**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**

Duncan Wilson, Vice-President, Corporate Social Responsibility, Port Metro Vancouver  
Mayor Lois Jackson, Corporation of Delta

**Local Government Elected Roundtable Attendees**

Mayor Lois Jackson, Corporation of Delta  
Chief Bryce Williams, Tsawwassen First Nation  
Tom McCarthy, Tsawwassen First Nation  
Tanya Corbet, Tsawwassen First Nation  
Councillor Bruce Hayne, City of Surrey  
Councillor Charlie Fox, Township of Langley  
Councillor Dave Hall, City of Langley  
Amarjeet Rattan, Director, Intergovernmental Relations and Protocol, City of Richmond

**Port Metro Vancouver Attendees and Other Staff**

Duncan Wilson, Vice-President, Corporate Social Responsibility, Port Metro Vancouver  
Cliff Stewart, Acting Vice-President, Infrastructure Delivery  
Judy Kirk, President, Kirk & Co. Consulting  
Allan Baydala, Chief Financial Officer, Port Metro Vancouver  
Rhona Hunter, Acting Director, Infrastructure Development  
Naomi Horsford, Municipal Executive Liaison, Port Metro Vancouver  
Carolyn Parenteau, Communications Advisor  
Laura Abbott, Kirk & Co. Consulting, Meeting Recorder

**Agenda**

1. Welcome & Introductions  
2. Roundtable Municipal Updates  
3. Local Government Elected Roundtable Terms of Reference  
4. Pre-Design Consultation  
5. Environmental Assessment Process Update  
6. Other Business  
7. Upcoming Meeting and Next Steps
PORT METRO VANCOUVER
ROBERTS BANK TERMINAL 2 PROJECT
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTED ROUNDTABLE
MEETING NOTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013 – 10:00am – 12:00pm
Annacis Room – Corporation of Delta Municipal Hall

Materials & Presentations

- Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project – Local Government Elected Roundtable – October 8 Meeting Presentation
- Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project – Local Government Elected Roundtable – Terms of Reference
- Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project – Local Government Elected Roundtable – June 6 Meeting Notes

Meeting Summary Key Themes

- Mayors, Councillors and Tsawwassen First Nation representatives said that the public is expressing a growing concern about air quality and may want health assessments included in the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 program.
- Mayors, Councillors and Tsawwassen First Nation representatives said that Port Metro Vancouver’s continuing efforts to manage Port-related truck traffic are good and should continue.
- Mayors, Councillors and Tsawwassen First Nation representatives said that they will advise their councils and the public about the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 pre-design consultation program in October and November, 2013.
- Mayors, Councillors and Tsawwassen First Nation representatives said that cumulative effects assessment should include all projects related to the Fraser River and the Georgia Straight.
  - Tsawwassen First Nation representatives stated they think cumulative effects should be extended to pre-contact with First Nations.
  - Corporation of Delta Mayor said that she wasn’t sure that extending assessments to “pre-contact” would be useful as assessment must be systemic.

Presentation and Discussion

1. Welcome and Introductions
   D. Wilson welcomed participants to the elected roundtable meeting. Roundtable introductions followed. D. Wilson suggested that future Elected Roundtable meetings be hosted by a participating local government.

2. Roundtable Municipal Updates
Participating local governments provided an overview of infrastructure and other developments within their communities.

Discussion

- Chief Williams provided an overview of industrial, commercial and residential development projects being undertaken on Tsawwassen First Nation territory. Chief Williams highlighted the announcement of a new Container Examination Facility on Tsawwassen First Nation industrial lands that would increase efficiency and reduce truck traffic.

- D. Hall provided an overview of infrastructure developments in the City of Langley. D. Hall reminded the Elected Roundtable that there would be a Small Group Meeting for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Pre-Design Consultation held on Wednesday, October 9 at the Langley Convention Centre.

- B. Hayne provided an overview of infrastructure projects in the City of Surrey. B. Hayne highlighted increasing regional interest in goods movement and infrastructure, especially related to the transport of coal, and emphasized the importance of encouraging community engagement on these issues.

