PORT METRO VANCOUVER
ROBERTS BANK TERMINAL 2 PROJECT
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTED ROUNDTABLE
MEETING NOTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014 – 10:00am – 11:30am
Nicomekl River Board Room, Township of Langley Civic Facility

Meeting
Regular meeting of the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project Local Government Elected Roundtable (LGER). The LGER is an information sharing committee that provides a forum for Port Metro Vancouver and local elected officials to share information and discuss community interests, issues and benefits related to the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project.

Co-Chairs
Councillor Charlie Fox, Township of Langley
Duncan Wilson, Vice-President, Corporate Social Responsibility, Port Metro Vancouver

Local Government Elected Roundtable Attendees
Councillor Linda McPhail, City of Richmond
Holly Foxcroft, Transportation Planner, City of Surrey
Mayor Lois Jackson, Corporation of Delta
Councillor Charlie Fox, Township of Langley
Chief Bryce Williams, Tsawwassen First Nation
Tanya Corbet, Tsawwassen First Nation

Port Metro Vancouver Attendees and Other Staff
Duncan Wilson, Vice-President, Corporate Social Responsibility, Port Metro Vancouver
Cliff Stewart, Vice-President, Infrastructure Delivery, Port Metro Vancouver
Rhona Hunter, Acting Director, Infrastructure Development, Port Metro Vancouver
Carolyn Parenteau, Communications Advisor, Port Metro Vancouver
Chris Chok, Kirk & Co. Consulting Ltd.
Laura Abbott, Kirk & Co. Consulting Ltd., Meeting Recorder
Ben Wheeler, Hemmera

Agenda
1. Introductions
2. Updates from Local Government Representatives
3. Pre-Design Consultation Summary Report Overview Presentation (for information and discussion)
4. Technical Advisory Group Process (for information and discussion)
5. Environmental Assessment Process Update (for information and discussion)
6. Local Government Outreach Summary Report Update (for information)
7. Other Business
8. Next Steps
Materials & Presentations

- Pre-Design Consultation Summary Report Overview Presentation
- Technical Advisory Group Process
- Environmental Assessment Process Update

Meeting Summary Key Themes

- Participants asked how input from the Port Metro Vancouver-led public consultation would be used.
- Participants expressed a desire for additional information about the nature and timing of the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Environmental Assessment Process.
- Participants asked for additional information on scope of project versus scope of assessment for Roberts Bank Terminal 2 and the assessment of cumulative effects from the project.
- Participants expressed interest in Port Metro Vancouver’s involvement in the George Massey Tunnel Project.

Presentation and Discussion

1. Welcome and Introductions

D. Wilson welcomed participants to the Local Government Elected Roundtable meeting. Roundtable introductions followed. No new items were added to the meeting agenda.

2. Updates from Local Government Representatives

Local government representatives provided an overview of infrastructure and other developments in their communities.

Discussion

- C. Fox provided an update on infrastructure project developments in the Township of Langley, particularly the ongoing construction and completion of overpasses.

- L. McPhail provided an overview of Port Metro Vancouver’s recent update to City of Richmond. She described City of Richmond’s ongoing concerns relating to truck traffic; transportation north of the George Massey Tunnel; and impacts to the Agricultural Land Reserve. The City of Richmond believes that cumulative effects should extend to all projects on the Fraser River and the Georgia Strait. Richmond City Council’s last staff update on the George Massey Tunnel replacement was in December. City of Richmond staff members are holding biweekly technical
laison meetings with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to discuss geotechnical assessment; traffic forecast modelling; and traffic data. Reports are expected toward the end of 2014. A project office has been opened in the Ironwood Mall in Richmond.

- D. Wilson informed participants that Port Metro Vancouver anticipates expanding its GPS tracking program to 100 percent of its trucking fleet.

- L. Jackson updated meeting participants about her ongoing discussions with Andy Anderson, Mayor of Ashcroft about the possibility of developing an inland port at Ashcroft. L. Jackson stated that an inland port would help to alleviate pressure on farmland and provide storage for containers. L. Jackson emphasized the contribution of Port Metro Vancouver in dredging the harbour basin and thanked Port Metro Vancouver for its ongoing efforts to enhance habitat areas.

