the committee whether any additions or edits were needed to the proposed agenda. The committee approved the agenda as proposed. Naomi introduced guest speaker Candace McLellan, Acting Manager of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's Port Forward Initiative, to provide a presentation on the initiative. 		
Port Forward Initiative Presentation and Q&A		
 Candace provided a high-level presentation on the port authority's Port Forward Initiative, consisting of a general overview; main objectives of the initiative; the internal and external engagement processes, and introduction of the Final Scenarios Report. This presentation was followed by a brief Q&A. Questions from the committee included: John Hawthorne: Was the City of Vancouver engaged in this initiative and, if so, who was the representative? Candace informed that Paul Mochrie, City Manager with the City of Vancouver was part of the engagement process, as well as representatives from three of 		

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the port authority's Community Liaison Committees, specifically North Shore Waterfront, South Shore, and Port Community Liaison Committees.

Action: Share the Final Scenarios Report and video with the committee.

Port Update:

- Naomi provided a general update on the port authority to the committee, touching on a few items of note, including the appointment of the port authority's new President and CEO, Peter Xotta. Peter formerly was the port authority's vice president of operations and supply chain. Peter assumed the role of President and CEO on December 4, 2023.
- Naomi provided an update on the port authority's record-breaking 2023 Cruise Season. The Port of Vancouver welcomed an estimated 1.25 million cruise passengers throughout 2023, a new record and a 54% increase compared to 2022. Additionally, there were 332 cruise ship calls between April and October 2023, a new record for the Canada Place cruise terminal and an increase of 9% compared to 307 visits in 2022.
- Naomi invited the committee members to experience Christmas at Canada Place, presented by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, and taking place between December 1, 2023, and January 2, 2024.
- Lastly, Naomi provided an update on Supply Chain Optimization initiatives being led by the
 port authority, including the Active Vessel Traffic Management (AVTM) and Connect+
 programs. These initiatives will allow the port authority to better manage inbound and
 outbound vessel traffic, anchorages, and trade-enabling resources throughout the gateway.
 Questions from the committee included:
 - Jacqueline Shaben Does the port authority also manage anchorages?
 - Naomi Yes, the port authority manages the anchorages within our jurisdiction, as well as those throughout the Southern Gulf Islands (SGIs).
 - John Hawthorne Are crews able to disembark vessels anchored in the SGIs?
 - Port authority representatives followed-up post-meeting with the port authority's Manager, Marine Operations & Assistant Harbour Master regarding the answer to this question. Answer below:
 - Once ships and their crews have been cleared by Canadian customs, they have shore leave. The port authority does not restrict shore leave from ships at anchor in the Port of Vancouver. It is important to note that the port authority only assigns ships to anchor in the SGIs, and that these anchorages are not under the jurisdiction of the port authority.
 - o John Hawthorne Where is the port authority at with the Rolling Truck Age Program?
 - Naomi informed the committee that in September 2022, the port authority advised implementation of the Rolling Truck Age Program would be deferred until April 3, 2023, to allow for truck owner-operators to source program-compliant trucks. However, in light of the current economic landscape and continued pandemic-related issues, the port authority again deferred implementation of the program for no less than nine months.
 - Harry Mah What is the port authority doing regarding climate action and air quality?
 - Naomi informed that the port authority is currently collaborating with partners regarding a <u>Climate and Air Quality Action Plan (CAQAP)</u>, but that air quality is a broader regional issue, which is currently being handled by Metro Vancouver.
 - Action: Follow-up with information on the port authority's CAQAP.
 - Jacqueline Shaben Does the port authority have jurisdiction over rail lines?
 - Naomi informed the committee that no, the port authority does not have regulatory oversight of the rail companies and that they are, in fact, regulated by the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA).

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	 Provided an update from City of Vancouver focused around planning initiatives, including the Vancouver Plan which was approved in Summer 2022. Kirsten informed the committee that this is the city's first city-wide plan, and that a few initiatives of-note have been started since approval: Adapting the Vancouver Plan into an Official Community Plan (OCP) Council directing staff to initiate area planning for Villages throughout the City of Vancouver Cleaning up policies that are outdated or have been superceded by new policies Kirsten also informed the committee of a few pieces of Provincial legislation, which will have significant impact on municipalities throughout BC. Two of note were the: Small, Multi-Unit Housing Bill Transit-Oriented Development Bill (requires municipalities to approve a minimum of 20-storey towers within 200 meters of potentially every (existing) rapid transit station) More detail will be forthcoming to the City from the Province regarding these regulations Barbara Fousek, Burrardview Community Association – No major updates from the BCA. Jacqueline Shaben, Avant Building – No major updates. 			
	Year-End Annual Survey Reminder			
5.	Naomi reminded the committee about completing the year-end survey by December 31, 2023, as committee member feedback is greatly appreciated to help us continuously improve			
	Committee Holiday Donation Discussion			
6.	 Committee members nominated local CRA-Registered non-profit Nature Vancouver to receive the committee's \$1,000 donation. Action: Port authority to organize the donation with Nature Vancouver. 			
7.	Committee Admin Review any action items Reminder: Committee members to complete Annual Satisfaction Survey by 12/31			

Action Items

Action Item	Lead	Status
Share Port Forward Final Scenarios Report with Committee		Complete
Share information regarding shore leave privileges for crew members on vessels anchored in SGIs		Complete
Share information regarding port authority's CAQAP		Complete
Organize Nature Vancouver \$1,000 donation from Committee		Complete

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