- L. Jackson stated that the Municipal Roundtable meetings are very important for information gathering and sharing with respective Councils and communities. L. Jackson emphasized the importance of accurate information about the safe transport of coal. L. Jackson highlighted a Port Metro Vancouver letter to Corporation of Delta Council about the additional responsibilities placed on Fraser Surrey Docks related to mitigating the effects of coal transportation, and highlighted PMV’s responsiveness to community concerns about coal transport.
  - D. Wilson outlined the integration of municipal feedback in the Environmental Assessment and Project Review Process. D. Wilson stated that the additional mitigation measures at Fraser Surrey Docks are in direct response to municipal and public concerns.

- C. Fox provided an overview of infrastructure developments in the Township of Langley. C. Fox stated that it would be helpful for the participating local governments to have access to the meeting minutes of the Local Government Elected Roundtable, to facilitate information-sharing with Council.

- A. Rattan stated that City of Richmond is anticipating additional information on the design and impacts of the George Massey Tunnel replacement. A. Rattan emphasized Richmond’s ongoing concerns about truck traffic, which relates to the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project.

- C. Parenteau provided an overview of Port Metro Vancouver’s Local Government Technical Liaison meetings, which precede the Elected Roundtable. She outlined the key themes from the most recent Technical Liaison meetings, which included the Massey Tunnel Replacement, the
RBT2 Pre-Design Consultation, the project scope of RBT2 and the potential scope of the RBT2 Environmental Assessment.

- J. Kirk emphasized the importance of the exchange of technical information as the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 project proceeds through the Environmental Assessment process and potentially into construction.

Action items
- C. Parenteau to circulate Elected Roundtable meeting minutes to participants for changes and approval and to send final version to participants by email.

3. Local Government Elected Roundtable Terms of Reference

C. Parenteau sought local government feedback on the Local Government Elected Roundtable Terms of Reference.

Discussion
- J. Kirk suggested that the circulation of minutes by email to participants of the meeting be added to section five of the Local Government Elected Roundtable Terms of Reference.
- D. Wilson suggested that the Terms of Reference be adopted as they are now, with the exception of the amendment to section five discussed above, with the possibility of revisiting them at a later meeting.
- L. Jackson suggested that future meeting agendas should include bulleted lists, where appropriate, for illustrative purposes.

Action items
- C. Parenteau to amend section five of the Terms of Reference to reflect that finalized meeting minutes will be circulated by email to attendees following meeting of the Local Government Elected Roundtable.
- C. Parenteau to integrate bulleted lists into future meeting agendas.

4. Pre-Design Consultation

J. Kirk provided an overview of the materials, process and consultation topics for Pre-Design consultation for Roberts Bank Terminal 2. J. Kirk encouraged meeting participants to engage their respective Councils and encourage community members to participate in the consultation process. J. Kirk also encouraged local governments to provide a written submission during the consultation period, ending November 12.

C. Stewart provided a high-level overview of the content of the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Pre-Design Consultation Discussion Guide.
Discussion

- B. Williams asked if there would be an Open House held on Tsawwassen First Nation land as part of the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Pre-Design Consultation.
  - C. Stewart clarified that PMV is engaging in a parallel process of First Nations consultation as part of the RBT2 Pre-Design Consultation.
  - J. Kirk said the possibility of a Tsawwassen First Nation Open House would be explored for this and further rounds of consultation on RBT2.

- B. Hayne asked for clarification about the difference between a Small Group Meeting and an Open House.
  - J. Kirk explained that Small Group Meetings have 40-50 pre-registered participants reviewing the discussion guide with project team members, while a public open house follows a drop-in format with project display boards and a question and answer session.

- J. Kirk highlighted the consultation best practice of issuing a consideration memo, which demonstrates how a proponent has used input from previous rounds of consultation. She stressed that the “additional comments” section of the feedback form is very important, as it allows input outside of prescribed consultation questions and topics.

- L. Jackson stated that Corporation of Delta has been meeting with Andy Anderson, Mayor of Ashcroft, about the possibility of a container terminal at Ashcroft, where the CN and CP rail lines join. L. Jackson stated that this terminal would help to maximize efficiency and create job opportunities.
  - C. Stewart stated that this would not be efficient in the current supply chain and would require a major change in supply chain logistics.

