



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING #52

**Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
Held at 9:00 a.m. on 08 June 2007
Board Room, 468 Belleville Street**

- In attendance:** Mr. Doug Enns, Community Director;
Mr. Ian Ferguson, Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce;
Councillor Hy Freedman, Township of Esquimalt;
Councillor Bea Holland, City of Victoria;
Mr. Mark Lindholm, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society;
Mr. Dan McAllister, Tourism Victoria;
Mr. Ian Maxwell, Community Director;
Mr. Don Prittie, Capital Regional District;
Mr. John Sanderson, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society;
Chief Andy Thomas, Esquimalt Nation;
Mr. Randy Wright, Community Director.
- Regrets:** Chief Robert Sam, Songhees Nation;
Mr. Bill Wellburn, Provincial Capital Commission.
- GM & Resources:** Mr. Darryl Anderson, Manager Business Development;
Ms. Sonterra Ross, Corporate Controller;
Mr. Paul Servos, General Manager;
Ms. Louise Carlow, Recording Secretary.
- Guests:** Mr. Jim Allard, Hyack Air;
Mr. Bob Barlow, Westcan Terminals;
Mr. Gerry Lutz, Ogden Point Enhancement Society;
Mr. Greg McAllister, King Bros.;
Mr. Paul Ridout, Life Member;
Ms. Jody Watson, Capital Regional District.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Don Prittie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Air Quality Study Presentation

Mr. Mike Kory introduced Ms. Eleanor Setton and Ms. Carla Poplawski from the University of Victoria. They are partners with the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority and others on an air quality monitoring project for James Bay and the area surrounding the Ogden Point deep sea terminal. Ms. Poplawski explained that the study was to determine finite measurements of PM_{2.5}, NO_x/NO₂, SO₂ in the region and to try to determine how cruise, car and bus traffic contributes to this. Mr. Doug Enns queried how house emissions would be accounted for in the study and was advised that it is suspected that home emissions will be minimal through this period but that the study will look at whether or not there is a night time signature from home heating. Mr. Kory added that the intention of the study was to determine if there

were elevated levels in comparison to other sites. Mr. Enns commented that there was an American organization that tracks particulate emissions and could provide broader measures from their database for comparison. Ms. Setton advised that this would not be useful for this study but that the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) who are also partners in the project may look further if initial findings indicate health risks and may look at specific chemicals at that time. Mr. Enns noted that his concern was that the data collected from this study could be misread. Ms. Setton advised that they will be looking to VIHA in the communication of the results of the study. Mr. Randy Wright questioned whether or not the study would extend beyond James Bay to the Inner Harbour and was advised that it would not. Mr. Wright added that he felt the information should be judged over a longer period to time. Mr. Kory commented that he has asked for readings to be done in the off season as well for comparison. Mr. Paul Servos noted that automobiles are the greatest identified contributor to pollution in the area, there is a general increase in traffic in the area during the summer that is unrelated to cruise ships and asked how this would be allowed for in the study. Ms. Setton advised that traffic counters will be important in evaluating traffic patterns. She added that the study was not targeting cruise ships but that the other contributing factors remain somewhat constant. Mr. Servos assured her that vehicle traffic is not consistent. Mr. Darryl Anderson further queried if traffic counts or traffic composition counts were being undertaken and was advised it was traffic counts at this time.

Councillor Bea Holland commented that given that the GVHA were partners in the study a critical concern is with regards to the reporting and communications plan. Mr. Servos noted that GVHA was interested in some monitoring and that this study would be proceeding either way so management's role has been to ensure that high quality data is reported and that the communication of this information has integrity. It was noted that the total cost for the study is \$50K and that a CAR grant has been received to cover \$25K of this. Ms. Setton added that the model is sophisticated enough to take into account vessel specifications.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION (D. Enns/B. Holland)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Review/Approve Minutes

MOTION (J. Sanderson/R. Wright)

That the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Business

5.1 Chairman's Report

Mr. Prittie reported that he had been at Pier A looking at the warehouse and observing the provisioning of the Dawn Princess. He commented that it is impressive to watch the amount of stores that the ship takes on and if other directors are interested in observing they should contact Bob Barlow of Westcan Terminals to arrange this. He advised that he had attended a dinner hosted by the Northwest Cruise Ship Association and Cruise BC in honour of Kurt Lanterman, former Holland America President and cruise pioneer. He had also attended a Vic A.M. hosted celebration for the arrival of the first cruise ship of the season as well as two inaugural visit receptions. He added that he had been at the opening of the BC Yacht Brokers Association Floating Boat Show and the new docks had been well received. There had further been an opportunity to meet with Minister Gary Lunn to update him on GVHA activities and remind him of the divestiture goals. In regards to Belleville, he reported that the Task Force had concluded their report and a vision and recommendations regarding the terminal had been presented to Minister Stan Hagen. He reported on other events he had attended over the past months and the opportunities for relationship building.

