

Port Community Liaison Committee

Annual Report 2023

Committee Overview

The Port Community Liaison Committee – Delta (PCLC) serves as a forum for communications and dialogue about port-related issues in Delta. The committee brings together representatives from the City of Delta, Tsawwassen First Nation, Musqueam First Nation, port industry, local business, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, and Delta community representatives to discuss developments, identify concerns, provide suggestions and facilitate communication about port operations and development.

Summary

In 2023 the committee continued to offer hybrid meetings with opportunities to meet in person and over zoom. The committee said farewell to three community representatives whose terms ended and welcomed five new community representatives, three from Ladner, one from Tsawwassen and one from North Delta.

Members

Community representatives

Returning representatives:

- Randy Anderson-Fennell, Ladner
- Michael Frost, Ladner

New representatives:

- Jimena Grueso, Ladner
- Nathan Schwartz, Ladner
- Paul Banns, Ladner
- Corinne Atwood, North Delta
- Jim Noel, Tsawwassen

Outgoing representatives:

- Heather Lapper, Tsawwassen
- Sepia Sharma, North Delta
- Greg Wirch, Tsawwassen

Environmental representative

- Oliver Busby, EBB Environmental Consulting and Delta resident

Organizational representatives

- Greg Andrew, Westshore Terminals
- Sheila Williams, Tsawwassen First Nation
- Jennifer Natland, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
- Marko Dekovic, Global Container Terminals
- Bernita Iversen / Mike Brotherston, City of Delta
- Jill McKnight, Delta Chamber of Commerce
- Noel Roddick, Delta Farmers' Institute
- Richard Sparrow, Musqueam First Nation
- Chris Bevilacqua, BC Rail Company

Meetings

There were four meetings in 2023. Topics discussed included:

- Supply chain challenges due to COVID-19 pandemic, wildfires and flooding
- The ECHO program as well as other port initiatives and programs
- Port capacity and volumes
- Roberts Bank Terminal 2 (RBT2) updates
- Westshore Terminal operations and construction update
- Fraser River dredging
- Port policing and security on port properties and terminals
- Global Container Terminals (GCT) update
- Recruitment of new community representatives
- Facilitator's year-end summary report

Presentations

Presentations that the committee received this year were:

- ECHO: Creating a quieter Salish Sea for whales
- Next steps for Roberts Bank Terminal 2 (RBT2)
- Port of Vancouver Gateway Update
- Westshore Terminals' potash export project update
- Port policing and security
- Update from Global Container Terminals

Outreach

In October the committee saw its annual holiday donation allowance increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and voted to split the holiday donation equally between Mission to Seafarers and Mamas for Mamas. Photos were taken of both cheque presentations and submitted to local newspapers.

Events

In June, the committee was invited to participate in the port authority-led Climate and Air Quality Action Plan (CAQAP) session.

In July, the committee attended a joint harbour tour with the three other committees. The main focus was on the terminals, tenants and habitat restoration in Burrard Inlet and Indian Arm.

As part of its community investment program, the port authority was a sponsor of this year's Bard on the Beach. As a sponsor, the port authority received 40 tickets to one show and offered them to the four community liaison committees.