- A. Rattan asked about the location and ownership of transload facilities.
  - C. Stewart explained that transload facilities are privately owned and are located in close proximity to the South Fraser Perimeter road and the North Arm of the Fraser River, as well as in Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam. C. Stewart explained that transload facilities are located in close proximity to the Port, to accommodate fluidity in shipping schedules.
  - D. Wilson stated that Port Metro Vancouver is actively engaged in increasing the efficiency of truck movement.

- B. Hayne commented that the replacement of the Massey tunnel with a bridge would allow for larger ships to navigate the Fraser River.
  - C. Stewart explained that ship size on the Fraser River is currently limited by draft. With the construction of a new bridge, ship length will remain a limitation; larger ships will be
unable to turn around in the Fraser River. As a result, Fraser Surrey Docks will not be increasing container capacity.

- **A. Rattan** asked if Fraser Port (Richmond Logistics Hub) is being considered as a future container facility.
  - C. Stewart explained that it has similar limitations to Fraser Surrey Docks.
- **T. McCarthy** asked how proximate Roberts Bank Terminal 2 will be in relation to the shelf drop off.
  - C. Stewart explained that seismic drilling in the summer of 2010 demonstrated that terminal facilities could be located closer to the shelf than previously thought. RBT2 will be located approximately 500 metres from the shelf.
  - D. Wilson explained that locating RBT2 in deeper water will reduce environmental impact.
  - T. McCarthy highlighted concerns about the impact of RBT2 on resource-gathering in subtidal and intertidal zones.
- **B. Williams** asked about the possibility of the creation of a waterway on the causeway (breaching), to allow water to flow between the causeways. Commented on shellfish harvesting, especially for future generations.
  - C. Stewart noted that technical reports have shown the negative impacts of flow-through waterways.
- **T. McCarthy** noted Tsawwassen First Nation’s concern with the impact of terminal location on sedimentation.
  - PMV to provide technical reports to Tsawwassen First Nation and its consultants.
- **L. Jackson** asked about the proposal to unload containers at Port Alberni and transport them by barge to the Lower Mainland.
  - C. Stewart stated that this would increase cost and travel time, as 70% of container cargo is transported by rail and dispatched within 72 hours.
- **C. Fox** asked about the percentage of container traffic that is time-sensitive or perishable.
  - C. Stewart stated that the consistency of timelines is most important, as containers must be dispatched before new containers arrive.
- **C. Fox** asked about the disposal of woody debris from the habitat banking program.
  - C. Stewart explained that some logs were given to the Tsawwassen First Nation for cultural uses, while logs with root masses were maintained as raptor perches. Creosoted
wood was disposed of and remaining woody debris was chipped.

- B. Williams asked if the expansion of the Roberts Bank terminal would increase the hiring capacity of unions.
  - C. Stewart explained that he could not speak to hiring specifics, but the project would have a significant impact on job creation.

- T. McCarthy stated that Tsawwassen First Nation is concerned about air quality in the local airshed and throughout the Lower Mainland. He reinforced the importance of data collection and information sharing about air quality with TFN members.

- D. Hall asked about the Human Health Risk Assessment related to diesel and coal particulate matter and whether that initiative was moving forward.
  - C. Stewart explained that the human health risk assessment is part of the Environmental Assessment process and that a key health impact assessment is around air quality. C. Stewart stated that Port Metro Vancouver funded the construction and operation of an air quality monitoring station in Tsawwassen; in 2012, PMV committed to four more years of funding for the station. Air quality impacts are significantly less than anticipated.

- D. Hall stated that there is increased public attention to the air quality impacts from the diesel fuel used by trains and trucks.
  - C. Stewart explained that the Port Metro Vancouver truck fleet is required to have up-to-date technology. C. Stewart highlighted that ship-to-shore power would be a feature of RBT2 and that PMV is pursuing a shore power initiative for Deltaport within the next few years. C. Stewart also explained that new international regulations will shortly require ships to burn ultra-low sulfur diesel whilst docked.
  - L. Jackson commented that Metro Vancouver has authority over air quality in the Lower Mainland and that data from air quality monitoring stations is publicly available on the internet. She emphasized that Metro Vancouver’s overall air quality is good.

