

**VANCOUVER FRASER PORT AUTHORITY
MAYORS' ROUNDTABLE – SOUTH OF THE FRASER
MEETING NOTES**

**Thursday, November 9, 2017 9:00am – 11:00am
Surrey City Hall**

Meeting	The Mayors' Roundtable – South of the Fraser is an information sharing committee that provides a forum for the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and local government elected officials to share information regarding a variety of port-related topics.
Co-Chairs	Mayor Linda Hepner (City of Surrey) Duncan Wilson, <i>Vice President, Corporate Social Responsibility</i> (Vancouver Fraser Port Authority)
Local Government Elected Roundtable Attendees	City of Delta: Mayor Lois Jackson City of Langley: Mayor Ted Schaffer Metro Vancouver: Mayor Richard Stewart (City of Coquitlam) City of Richmond: Councillor Linda McPhail City of Surrey: Mayor Linda Hepner Township of Langley: Mayor Jack Froese
Local Government Elected Roundtable Regrets	Tsawwassen First Nation: Chief Bryce Williams
Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Attendees and Other Staff	Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and Other Staff: Duncan Wilson, <i>Vice President, Corporate Social Responsibility</i> Cliff Stewart, <i>Vice President, Infrastructure</i> Naomi Horsford, <i>Municipal Executive Liaison, Public Affairs</i> Anita Gill, <i>Manager, Security</i> Emma Luongo, <i>Meeting Recorder</i> (Kirk & Co. Consulting)
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductions 2. Review of proposed Terms of Reference 3. Greater Vancouver Gateway (GVG) 2030 update 4. Port security update

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	<p>5. Port updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ECHO</i> • <i>Mid-year stats</i> • <i>Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project (Delta)</i> • <i>BHP Billiton Canada Inc. Potash Export Facility Project (Surrey)</i> • <i>Fraser Grain Terminal Grain Export Facility Project (Surrey)</i> • <i>Delta Truck Staging Project (Delta)</i> • <i>Tsawwassen Container Examination Facility (Delta)</i> • <i>Cruise ship pre-feasibility study</i> • <i>Rail Crossing Information System (RCIS) (Langley, Surrey)</i> • <i>Industrial land acquisition (Richmond, Port Coquitlam)</i> • <i>Metro Vancouver industrial land inventory</i> <p>6. Roundtable discussion & next steps</p>
Materials & Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayors' Roundtable meeting agenda • Mayors' Roundtable PowerPoint presentation hard copy • Mayors' Roundtable Terms of Reference
Meeting Summary Key Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest in port security, particularly around container examination processes • Interest in industrial land and real estate, particularly as it relates to land parcels in Surrey. A request was made for Tom Corsie to present at the next Mayors' Roundtable on this topic

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Presentation and Discussion

1. Introductions

Duncan Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:07am, and led roundtable introductions.

2. Review of Terms of Reference

Duncan Wilson provided a brief history of the Mayors' Roundtable – South of Fraser and its origins as an RBT2-specific body. Duncan explained that after receiving feedback from the group, the port authority created this new forum for mayors and chiefs of each participating local government to regularly discuss a broad range of port-related topics, as well as identify opportunities for increased collaborations. Duncan indicated that Robin Silvester will chair future meetings.

Richard Stewart noted that the Terms of Reference Section 3.3 needed to be revised to identify Robin Silvester as the chair of future meetings.

Linda Heppner asked if the mayors could add agenda items at any time.

- Duncan Wilson advised that yes, they can add to the agenda at any point.

3. Greater Vancouver Gateway (GVG) 2030 update

Duncan Wilson apologized for the absence of Mike Henderson, who was scheduled to present at the meeting, but instead was attending a meeting in Ottawa in pursuit of additional infrastructure dollars for the region.

Duncan Wilson gave an overview of the federal funding that was promised over the next 11 years for infrastructure projects in the region, and the expected breakdown of the money that would likely be allocated to the Metro Vancouver region.

