

**PORT METRO VANCOUVER
ROBERTS BANK TERMINAL 2 PROJECT
SMALL GROUP MEETING – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTED ROUNDTABLE
MEETING NOTES**

**TUESDAY, September 16, 2014 3:00pm – 4:30pm
City Manager’s Boardroom (6th Floor), Surrey City Hall**

Meeting	Local Government Elected Roundtable (LGER) Small Group Meeting as part of the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project Consultation September 15 to October 10, 2014. . The LGER is an information sharing committee that provides a forum for Port Metro Vancouver and local government elected officials to share information and discuss community interests, issues and benefits related to the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project.
Meeting Schedule	<p>Upcoming Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early 2015 – <i>Date TBD</i> <p>Past Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 16th, 2014 • July 8th, 2014 • February 18th, 2014 • October 8th, 2013 • June 6th, 2013
Co-Chairs	Councillor Bruce Hayne, City of Surrey Duncan Wilson, Vice-President, Corporate Social Responsibility, Port Metro Vancouver
Local Government Elected Roundtable Attendees	<p>Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson</p> <p>City of Langley Acting Mayor Ted Schaffer</p> <p>City of Richmond Councillor Linda McPhail</p> <p>City of Surrey Councillor Bruce Hayne</p> <p>Metro Vancouver Mayor Darrell Mussatto (City of North Vancouver)</p> <p>Township of Langley Councillor Charlie Fox</p> <p>Tsawwassen First Nation Chief Bryce Williams</p>

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Port Metro Vancouver Attendees and Other Staff	<p>Cliff Stewart, Vice President, Infrastructure Delivery Rhona Hunter, Director, Infrastructure Sustainability Naomi Horsford, Manager – Municipal Executive Liaison, Communications & Government Affairs Erika Schade, Communications Advisor, Project Communications, Communications & Aboriginal Affairs Judy Kirk, Facilitator (Kirk & Co. Consulting) Kai-lani Rutland, Meeting Recorder (Kirk & Co. Consulting)</p>
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductions 2. Consultation regarding Preliminary Environmental Mitigation Concepts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of mitigation concepts and discussion 3. Roundtable Municipal Updates 4. Other Business 5. Upcoming Meeting and Next Steps 6. Surrey City Hall Tour – <i>optional</i>
Materials & Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project Preliminary Environmental Mitigation Concepts September 15 – October 10, 2014 Consultation Discussion Guide and Feedback Form
Meeting Summary Key Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some attendees expressed concern that the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum (GTCF) steering committee includes representatives from TransLink on behalf of local government, but does not include direct local government involvement. South of Fraser communities were interested in more direct involvement with the GTCF and expressed concern that infrastructure funds from the GTCF should not be taken for for-profit operations. • Some attendees noted that the material was very well put together and that complex information was presented in a very understandable way. The representatives reiterated the usefulness of the document. • Some attendees expressed concerns regarding the scope of the Environmental Assessment and requested that the Panel Terms of Reference and Public Comment Period be broadened to include lands outside of the Port footprint. In addition, Mayors and Councillors reiterated that truck traffic mitigation should be included in the Environmental Assessment as part of the cumulative effects.

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Presentation and Discussion

1. Introductions

D. Wilson called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. Roundtable introductions followed. No new items were added to the meeting agenda.

2. Consultation regarding Preliminary Environmental Mitigation Concepts

Port Metro Vancouver provided an overview of the current round of Port-led consultation regarding the Preliminary Environmental Mitigation Concepts for the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project. C. Stewart and R. Hunter guided meeting participants through a page-by-page review of the Discussion Guide and Feedback Form for the consultation.

Discussion

- D. Mussatto asked whether the proposed Centerm Expansion project has been approved.
 - C. Stewart clarified that the project is a proposed project, and has not been approved.

- L. Jackson noted continued questions from Corporation of Delta community members and Council and staff regarding Port Metro Vancouver operations, citing the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project and coal. She emphasised the desire to continue to have a positive working relationship with Port Metro Vancouver.
 - D. Wilson thanked the Corporation of Delta for their continued engagement with Port Metro Vancouver. He noted questions about addressing the need for additional capacity by expanding the Port of Prince Rupert, and stated that there are constraints on expansion beyond what is already planned at that facility.

- L. Jackson noted that there has been a report prepared on the inland port at Ashcroft and that she will share it with members of the Local Government Elected Roundtable once it is final. She highlighted ongoing concerns about trucks transporting empty containers.
 - C. Stewart noted that Port Metro Vancouver exports as much as it imports.

- B. Hayne asked about the percentage of ship traffic that is made up of extra-long ships versus the percentage that is made up of traditional ships.
 - C. Stewart estimated that it is currently between 85 and 90 percent.