5. Environmental Assessment

A. Baydala explained that a Project Description for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project has been filed with federal and provincial regulators. C. Stewart explained the role of the Project Description in the Environmental Assessment process and the anticipated timelines for the Environmental Assessment. C. Stewart also differentiated between the scope of project and scope of assessment, and clarified the distinction between the Environmental Assessment public comment period and the Port Metro Vancouver-led consultation period.
L. Jackson stated that Corporation of Delta Council had passed a motion supporting a panel process for the Environmental Assessment of Roberts Bank Terminal 2.

A. Rattan asked about the timeframe for the decision regarding Environmental Assessment, and whether this would impact the timeline of the development of Roberts Bank Terminal 2.

- C. Stewart clarified that project development cannot begin until the Environmental Assessment has been completed, and the project has been approved and permits have been issued. C. Stewart explained that it is difficult to fully determine the timeline for the assessment, but it is anticipated to be about three years if the project proceeds to a panel assessment. The first phase would include the creation of a Working Group, which municipalities will be invited to participate in.

B. Hayne asked whether the Environmental Assessment process would assess the cumulative effects of the existing Roberts Bank terminal and Roberts Bank Terminal 2, or whether it will assess the effects of Roberts Bank Terminal 2 in isolation.

- C. Stewart explained that the Environmental Assessment examines the cumulative effects of projects that exist and those that underway or reasonably foreseeable.

- R. Hunter clarified that the Environmental Assessment process establishes a baseline for effects and also examines new impacts.

- J. Kirk suggested that this was a good question to be asked of regulators as part of the Environmental Assessment Working Group.

T. McCarthy suggested that “cumulative” implies all other major projects that impact shoreline in the Lower Fraser and Georgia Straight. T. McCarthy also suggested that the pre-contact time period is an appropriate starting point for examining effects on bio-capacity and carrying capacity and determining a “tipping point” for sustainability. T. McCarthy stated that this type of assessment would be instructive for TFN members and that TFN would be interested in pursuing this study.

- L. Jackson asked what would be an appropriate time to return to for assessment purposes and emphasized that assessment must be systemic.

- C. Stewart emphasized that reasonably foreseeable projects would be included in cumulative effects study.

C. Fox stated that the transport of dangerous goods is a topic of concern in the Township of Langley and asked whether this will increase as a result of Roberts Bank Terminal 2, and what safeguards would be in place to protect public safety.

**Action items**

- PMV to discuss with T. McCarthy and B. Williams the possibility of a dedicated Open House for
the Tsawwassen First Nation community.

- PMV to provide T. McCarthy with specific information about the location of Roberts Bank Terminal 2 relative to the shelf.
- PMV to provide Tsawwassen First Nation and its consultants with technical reports, especially reports related to sedimentation.
- L. Jackson to provide Port Metro Vancouver with Corporation of Delta Council motion and report on the Environmental Assessment process for RBT2.

6. Other Business

C. Stewart provided an overview of the Community Legacy Benefits component of the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 project and emphasized previous discussion about the regional nature of Community Legacy Benefits. He stated that Community Legacy Benefit funding would be available as part of the Delta Road and Rail Improvement Project, so could be available in advance of the construction and operation of RBT2, if RBT2 moves forward to construction and operation. He encouraged local governments to provide input to the Community Legacy Benefit program.

Discussion

- L. Jackson suggested that the Local Government Elected Roundtable build on previous discussions about a large regional community legacy benefit, like an Environmental or Educational Centre of Excellence.

7. Upcoming Meetings & Next Steps

C. Fox volunteered that Township of Langley will host the next meeting of the Local Government Elected Roundtable. Participants will work together to establish an appropriate date.

Action Items

- C. Parenteau to coordinate with Township of Langley and other participating local governments on the date and time of the next Local Government Elected Roundtable meeting.

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