Duncan Wilson indicated that the gateway projects put forward by the port authority alone total \$3.1 billion. He explained that given the government's emphasis on growing trade, the port authority is very disappointed that there isn't more money on the table. Duncan Wilson explained that the port authority will be writing to the Minister of Finance about this, and asked for the support of the mayors and their counterparts in this effort

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Mayor Jack Froese and Mayor Linda Hepner asked for a copy of the letter once the port authority has written one, so that they send a copy as well.

Mayor Lois Jackson also voiced her desire for the letter, as well as a detailed summary of how the existing funding money has been allocated.

fire alarm – mandatory evacuation paused meeting until approximately 9:45 a.m.

Duncan Wilson proposed dropping the remainder of the GVG 2030 presentation from the agenda in the interest of time, and pick it up at the next meeting. Mayor Linda Hepner agreed.

4. Port security update

Anita Gill provided the group with an overview of the port authority's security responsibilities, including their legislated responsibilities and corporate security responsibilities, and also the partnerships and committees that the port authority participates in.

Mayor Lois Jackson asked when the last Marine Emergency Response Coordination Committee (MERC) meeting took place.

- Anita Gill indicated that there is one coming up in the next week, but the previous one was three months ago. She advised that they take place every 3 months.

Richard Stewart asked if MERC membership is only for salt water jurisdictions, and not rivers.

- Anita Gill indicated that she would follow up to confirm membership of MERC.

Mayor Ted Schaffer asked if the port is the lead in live multi-stakeholder exercises.

- Anita Gill explained that a lead is designated depending on the primary responder in a particular situation. She explained that the port usually attends these exercises in collaboration with the primary responder, but is rarely the lead in any incident.
- Cliff Stewart used the example of the fire at Centerm last year – Vancouver Fire Department was the primary responder, and it was also their emergency response plan that was executed.

Duncan Wilson revisited Mayor Richard Stewart's question about how the emergency response exercises are developed.

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- Anita Gill explained that the exercise are planned by the port authority, and executed in collaboration with the first responders and municipalities.

Duncan Wilson proposed the topic of rail safety as a future presentation topic, with a first responder or a railway as a guest speaker.

Mayor Linda Hepner expressed interest in learning more about a regional emergency response plan, and suggested that emergency response be implemented as a standing item on the Mayors' Roundtable meeting agenda.

Mayor Linda Hepner asked who is responsible at the port when a product lands.

- Anita Gill answered that the CBSA and RCMP are both responsible. Anita clarified that the port authority does not have any power in this area, as it falls under CBSA's mandate.

Duncan Wilson proposed that a representative of the CBSA provide a presentation at a future meeting.

5. Port updates

Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO)

Duncan Wilson provided an overview of the ECHO program, as well as highlights from the recent Slowdown Trial that took place in Haro Strait.

Linda Hepner asked about who is analyzing the data from the Slowdown Trial.

- Duncan answered that Ocean Networks Canada is analyzing the data, and Transport Canada is also closely involved.

Lois Jackson asked what the "other" sector includes, and if the BC Ferries were included in the trial.

- Cliff Stewart explained that the BC Ferries do not travel the Haro Strait, and therefore were not included in this trial.
- Duncan Wilson clarified that vessels in the "other" category could include military vessels, whale watching vessels, and other small vessels. Duncan also spoke to the fact that with the port authority's EcoAction program, the Port of Vancouver became the first port in the world with a marine noise reduction incentive.

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Mid-year stats:

Duncan Wilson provided an update on the port authority's mid-year stats. Highlights include 69 million metric tonnes of cargo a 4% increase in overall cargo through the Port of Vancouver to.

Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project:

Cliff Stewart provided an update on the environmental assessment process for the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project. Cliff summarized the timeline for the assessment, as well as the panel requests that have been sent to the port authority to date.

BHP Billiton Canada Inc. Potash Export Facility Project

Duncan Wilson provided an update on the status of the Potash Export Facility Project proposed at Fraser Surrey Docks. Duncan explained that it is currently under preliminary review.