- B. Williams emphasized that Tsawwassen First Nation is very happy to be part of the process. He expressed particular satisfaction with employment opportunities with the Habitat Enhancement Program and the prospect of future employment opportunities.

- H. Foxcroft described progress on the combination overpass. She noted City of Surrey’s desire for future improvements of the at-grade crossings at 168th and 184th Streets. H. Foxcroft stated that residents continue to give presentations about whistle cessation and stated that it’s a consideration with 300,000 people forecasted to move to City of Surrey in the next 30 years.

3. Pre-Design Consultation Summary Report Overview Presentation

C. Chok provided an overview of the Consultation Summary Report from the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project Pre-Design Consultation in fall 2013. He described the topics for consultation; consultation notification and participation; and key themes from consultation feedback.

Discussion

- L. Jackson asked for clarification about the nature of biofilm.
  - B. Wheeler stated that it is a thin layer of algae on the sand that is high in nutrients and provides food for birds, especially Western Sandpipers.

- C. Fox stated that the number of participant interactions (196) from the consultation seems low. He asked for further information about the nature of those interactions and whether the low number of participants is indicative of low interest.
  - C. Chok noted that there was extensive participant notification and it would be speculative to comment on reasons why there weren’t higher numbers of participant
interactions. He noted the value in counting distinct participant interactions, as opposed to participants, and that all consultation feedback is useful.

- D. Wilson noted that the public generally has a good understanding of containerized trade and opposition is most often to localized impacts. He also noted that people often wait for the regulator-led consultation process to provide their feedback, but that Port Metro Vancouver’s consultation process allows the Port to determine, in advance of the regulator-led consultation, areas of community concern.

- L. Jackson noted that the Corporation of Delta website links to Port Metro Vancouver. She observed that people are not concerned about the current coal port, but there is extensive community concern about the proposed Fraser Surrey Docks project. She suggested that community members should continue to be able to provide feedback through a survey.

- D. Wilson noted that mitigation measures for other projects (Deltaport Third Berth) have offset potential impacts for the RBT2 Project. He noted that there is less community concern than in previous rounds of consultation.

4. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Process

B. Wheeler provided an overview of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) process, including context, objectives and topics.

Discussion

- L. Jackson asked whether Bernita Iverson, Senior Policy Analyst with the Corporation of Delta, is involved with this process.
  - D. Wilson noted that B. Iverson is part of the Port Community Liaison Committee.

- L. Jackson noted a study by Phil Hill and Stephen Shepherd on sea level rise.

5. Environmental Assessment Process Update

C. Stewart provided an overview of the environmental assessment process for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project. He provided anticipated project time lines and a description of the panel process, including opportunities for public feedback.

Discussion

- C. Fox asked for clarification about the time lines for Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submissions and analysis.
  - C. Stewart clarified the time line, stating that Port Metro Vancouver will develop and submit the EIS, followed by 5 months for public and agency comment. The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency will determine whether the EIS is complete. If not,
the process will stop and it will be returned to Port Metro Vancouver for amendment. He stated that Port Metro Vancouver anticipates that the EIS will be complete at the end of December, 2014 and that Port Metro Vancouver anticipates the process will be complete in 2018, which accounts for some “back and forth” between Port Metro Vancouver and the regulator.

- L. McPhail asked whether the assessed impacts are restricted to within the physical boundaries of the project.
  - C. Stewart clarified the difference between scope of project and scope of assessment. He stated that there are local and regional assessment areas which differ depending on the nature of the anticipated impact.

- H. Foxcroft noted that the City of Surrey had provided formal correspondence to the last phase of consultation. She asked whether that correspondence will be addressed separately or as part of the consideration memo from the consultation.
  - C. Stewart stated that it would be addressed as part of the consideration memo.
  - R. Hunter clarified that how the submission is considered depends on whether it was submitted to the Port Metro Vancouver consultation or to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.
  - C. Stewart noted that the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency doesn’t respond to input.

