

**VANCOUVER FRASER PORT AUTHORITY  
ROBERTS BANK TERMINAL 2 PROJECT  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTED ROUNDTABLE  
MEETING NOTES**

**Friday, May 27, 2016 2:00pm – 4:00pm  
Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Delta Community Office**

<b>Meeting</b>	The Local Government Elected Roundtable is an information sharing committee that provides a forum for the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and local government elected officials to share information and discuss community interests, issues and benefits related to the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project.
<b>Co-Chairs</b>	Mayor Lois Jackson (Corporation of Delta) Cliff Stewart, <i>Vice President, Infrastructure Sustainability</i> (Vancouver Fraser Port Authority)
<b>Local Government Elected Roundtable Attendees</b>	<b>Corporation of Delta:</b> Mayor Lois Jackson <b>City of Langley:</b> Mayor Ted Schaffer <b>City of Richmond:</b> Councillor Linda McPhail <b>City of Surrey:</b> Councillor Tom Gill <b>Metro Vancouver:</b> Mayor Richard Stewart (City of Coquitlam) <b>Township of Langley:</b> Mayor Jack Froese <b>Tsawwassen First Nation:</b> Chief Bryce Williams Sonya Howard
<b>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Attendees and Other Staff</b>	Cliff Stewart, <i>Vice President, Infrastructure</i> Gilles Assier, <i>Director, Infrastructure Sustainability</i> Robyn Crisanti – <i>Director, Public Affairs</i> Naomi Horsford, <i>Municipal Executive Liaison, Public Affairs</i> Judy Kirk, <i>Facilitator</i> (Kirk & Co. Consulting) Emma Andolfatto, <i>Meeting Recorder</i> (Kirk & Co. Consulting)
<b>Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introductions</li> <li>2. Port of Vancouver Update</li> <li>3. Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Update</li> </ol>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of recent Project Milestones</li> <li>• Status update and next steps</li> </ul> <p>4. Roundtable Discussion</p> <p>5. Upcoming Meetings and Next Steps</p>
<b>Materials &amp; Presentations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Local Government Elected Roundtable Presentation May 27, 2016</li> <li>• Roberts Bank Terminal 2 EIS Executive Summary</li> <li>• Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project Rationale</li> <li>• Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Local Government Elected Roundtable Terms of Reference</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting Summary Key Themes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendees expressed continued concerns over increased rail and truck traffic as a result of the Project, and how the Project scope should include traffic impacts throughout the region. Attendees questioned the role of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency in defining scope, and how the port authority could help mitigate traffic in affected regions.</li> <li>• Attendees expressed confusion over the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum, including the port authority’s involvement.</li> <li>• Attendees noted that the meeting was very useful, and that they appreciated the opportunity to meet and have meaningful discussions. Attendees expressed their desire for more frequent meetings as the Project enters the Panel Phase.</li> </ul>

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## **Presentation and Discussion**

### **1. Introductions**

Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson called the meeting to order at 2:10pm. Roundtable introductions followed. Cliff Stewart informed the group that the Project has officially entered the Panel Phase. No new items were added to the meeting agenda.

### **2. Port of Vancouver Update**

Robyn Crisanti provided an overview of the Port of Vancouver, including a background on general port information, and a Vancouver Fraser Port Authority branding update.

### **3. Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Update**

Gilles Assier provided an overview of the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project, an update on the environmental assessment process, and an overview of project milestones since 2014.

### **Discussion**

- City of Langley Mayor Ted Schaffer raised a question regarding the Deltaport container traffic forecast in the presentation, asking for clarity regarding the number of twenty-foot equivalent unit containers (TEUs) that would be added, and how many of those TEUs would be transported to and from the Roberts Bank by rail.
  - Cliff Stewart explained that the improvements underway at Deltaport as part of the Deltaport Terminal, Road and Rail Improvement Project are estimated to add 600,000 TEUs to the total capacity, or approximately 500,000 TEUs of practical capacity. He indicated that about two-thirds of these containers will come and go by rail, which works out to about 320,000 TEUs. As most containers are equivalent to 2 TEUs, it is expected that approximately 160,000 additional containers would move by rail to and from Roberts Bank each year.
  - Cliff Stewart clarified that this increase is specific to the Deltaport Terminal, Road and Rail Improvement Project that is currently underway and anticipated to be completed next year.

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- City of Langley Mayor Ted Schaffer asked how many containers would move through Langley on their way to and from Deltaport and the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project.
  - Cliff Stewart indicated that when operating at practical capacity, Deltaport and the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project would each result in approximately 600,000 containers moving through Langley each year, for a total of 1.2 million containers annually.
  
- Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese and City of Langley Mayor Ted. Schaffer both raised issues regarding the impacts of growing demand and the increased train traffic would have in their communities. Questions were raised regarding the increase in the number and length of trains.
  - Cliff Stewart indicated that the proposed Project would add between 6-8 trains per day (3-4 trains in each direction per day), with seasonal variations.
  - Cliff Stewart explained that the length of trains would likely not be different than those today.
  
- Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese asked about what the Panel would be responsible for reviewing, and if their review includes traffic mitigation.
  - Gilles Assier indicated that the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency has described a scope for the environmental assessment, which includes traffic within the Project boundaries.
  - Cliff Stewart further explained that the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's scope does not take the Fraser Valley into account, and unless the Minister of Environment and Climate Change changes their mind, it will not be taken into account for the scope of the Project. Cliff Stewart described the traffic mitigation that has been delivered by the Roberts Bank Rail Corridor Program to reduce impacts of rail, as well as the work currently underway by the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum.
  
- Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese asked if the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency would ever expand the scope to have the Panel review a larger footprint.
- Cliff Stewart explained these concerns can be addressed through the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum, and that is the process that we've put in place to address the scope. Cliff Stewart explained that they are all working together to find a solution.

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- Judy Kirk indicated that it is unlikely for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to expand the scope, but that part of the Panel process is to hear concerns and to take them into consideration.
- Robyn Crisanti added that the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum is also a key way to address traffic concerns (increased traffic from the Project and increased population traffic). Robyn Crisanti also spoke to the support shown by Minister Garneau for the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum.
- Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson reminded the group of the Roberts Bank Rail Corridor Program, through which each mayor participated in identifying key overpass projects within their communities, such as overpasses and road and rail grade separation.
  - Cliff Stewart noted that the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum process has been modeled after the success of the Roberts Bank Rail Corridor Program, with the addition of a study for the Fraser River Trade Area.
- City of Langley Mayor Ted Schafer asked if there were any cutbacks on the transportation warning systems. Mayor Ted Schafer discussed how the mayors were looking for trust, and that some trust has been lost due to the promise of the early warning system being broken.
  - Cliff Stewart acknowledged that it hasn't happened yet, but that it is coming. Cliff Stewart spoke of his guarantee of an early warning system to the City of Langley council one year ago, and assured that the intention is still to implement some form of an early warning system that alerts drivers to alternative crossings.
- City of Langley Mayor Ted Schafer asked if there were more overpasses coming, and commented on how the mayors would like to see taxation revenue from the Project flow back into their own communities, and asked whether or not there would be more overpasses built.
  - Judy Kirk describes the reason for the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum is identifying the infrastructure, including overpasses that should be prioritised, funded and built.
  - Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson further explained that the Gateway Program was created by the provincial government, and that it wasn't paid for by the port authority.

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- Robyn Crisanti clarified the role of the port authority in Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum. She explained that the port authority pushed for it, but it is led by Transport Canada, and that the port authority is ensuring that it continues to happen by funding the secretariat that is facilitating the effort, because the port authority recognizes how important and necessary it is.
- Cliff Stewart closed the discussion regarding the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum, stating that it is great working with the Mayors' staff, and that the port authority recognizes municipal positions and concerns. He encouraged the municipalities to engage in the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum to find solutions collectively.
- Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson raised a question regarding the Technical Liaison meetings, and asked the other mayors if their staff is reporting back from these meetings. Mayor Lois Jackson asked the port authority if mayors attended the Technical Liaison meetings.
  - Cliff Stewart indicated that it would be fine for mayors to attend if they chose to do so.

**4. Roundtable Discussion**

- City of Surrey Councillor Tom Gill indicated that his staff has done a good job of providing issues. Councillor Tom Gill asked what types of backgrounds the individuals selected for the review panel will have, addressing it as an area of concern.
  - Judy Kirk indicated that the port authority does not have any involvement in the selection of the review panel, and that the Minister of Environment and Climate Change will appoint the panel. J. Kirk indicated that this question could be answered by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.
- City of Richmond Councillor Linda McPhail commented on how her staff continue to write letters regarding concerns regarding increased traffic, GHGs, and increased shipping vessels moving on the Fraser River. Councillor Linda McPhail indicated that she knows these are out of the port authority's scope, and that the City of Richmond will continue to raise these issues during the Panel phase and with the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum.

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- City of Richmond Councillor Linda McPhail also indicated that there is confusion among staff regarding the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum.
  - Cliff Stewart clarified that the Fraser River Trade Area is being led by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Roberts Bank Trade Area is being led by TransLink.
  - Cliff Stewart also clarified that the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project does not put any ships on the Fraser River.
- Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese reiterated his concern that the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum will not provide adequate solutions regarding their traffic concerns.
- Tsawwassen First Nation Chief Bryce Williams commented on Tsawwassen First Nation's concern regarding killer whales and cumulative impacts, as well as a concern for loss of crabbing areas, as well as noise and light pollution in the area. S. Howard added the Tsawwassen First Nation's concern regarding air quality as well.
  - Gilles Assier indicated that the Environmental Impact Statement proposed mitigation for crabbing, which includes extending closure to allow for First Nations fishing activities.
- Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson proposed that the Local Government Elected Roundtable should remain more closely connected, and that these meetings should occur more frequently.
- City of Coquitlam Mayor Richard Stewart recognized that the City of Coquitlam's impacts from the Project are slight, but he wants to see the capacity built and that the affected communities are recognized in the process.
- Robyn Crisanti discussed public perception of the Port of Vancouver in the communities, and spoke to the overall support for the port from local communities.

**5. Upcoming Meetings and Next Steps**

Judy Kirk indicated that arrangements would be made for this group to meet more than once per year.

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Summary of Action Items from Meeting	Responsible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority to schedule more frequent Local Government Elected Roundtable meetings</li></ul>	C. Stewart