Fraser Grain Terminal Grain Export Facility Project

Duncan Wilson provided an update on the Fraser Grain Export Facility Project, proposed by Fraser Grain Terminal Ltd. Duncan explained that the project is currently under application review as part of the port authority's Project and Environmental Review Process.

Mayor Lois Jackson expressed her support for the project, but stated that the province needs to provide an overpass on the South Fraser Perimeter Road if the project is approved, for emergency vehicles especially. Mayor Lois Jackson also commented that Delta hopes to have Surrey's support on this request.

Delta Truck Staging Project:

Cliff Stewart provided an update on the Delta Truck Staging Project, which included a brief project overview, as well as the project status. Cliff indicated that the project's targeted completion is estimated to be mid-2019.

Mayor Linda Hepner asked if this facility would be used for trucks to park overnight.

- Cliff Stewart answered that there would be requirements for this facility, and it would be controlled as trucks will only be allowed to park for a maximum of 2 hours.

Tsawwassen Container Examination Facility:

Cliff Stewart provided an update on the Tsawwassen Container Examination Facility, and indicated that the target completion would be May 2018.

Mayor Lois Jackson asked how far trucks travel at the moment for container examinations.

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- Cliff Stewart answered that trucks currently travel for inspection from Deltaport to Burnaby, near Gagliardi, then must travel back to Deltaport to be released. Cliff highlighted the efficiency that the new container examination facility would bring.

Cruise ship pre-feasibility study:

Duncan Wilson provided a brief update on the cruise ship pre-feasibility study, and noted that the study is in a very preliminary stage, and that what the media has been reporting has not been assessed yet. Duncan indicated that the study results should be in by December.

Rail Crossing Information System (RCIS):

Cliff Stewart provided an update on the current status of RCIS, and advised that the civil works contract is due for tender on B.C. Bid. Cliff estimated that the project should be entering construction in 2018.

Industrial land:

Duncan Wilson provided an update on the port authority's trade-enabling industrial land acquisition in Richmond and Port Coquitlam. Duncan also updated on the current Metro Vancouver industrial land inventory, and explained to the group that there is only 1,000 acres of vacant trade-enabling land left in the region.

Mayor Linda Hepner asked what defines "trade-enabling" land? She also noticed that there was no land showing on the map in Surrey, and asked where the significant industrial lands in Clayton Heights would be on this map.

- Duncan Wilson explained that that "trade-enabling" land is considered to be large, flat plots of industrially-zoned land close to transportation corridors, and advised that they would look into Clayton Heights, as it used to be on the map.

Duncan Wilson also raised the need for a policy discussion for industrial land strategy, as the industrial land reserve never came to fruition. Duncan stated that the municipalities need to work together to find a solution.

Mayor Richard Stewart asked why some existing parcels of industrial lands are not identified as such on the map.

- Duncan Wilson suggested that perhaps the parcels are too small, or they are not trade-enabling. Duncan also proposed bringing Tom Corsie, from the port authority's real estate division, to the next meeting to further discuss the topic of industrial land.

Mayor Linda Hepner expressed her confusion over the term "trade-enabling" land.

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- Cliff Stewart clarified that land that is already in use does not appear on the map, and that the use of this map is to show the lack of industrial land that is available for development.

Mayor Linda Hepner discussed the issue of Vancouver's land use with regards to the regional growth strategy. She explained that Surrey has successfully preserved much industrial land, and that the use of Surrey's land should not be a "regional" decision, and that there should be a discussion regarding the independence of communities.

Mayor Richard Stewart reiterated the issue with Vancouver's use of land regarding the regional growth strategy.

Duncan Wilson confirmed that Tom Corsie would be invited to speak on this topic at the next roundtable meeting.

6. Roundtable discussion

Mayor Jack Froese asked if the Kinder Morgan project is important to the port, commenting that the project would help to alleviate rail use. Mayor Froese mentioned that he sees lots of oil transiting through the Township of Langley by train, and expressed his concerns over this.

