

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

**Friday, November 4, 2016 2:00pm – 4:00pm  
Port of Vancouver 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</i> (Vancouver Fraser Port Authority)
<b>Local Government Elected Roundtable Attendees</b>	<b>Corporation of Delta:</b> Mayor Lois Jackson <b>City of Richmond:</b> Amarjeet Rattan, <i>Director of Intergovernmental Relations and Protocol Unit</i> <b>City of Surrey:</b> Paul Lee, <i>Rapid Transit &amp; Strategic Project Manager, Engineering</i> <b>Township of Langley:</b> Mayor Jack Froese <b>Tsawwassen First Nation:</b> Chief Bryce Williams
<b>Local Government Elected Roundtable Regrets</b>	<b>City of Langley:</b> Mayor Ted Schaffer <b>Metro Vancouver:</b> Mayor Richard Stewart (City of Coquitlam)
<b>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Attendees and Other Staff</b>	Cliff Stewart, <i>Vice President, Infrastructure</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 Ltd.) Emma Andolfatto, <i>Meeting Recorder</i> (Kirk & Co. Consulting Ltd.)
<b>Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introductions</li> <li>2. 2016 Ocean Shipping Consultants Container Forecast Update</li> </ol>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Robert Bank Terminal 2 Project Environmental Assessment Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Panel Update; and</li> <li>Summary of Local Government Panel Submissions</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Roundtable Discussion</li> <li>5. Upcoming Meetings and Next Steps</li> </ol>
<b>Materials &amp; Presentations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation PowerPoint slides</li> <li>• Meeting Agenda</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting Summary Key Themes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest shown regarding the 2016 OSC Container Forecast, with requests for a follow-up presentation to the Corporation of Delta Council</li> <li>• Importance placed on the need for a collaborative approach to transportation initiatives by all mayors in the region</li> <li>• Interest shown regarding the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum and the rail network in British Columbia, with requests for a follow-up presentation on these topics from Cliff Stewart at the next LGER meeting</li> </ul>

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## **Presentation and Discussion**

### **1. Introductions**

Judy Kirk called the meeting to order at 2:08pm, indicating that Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson was running late and would arrive shortly. Robyn Crisanti provided an outline of the meeting agenda.

### **2. 2016 Ocean Shipping Consultants (OSC) Container Forecast Update**

Cliff Stewart provided an overview of the 2016 Ocean Shipping Consultants Container Traffic Forecast, explaining the forecast graphs in detail for the group.

#### **Discussion**

- Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese asked whether or not the port authority was looking beyond 2031 with regards to planning further expansions.
  - Cliff Stewart indicated that it is a long way out, but that the port authority would continue to consider how to accommodate long-term growth.
- Tsawwassen First Nation Chief Bryce Williams asked for clarification regarding the relationship between the Port of Vancouver and the Port of Prince Rupert.
  - Cliff Stewart explained that the Port of Vancouver and Port of Prince Rupert are both Canadian port authorities with the same governing legislation, but with independent boards and separate letters patent, which are their founding documents. Cliff further explained that both port authorities have the same mandate to support Canada's trade, and that they worked to coordinate their plans for future container capacity.
- City of Surrey Staff Paul Lee asked whether the 2016 OSC forecast is still consistent with the long-term forecasts that were released a few years ago, stating that the issue of train traffic is still a major concern for the City of Surrey.
  - Cliff Stewart indicated that the forecast is similar, but with growth that is delayed by a couple of years. He added that in the last forecast they were probably anticipating the new terminal opening in 2023 instead of 2024, which is driven in part by the port authority's ability to deliver the project. Cliff

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Stewart explained that since they won't be able to deliver it in 2023, the updated forecast is good news. With regards to trains, Cliff Stewart indicated that in terms of the overall throughput, train length will not change unless the railroads make significant changes across country, as the 12,000 foot trains are the limit for container transport. The number of trains required hasn't changed, but the time frame for when the terminal is anticipated to be full has changed, as they are now estimating it reaching practical capacity around 2035.

Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson arrived at 2:27pm. Judy Kirk summarized Cliff Stewart's presentation and the discussion that had taken place.

- Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson provided an update on a recent conference that she attended in Rotterdam, and what they can learn from other ports. She shared how ports in other countries have collaborated in a way that benefits the communities around them, and expressed concern about to achieve that collaboration in Vancouver. She referenced an article in Delta's local newspaper about the future and the growth forecasts provided by the port authority, and expressed a desire to take this updated information back to Delta Council because container growth is an ongoing question in her community, and there are a few individuals that believe there is no need for another terminal.
  - Judy Kirk clarified Delta Mayor Lois Jackson's request for a presentation to Delta council regarding the new 2016 OSC forecast, at their convenience.
  - Tsawwassen First Nation Chief Bryce Williams expressed his agreement for Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson's call for collaboration among the mayors.
  
- City of Richmond Staff Amarjeet Rattan also requested an electronic copy of the presentation.
  - Judy Kirk confirmed that all attendees would receive an electronic copy of the presentation.

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

#### Review Panel Update

Cliff Stewart provided an update on the process being overseen by the Review Panel, including public orientation sessions and a more than four-month public comment period

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that ended on October 28, 2016. He also noted that all public comments were available on the panel registry, as well as the first Information Request package issued by the Review Panel to the port authority.

Cliff Stewart then went over the Project's environmental assessment timeline and provided an overview of where the process is at the present time.

- City of Richmond Staff Amarjeet Rattan asked if the Review Panel was a new process that the new government has established, or if it was a pre-existing process.
  - Cliff Stewart confirmed that the project is undergoing an environmental assessment under existing legislation. He further explained that the decision regarding the type of review was made by the Minister of Environment. As a "major project", the former Minister determined that the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project would be reviewed by an independent review panel in January 2014. The new Minister of Environment and Climate Change was responsible for appointing the members of the panel earlier this year. Cliff noted that panel-level reviews are not very common, and this is the first Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency-led panel in the Lower Mainland since the review of the Roberts Bank expansion in the 1970s.
  
- City of Richmond Staff Amarjeet Rattan requested clarification with regards to the Information Requests. He asked if any of the 22 Information Requests issued by the Review Panel contain anything out of the ordinary that hasn't been covered previously.
  - Cliff Stewart explained that the Panel has asked the port authority to give updated information on different topics because some information has become outdated since the EIS was written. He added that even though there is a huge amount of information available to the public on the project website, such as scientific studies going back 30-40 years, the Review Panel is only drawing upon information that has been submitted to them.

**Summary of Local Government Panel Submissions**

Cliff Stewart shared that all the environmental assessment information is public, with a total of over 700 total documents on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency website dating back to September 2013. This includes everything the port authority has ever sent in and anything the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the Review Panel has ever

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sent out, and input from the public, government agencies, and First Nations. It also includes all of the recent comments that were submitted by local governments to the Review Panel.

- Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson commented that with all of the work that's been done thus far, it is troubling that people don't know where to look for information and so therefore they make a lot of comments. Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson again expressed her disappointment that some of the mayors were absent from this meeting, since the whole idea of this meeting was to inform the mayors of what is happening and create an ongoing dialogue.
  - Robyn Crisanti added that the notion of needing collaboration beyond this project is something observed from Rotterdam, and is something that is being discussed. Robyn Crisanti identified that as the environmental assessment for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project is now at a stage that is out of the port authority's hands, there is an opportunity to collaborate and talk about other port-related issues.

Cliff Stewart completed the PowerPoint presentation by describing the anticipated project schedule to meet forecasted container demand.

#### **Discussion**

- Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson noted the Project schedule, and commented that with planning for anything that far away, there's a lot of uncertainty, but that it is a reasonable schedule.
  - Cliff Stewart indicated that it is important to remember in terms of impacts, there are some road traffic impacts during construction, but there are no rail impacts anticipated until much after that.