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- T. Schaffer asked if Port Metro Vancouver had received the letter signed by four of five Mayors of municipalities south of the Fraser outlining concerns about infrastructure and environmental impacts as a result of the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project.
 - B. Hayne emphasised the City of Surrey’s concern that the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum does not include direct municipal participation, as the municipalities are represented on the Steering Committee by TransLink.
 - C. Stewart noted that municipalities represented by TransLink on the steering committee, and that they are participants at the Working Group level.
 - D. Wilson noted that Marko Dekovic, the lead of the GTCF, will be meeting with TransLink’s Major Roads Technical Advisory Committee to discuss closing the loop between the Steering Committee and the Working Groups. He noted that the GTCF will be pursuing the National Infrastructure Component of the Building Canada Fund.
 - T. Schaffer noted concerns that the funds applied for under the Building Canada fund will reduce the funds available for community infrastructure improvement.
 - D. Wilson clarified that projects that are typically candidates for funding are common user infrastructure projects that benefit the gateway and economy as a whole. He noted the Roberts Bank Rail Corridor model, a collaborative initiative between local governments, senior government, TransLink and Port Metro Vancouver, with participation from industry and rail companies.
- * Please note that GTCF is focused on the NIC part of the Building Canada Plan. \$4B NIC clearly states the following criteria for eligibility:*
- *generate positive economic activity*
 - *generate productivity gains for Canadian economy*
 - *provide benefits extending beyond province where it would be located*
 - *reduce potential economic disruption*
 - *Other funds under the Building Canada Plan exist and are available in addition to NIC for community infrastructure improvement, including \$32B Community Improvement Fund and \$10B Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component.*
- L. Jackson noted discussion regarding the regional transportation network at the TransLink South of the River Mayors meeting and requested that minutes from this meeting be circulated to LGER participants.
 - C. Fox asked if the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) public comment process is distinct from the Port Metro Vancouver-led consultation regarding the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 project, and stated that there has not been significant participation in this or previous rounds of Port Metro Vancouver-led consultation.

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- J. Kirk confirmed that the CEA Agency public comment process is distinct from the Port Metro Vancouver-led consultation process. She noted significant feedback received via feedback form and written submissions during previous rounds of Port Metro Vancouver-led consultation.
- R. Hunter noted that there have been two public comment periods to date as part of the CEA Agency environmental assessment process.

- B. Hayne enquired if public input to the CEA Agency process would include expanding the scope of the environmental assessment for the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 project to include environmental and socio-economic effects in the surrounding communities.
 - R. Hunter noted that the guidelines for the scope of the project were determined CEA Agency and announced in January 2014. Questions regarding the CEA Agency environmental assessment process should be directed to CEA Agency.

- D. Wilson enquired if any of the meeting participants had any initial feedback regarding the proposed Preliminary Environmental Mitigation Concepts, as outlined in the discussion guide.
 - B. Williams expressed support for the care taken to prepare the engagement materials.
 - L. Jackson commented that the information provided in the Discussion Guide would be understandable to the general public.

- D. Mussatto asked if this round of Port Metro Vancouver-led consultation is aimed at the general public, noting that the most appropriate feedback would be from scientists.
 - R. Hunter confirmed that this round of consultation is designed for the general public to provide feedback. Expert input is being used in the development of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Project.

- D. Musatto expressed interest in the proceedings of the technical advisory meetings for the proposed Project.
 - R. Hunter explained that all of the technical work, technical advisory committee proceedings and summary reports are available online.
 - J. Kirk reinforced that the panel hearings will include evidence from subject matter experts.
 - C. Stewart noted Port Metro Vancouver’s commitment to providing technical information to the public, available on the Port Metro Vancouver website.

3. Roundtable Municipal Updates

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

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- D. Mussatto noted that the North Shore Trade Area and the connections with the railway are going extremely well, and that the opening is anticipated for the next couple of weeks.
- L. Jackson noted that she hoped the LGER participants would have the opportunity to present the Discussion Guide for the consultation regarding Preliminary Environmental Mitigation Concepts to their respective Mayors and Councils, as applicable.
 - J. Kirk noted that feedback would need to be received by the end of the consultation period (October 10, 2014).
- C. Fox highlighted the opening of the Mufford Overpass in the Township of Langley.
- B. Williams thanked Port Metro Vancouver for developing the discussion guide, noting that he would share it with Council and committee members.
- B. Hayne reiterated the City of Surrey’s position that the scope of the environmental assessment for the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 project should be expanded beyond the causeway.
 - L. McPhail stated that staff with the City of Richmond’s transportation department met with Port Metro Vancouver staff to discuss the transportation study for the Fraser-Richmond Port Lands. She expressed that city staff are prepared to assist by providing PMV with traffic counts and facilitating contacts with other city divisions to ensure that all issues are identified. She also expressed the need to facilitate a meeting between Port Metro Vancouver and TransLink to discuss transit related improvements, as part of the upcoming Richmond Area Transportation Plan. She noted that City of Richmond staff have reviewed the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project: Pre-design Consideration of Consultation input documentation and sent a letter to Port Metro Vancouver President and CEO Robin Silvester on September 5, 2014, to reiterate concerns and request assurance that the cumulative effects of this project be included within the scope of the environmental assessment and that the boundaries of any assessments of the effects of road and rail traffic include areas beyond the Project boundaries including Richmond and Vancouver. She emphasized that the mitigation of truck traffic impacts from this project, particularly on local roads in Richmond remains a key priority for the City. She thanked Port Metro Vancouver for weighing in on the erosion at Sturgeon Bank.
 - C. Stewart reiterated that Port Metro Vancouver recognizes the outstanding issues of concern for the municipalities, and emphasised that the Gateway Transportation

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Collaboration Forum will provide a means of addressing those concerns.

4. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

5. Upcoming Meeting and Next Steps

B. Williams offered to host the next meeting of the Local Government Elected Roundtable at the Tsawwassen First Nation.

Summary of Action Items from Meeting	Responsible
<ul style="list-style-type: none">L. Jackson to distribute final report on inland port at Ashcroft	L. Jackson
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Distribution of minutes from the TransLink South of the River Mayors meeting to LGER meeting participants	D. Wilson