- Cliff Stewart explained that most of the oil that Mayor Froese sees going through the Township of Langley is actually canola oil. Cliff commented that yes, the Kinder Morgan pipeline is important because in its absence, more oil will begin being transported by rail because Canadian producers will have no other choice.
- Cliff Stewart explained that with regards to rail capacity, forecast work has been done on the volume of goods to 2035-2040, which looked at affected road and rail. The forecasts indicated that there were very few places where work would be required to handle capacity until that time.
- Cliff Stewart suggested having Peter Xotta at a future meeting to discuss rail in more depth.

Mayor Linda Hepner asked if there was any change in fire protection required by a facility handling potash.

- Duncan Wilson indicated that the Surrey Fire Department would be in any mitigation discussions required for the Potash facility, and that the City of Surrey would certainly be at the table during these discussions as well.

Mayor Richard Stewart asked how much capacity is needed in the region for potash.

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- Cliff Stewart explained that a lot of former capacity for potash has become obsolete. Cliff mentioned how North Vancouver used to have huge potash facilities, but now there are much less. Cliff explained that some of the capacity for the new potash facility would be additional capacity, and some is replacement capacity.
- Mayor Linda Hepner commented on the huge demand for potash worldwide.

Mayor Richard Stewart asked how much capacity there is in the lower mainland to create land.

- Cliff Stewart explained that the challenge with creating land is places that land could be created are environmentally sensitive, and discussed how it is a challenge the port authority is facing.
- Duncan Wilson added that the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 footprint would be reclaimed land if the project is approved. Duncan discussed how the project is proposed in deeper water to reduce impacts.

Mayor Linda Hepner asked if the Port of Vancouver does more business than the port in St. Lawrence.

- Duncan Wilson answered that the Port of Vancouver is the biggest port in the country, having grown by more than 30 million metric tonnes per year, and compared this growth to putting two Port of Montreals in a region in a 12 year period. Duncan further explained that just RBT2 by itself would be a 1.2 billion dollar contribution to GDP just in terms of supply chain, not including all other considerations. Duncan noted that the Port of Vancouver is the largest export port in North America, and the third largest port in terms of tonnage in North America.
- Cliff Stewart added that the only ports that are bigger are ones like New York and New Jersey, which are either one state or two states combined.

Mayor Linda Hepner suggested that the port produce a video, similar to the ECHO video, for economic impacts of the Port of Vancouver.

Mayor Lois Jackson raised the issue of local channel dredging, and her desire to put something together that is ongoing with the federal government. She explained that if the channel is not kept clear, silt builds up quickly and takes even more money to dredge.

Mayor Lois Jackson also raised how the Royal Canadian Search and Rescue (RCSAR) is currently stationed in Point Roberts, rather than in Canada. She expressed a desire to bring the RCSAR back to Canada, and that the fact that they are stationed in the U.S. is surprising.

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- Duncan Wilson explained that currently, Point Roberts is the only feasible option to have a facility for the RCSAR at the moment, but that there is a possibility that the RBT2 Project can incorporate a facility for them.

Duncan Wilson proposed two additional meetings for 2018, in April and November, and asked whether anyone in the group would like to be a co-chair and host the next meetings.

Mayor Jack Froese volunteered to host the next meeting in the Township of Langley, and Mayor Richard Stewart also volunteered to host the subsequent meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11:06am.

Summary of Action Items from Meeting	Responsible
Revision to section 3.3 to include Robin Silvester as the meeting co-chair in future meetings	EL
Distribute GTCF letter that the port authority is sending to the Minister of Finance re: federal infrastructure funding to mayors (once written)	DW
Send Mayor Lois Jackson a detailed account of where the federal funding dollars have been assigned, and how much is left for Metro Vancouver	DW
Follow up with Mayor Stewart regarding MERC membership (salt water municipalities only?)	AG
Invite CBSA to present at a future meeting regarding container examination	AG
Invite a railway as a guest speaker to future meeting	CS/DW
Implement emergency response as a standing agenda item for future meetings	EL
Follow up regarding the omission of City of Surrey's industrial land on the map shown in the meeting	DW
Invite Tom Corsie to future meeting to discuss industrial land real estate	EL
Invite Peter Xotta to future meeting to discuss rail capacity	EL