#### **4. Roundtable Discussion**

- City of Richmond Staff Amarjeet Rattan let the group know that Councillor Linda McPhaill is out of country and could not make it, and that was the reason he was asked to attend on behalf of an elected official. He noted some recommendations from the recent federal report developed by David Emerson, including the sale of federal transportation assets. He stated that affected municipalities are looking for more details, and asked if the port authority was aware of any impending changes.

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- Robyn Crisanti explained that the federal government have announced that they are looking into privatization of various federal transportation assets, and that Morgan Stanley is doing a study on ports and Credit Suisse is doing a study on airports. She noted that beyond that, there isn't much information available. Robyn Crisanti went on to explain that because ports and airports are set up differently, they wouldn't necessarily be handled in the same manner.
- Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese described the tour and meeting that had been arranged for mayors and the VFPA board in the summer. He stated that the meeting with the board was valuable, and indicated that he is still quite interested in downstream effects, and that they are working towards that. He added that it is good to have these meetings, and appreciates having up-to-date information from the port.
- Robyn Crisanti provided an update on the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum (GTCF). She indicated that the GTCF is doing economic impact analysis studies on some of the proposed projects, and are waiting to hear from the federal government regarding the application criteria for those projects. She noted that they just announced their latest round of federal funding for infrastructure, which specifically designated \$10 billion for goods movement and made specific mention of growing trade with Asia, so it is reasonable to expect money will be directed to projects in Western Canada. Robyn Crisanti encouraged the municipalities to stay involved as this process continues.
- City of Richmond Staff Amarjeet Rattan asked for clarification regarding the GTCF secretariat, and specifically whether it will only in place until project funding applications have been approved.
  - Cliff Stewart explained that for the Roberts Bank Rail Corridor Project, which was a part of the Asia Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative, there was a secretariat function that had the ability make decisions and form funding commitments. Cliff Stewart explained that the port authority has emphasized that whatever form this new national infrastructure funding for is made available, that they need to do the same thing, so that people at the table can know they're making a deal that will be delivered.
- Corporation of Delta Mayor Jackson asked for clarification regarding the membership of the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum.

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- Robyn Crisanti explained that the GTCF is a collaboration between Transport Canada, the Province of BC, TransLink, the Greater Vancouver Gateway Council, and the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. Together they form the steering committee, and under that are separate working groups for all four trade areas. Each of the municipalities have been engaged through the working groups.
- Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson explained that she was not aware of this engagement, and asked for further clarification regarding the involvement of the municipalities.
  - Judy Kirk advised that the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority will send a summary of the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum process and past engagement.
- Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson identified issues with the Goods Movement Study that is currently in draft form. She explained that it claimed to have input from mayors, but she had not heard anything of it. She stated that it is currently in draft form and going to be approved in January, and that it is proceeding without a discussion among the mayors about how containers will be moved. She expressed concern with this outcome, because municipalities have been trying to stay involved but they have been left out of the discussions. She indicated that she has been working on this issue for 15 years, but there has not been any movement on the national movement of goods issue.
  - Judy Kirk commented that Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson had raised one of the most important issues concerning municipalities around the region, and suggested that the port authority give a full update on the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum to the participants of the Local Government Elected Roundtable. Judy Kirk explained that the port authority is happy to host the meetings, as long as the mayors want to come.
  - Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson commented on the importance of having these meetings. She reiterated that it is discouraging attending a meeting where nobody knows anything because they are not informed.
  - Tsawwassen First Nation Chief Bryce Williams stated that he is happy to have this opportunity made available, and that he looks forward to the next meeting coming shortly, and will make himself available for that.