5.2 GM's Report

Mr. Servos presented his written report for discussion. Mr. Wright queried the plans for the bus stop at Fisherman's Wharf and if it would be available to other operators to enhance the facility's role as an attraction. Mr. Servos advised the additional bus lines would not be approved until it was determined to be safe. Although there are other companies that have expressed interest they will need to continue to utilize the transit stop on Dallas Road in front of the Coast Guard station for now.

Chief Andy Thomas remarked that he had watched the developments with the Campbell River cruise terminal and queried why something similar couldn't be organized for Ogden Point to expand First Nations presence. He also expressed concern about the history of the GVHA published for the fifth year anniversary noting that there were concerns about some of the images and statements it contained. Mr. Ian Ferguson remarked that the 150th anniversary would be an excellent opportunity to give some prominence to the role of First Nations in the harbour and suggested that the role of the Committee be expanded to allow for this. Mr. Wright commented that there is no question that lots can be done. Mr. Bill Wellburn added that there was an interpretive sign program currently underway that will enhance the First Nations history in the harbour as well. Chief Thomas remarked that these were token things and that something more meaningful was needed.

MOTION (I. Ferguson/H. Freedman)

That the First Nations Economic Development Committee sponsor a visioning session to see how a First Nations element could be included in the 150 anniversary celebration and how aboriginal content could be incorporated into a welcome for the cruise terminal.

Mr. Wright reminded the Board that there is a memorandum of understanding currently under discussion waiting for comment from the Songhees Nation. He remarked that he was in favour of the motion but that it is important to remember that both Esquimalt and Songhees Nations need to be considered. Mr. Ferguson remarked that rather than an MOU a real project might help to focus the message and help in the dialogue.

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

a) Environmental Initiatives Summary

Mr. Servos presented a paper on community and environmental initiatives. Mr. Prittie remarked that it would be helpful to have a point form summary for reference as well.

5.3 New Business

a) Cruise Tourism Community Initiative

Mr. Anderson spoke to the Cruise Tourism Community Initiative. He advised that there had been much discussion regarding traffic impacts in James Bay and this initiative provided a "made in Victoria" approach to addressing concerns.

Mr. Anderson commented on the expanding yacht delivery traffic. He advised that the business is becoming more international with heavy lift ships moving into the Pacific Northwest to accommodate the demand. Whereas there had been five ships in the previous year, by the end of June there will have already been six ships this year. Councillor Freedman queried how this fit in with the cruise traffic and was advised that berth availability is an issue. This has been addressed to date by ships utilizing Nanaimo as a complimentary port. He added that marketing hasn't been done yet but the business has already grown more than anticipated.

5.4 Board Correspondence

Mr. Sanderson presented the correspondence received noting in particular that Mr. Mark Lindholm had submitted a letter to advise of issues of conflict in relation to his License of Use at Ogden Point. Mr. Wright noted that he had a conflict in regards to the letter received from Ms. Elizabeth Greaves.

MOTION (J. Sanderson/B. Holland)

That the correspondence be received as presented.

CARRIED

5.5 Governance Committee

a) Responsibilities, Terms and Selection of Vice-Chair and Board Chair

Mr. Sanderson advised that he had taken comments from the April Board discussion to the Governance and Nominating Committee for consideration and that the revised proposed term of office for the Chair be a two year term. He added that the Chair would be elected but that the expectation is that the Vice-Chair would succeed the Chair.

MOTION (J. Sanderson/D. Enns)

That the policy on responsibilities, terms and selection of Vice-Chair and Board Chair be approved.

CARRIED

6. Input from the public

Mr. Greg McAllister, King Bros. congratulated the GVHA on the Cruise Tourism Community Initiative. He advised that he has also been involved in organizing some environmental tours. He noted that he had been in Campbell River for the opening of the cruise terminal and advised that Minister Hagen is very supportive of the cruise industry in British Columbia. He suggested that now would be the ideal time to involve the Minister in GVHA initiatives. In response to a query from Mr. Lindholm he commented that both the dock and upland portion of the Campbell River terminal are first class and the reception from the community has been excellent. He added that \$18M had been invested in the terminal with both federal and local monies utilized in its development. He further commented that there are still restrictions for the terminal based on their geographical location and that at this time the Regent Seven Seas is the only caller. Although the terminal is designed for ships in excess of 1000' it is not possible to comment on feasibility of this and Pacific Pilotage is involved in extensive discussions. He added that he supports comments regarding the evolution and potential improvements to current facilities.

Mr. Jim Allard, Hyack Air commented that the lease between the GVHA and Hyack expires on September 30, 2008 and that he has been advised that it will not be renewed and further that the lease with the Victoria Regent will not be discussed with him. He noted that he would like to work with the GVHA on discussions regarding further involvement with Hyack in the terminal for Kenmore Air. He added that the five year plan doesn't address this issue until 2008/09 and that he would like to request that discussions commence sooner. Mr. Prittie advised that leases will be discussed in camera and that an answer will be forthcoming.

There being no additional comments, the meeting was adjourned to the in-camera session at 11:03 a.m.