- H. Foxcroft asked about the timeline for the posting of the consideration memo.
  - C. Stewart noted that the consideration memo would be posted in late spring and that the consideration memo will build on previous feedback and PMV responses.

- L. Jackson noted that much of the consideration of impacts that is being done for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project was also completed as part of Deltaport Third Berth and that RBT2 is a much bigger project. She emphasized the need for ongoing and extensive public consultation and engagement and that while extensive public consultation and engagement will take longer, the result will be that the large majority of people will be satisfied with the results. She also noted the difference in environmental and regulatory requirements between Canada and other countries.

- B. Williams asked about impact of the Kinder Morgan project and other resource-development projects on tanker traffic. He also asked about the anticipated increase in container ship traffic from the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project.
  - D. Wilson stated that Kinder Morgan’s proposal would see tanker traffic increase from 50 tankers a year to 250 tankers a year.
  - C. Stewart stated there would be increase of about 250 container ships with Roberts
Banks Terminal 2 Project, for a total of 500 from the two projects. He stated that the question relates to cumulative effects and that cumulative effects include the effects of existing plus reasonably foreseeable projects. These projects would include Kinder Morgan, RBT2, and the George Massey Tunnel Project – any project that has been announced that someone is attempting to pursue.

6. Local Government Outreach Summary Report Update

C. Parenteau provided an overview of the Local Government Outreach Summary Report and stated that the report, which includes meetings up to December, 2013, would be finalized and circulated to the Local Government Elected Roundtable with the minutes from the February 18, 2014 meeting. The report will also be posted online, when the minutes of the February 18, 2014 meeting are posted.

Action Items

- C. Parenteau to circulate Local Government Elected Roundtable and Local Government Outreach Summary Report to participants.

7. Other Business

- L. McPhail asked if Port Metro Vancouver has determined how frequently they will meet with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure about the George Massey Tunnel Project.
  - D. Wilson stated that there had been meetings with Port Metro Vancouver’s planning team in the lead up to the consultation and the George Massey Tunnel Project team had been consulting with Port Metro Vancouver about draft and similar requirements. The planning group is reviewing that input.
  - C. Stewart stated that Port Metro Vancouver had been consulted about the project as local governments were, but he was unaware of any formalized process.
  - L. Jackson stated that Corporation of Delta has been meeting regularly with staff at the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.
  - D. Wilson stated that he would check with Port Metro Vancouver’s planning department to confirm.

- D. Wilson informed the group that Port Metro Vancouver will be hosting a Technical Working Group meeting on February 25, 2014 and that local government staff would have received the invitation.

Action Items
• D. Wilson to confirm Port Metro Vancouver involvement with the George Massey Tunnel Project with the Port’s Planning Department.

8. Next Steps

• D. Wilson asked the group to consider when the next Local Government Elected Roundtable meeting should occur. He suggested that Port Metro Vancouver reach out to local government offices directly to schedule the meeting.
  o R. Hunter stated that the spring would allow for a few technical working group meetings to be completed and that there would be greater clarity on timing regarding EIS submissions.
  o C. Stewart suggested that the next meeting should be scheduled for the end of May or early June.

• L. Jackson asked which municipalities are participants in the Local Government Elected Roundtable. She impressed that this is an elected group and that when the time comes, elected officials would be able to say that they have been involved for the duration of the process. She reinforced the importance of setting meeting dates far in advance and ensuring that elected officials from all participating local governments attend the meetings.
  o D. Wilson stated that Port Metro Vancouver has endeavoured to ensure that there are participants from participating local governments at the meetings.

• C. Fox suggested that Township of Langley host the meeting in the fall, and that the meeting time should be extended to allow for participants to visit some of the overpass projects in the Township.

• R. Hunter asked for offers to host the next meeting of the Local Government Elected Roundtable.

Action Items

• C. Parenteau to follow-up by email to schedule the next meeting date and determine a meeting location.

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