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- City of Surrey Staff Paul Lee stated that Mayor Hepner and Councillor Gill sent their regrets for missing this meeting, and that he was asked to fill in on behalf of them. Paul Lee shared that he has been involved with the RBT2 process since 2014, and has worked closely with staff at the Township of Langley. He indicated that he will report back to his Transportation Committee with the latest information presented by Cliff Stewart, and would welcome an update presentation regarding the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and whole environmental assessment process to the Transportation Committee or to Mayor and Council.
  - Naomi Horsford noted that the port authority recently did an update presentation to City of Surrey Council in October, but that they could provide an update to the City of Surrey Transportation Committee.
- City of Surrey Staff Paul Lee stated that they share concerns with the Township of Langley and City of Langley, as traffic associated with the increased capacity at Roberts Bank would have downstream effects on Surrey. Paul Lee recognized the limits of the Panel and review process, and indicated that when public hearings start, the City of Surrey will appear in front of the Review Panel and make their case regarding traffic issues again.
- Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese added to Paul Lee’s comment, indicating that they will do whatever they can do, so each municipality can be on the same page with the same recommendation as one voice, and indicated it helps if a Council resolution is behind it.
- City of Richmond Staff Amarjeet Rattan asked if there are any planned container terminals along the Fraser River, and brought up the recent port announcement of development of new grain terminal in North Vancouver. He also inquired about the rumoured new grain terminal that is proposed on the Surrey side of the South Arm. He requested more information on the timing and location of that project.
  - Robyn Crisanti shared with the group that the proposed grain terminal on the Fraser River is called Fraser Grain Terminals. She explained that the proposal came from a proponent that is separate from the port authority. The Fraser Grain Terminal project is in pre-application phase, and that public consultation was announced on November 3. Robyn indicated that all information regarding this is on the port authority’s website.

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- City of Richmond Staff Amarjeet Rattan commented that presumably there would be increased impacts on rail from the new grain terminal, and asked if any impacts have been considered in terms of the increased rail traffic.
  - Robyn Crisanti explained that the port authority can legally only permit what's within their jurisdiction, and any rail traffic beyond that is not part of their permit application. Robyn further explained that this is where they get back into the discussion regarding the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum and where collaborative transportation improvements are required.
  
- City of Richmond Staff Amarjeet Rattan asked if the new grain terminal project would have been factored into the GTCF transportation studies.
  - Cliff Stewart explained that they have tried to look at what's possible (with the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum), and clarified that this particular project may not have been identified in the transportation studies, but the overall growth would likely have been considered.
  
- Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson asked for clarification on the flow of rail traffic in the region.
  - Cliff Stewart provided a summary of the rail corridors in the region, and offered to present a "Railways 101" presentation in a bit more detail at the next meeting
  
- Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois Jackson commented that mayors should be looking at rail from a regional point of view, and that they should all be looking at how traffic is distributed within the region so they can properly plan for future infrastructure.
  
- Robyn Crisanti noted Minister Garneau's recent comments regarding data sharing amongst players in the supply chain, which the port authority supported in its submission to the Canadian Transportation Act Review Panel. She stated the idea behind data sharing is that despite the ongoing cooperation, there is an opportunity to share data collected from the whole supply chain so that it can run more efficiently.
  
- Corporation of Delta Mayor Jackson brought up the Ashcroft terminal, and the example of how CN and CP are working together there. She explained that it is the one place in Canada where they meet in the same yard, and that there are

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opportunities and they should be talking about them. She agreed that there are a lot of opportunities to share information. She stated that it all starts at that port, and that they can all do a better job.

Judy Kirk summarized the presentation, and concluded with key takeaways from the presentation and discussion.

- Information about GTCF and railways will be brought to this group at a future meeting
- Project presentation to the Surrey Transportation Committee
- Electronic version of materials
- Letter from the GTCF to the municipalities
- Presentation to Delta Council regarding the RBT2 and new container traffic forecast

**5. Upcoming Meetings and Next Steps**

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority committed to reach out to the Local Government Elected Roundtable participants to schedule the next meeting in 2017.

Summary of Action Items from Meeting	Responsible
Meeting presentation distribution to all attendees	E. Andolfatto
Presentation to municipalities about the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum and Rail	C. Stewart
Presentation to Delta Council on OSC Container Forecast	C. Stewart
Presentation to City of Surrey Transportation Committee	N. Horsford
Follow-up letters to municipalities regarding support for GTCF ( <i>Note: GTCF sent letters to participating local governments on October 28, 2016</i> )	R. Crisanti