

DELTAPORT CONTAINER TERMINAL

ROBERTS BANK

ACTION PLAN

IN RESPONSE TO

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE

INDEPENDENT PROJECT REVIEW PANEL

November 25, 1992

RECOMMENDATION 1: ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO LOCAL COMMUNITY

WORK WITH THE TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION AND DELTA BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO MAXIMIZE JOBS AND LOCAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS.

ACTION:

There are many opportunities which spin off from the operation of a modern container terminal in addition to the direct jobs. These have been identified in a study carried out by Raymond Associates and will be made available to all concerned.

VPC wishes to establish an ongoing liaison with both the Tsawwassen First Nation and the Delta business community. It is suggested that the latter might be coordinated through the Delta Chamber of Commerce. It is anticipated that the first meeting will open a dialogue on the present and future operations at Roberts Bank for the purpose of exploring potential interests and skills/services that are available within the Tsawwassen First Nation and local business community. Subsequent meetings will be coordinated with the terminal operators at Roberts Bank to encourage direct communication and identification of opportunities.

TIME FRAME:

Beginning in December, 1992 and ongoing.

RECOMMENDATION 2: LOCAL TRAFFIC

REVIEW OPTIONS FOR PROVIDING ROAD ACCESS TO ROBERTS BANK IN ADDITION TO THE PROPOSED DELTAPORT WAY EXTENSION, AND CONSIDER THE FEASIBILITY OF AN OFF-DOCK TRUCK TRANSFER CENTRE TO SERVICE LOCAL CONTAINER TRAFFIC AWAY FROM ROBERTS BANK (I.E. MOVING ALL CONTAINERS TO ROBERTS BANK BY RAIL).

ACTION:

VPC will re-establish the Road Access Committee to investigate road access to Roberts Bank for the proposed container terminal. The Committee will be expanded to include representatives from the community as well as the previous representatives from the Corporation of Delta, the Ministry of Transportation and Highways, the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, the Agricultural Land Commission and VPC. The Committee will review options and prepare a recommendation for community consideration at an information meeting to be scheduled in the Spring of 1993.

VPC is also reviewing a study undertaken by KPMG to evaluate the possibility of raiiling all containers to and from Roberts Bank. This proposal would require a transfer yard somewhere in the vicinity of Boundary Bay Airport. VPC will present the study to the Road Access Committee at its first meeting.

TIME FRAME:

Committee will be established in December.

RECOMMENDATION 3: ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION

3a) IMPLEMENT MITIGATION FOR MARINE HABITAT LOSS AS PROPOSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPRAISAL DOCUMENT.

ACTION:

VPC has applied to the Fraser River Estuary Management Program (FREMP) for approval to construct marine improvements to mitigate lost habitat in the area of the proposed berth facility. FREMP is currently reviewing VPC's application.

TIME FRAME:

Underway.

3d) **IN ADDITION TO THE PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION, VPC WILL REVIEW THE MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR THE 1982 ROBERTS BANK EXPANSION AND COMPLETE THE PROGRAM UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ROBERTS BANK ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE WITHIN THE LIMIT OF THE ORIGINAL HABITAT MITIGATION BUDGET (I.E. \$400,000 BUDGET REMAINING).**

ACTION:

A re-activated Roberts Bank Environmental Review Committee is reviewing the 1982 mitigation program to determine which elements remain to be completed. In particular, a reassessment will be made of the impact of the overhead powerlines on the bird population to confirm what steps should be taken to mitigate. VPC will commit the amount indicated above once the priorities have been set by the Committee.

TIME FRAME:

Underway.

RECOMMENDATION 4: PORT PLANNING

ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE TO INFORM THE COMMUNITY ABOUT VPC'S DEVELOPMENT PLANS AT ROBERTS BANK.

ACTION:

VPC will establish a Community Liaison Committee and will seek advice from Delta Council on how to make this an effective communication program. VPC representatives will be at Board and Executive management level.

TIME FRAME:

Initiate liaison committee immediately.

RECOMMENDATION 5: TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE PLANNING

ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LONG-TERM PLAN TO ADDRESS LAND USE IN THE ROBERTS BANK AREA INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION AND PORT DEVELOPMENT.

ACTION:

VPC proposes to work with Delta Council and other interested parties to develop a long term land use plan in the Roberts Bank area. VPC is prepared to commit matching funds up to \$25,000 once the Terms of Reference have been set.

TIME FRAME:

At the discretion of Delta Council.