



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING #53

**Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
Held at 9:00 a.m. on 10 August 2007
Board Room, 468 Belleville Street**

- In attendance:** Mr. Doug Enns, Community Director;
Councillor Hy Freedman, Township of Esquimalt;
Councillor Bea Holland, City of Victoria;
Mr. Dan McAllister, Tourism Victoria;
Mr. Ian Maxwell, Community Director;
Mr. Don Prittie, Capital Regional District;
Chief Robert Sam, Songhees Nation;
Mr. Bill Wellburn, Provincial Capital Commission;
Mr. Rick Wiertz, Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce;
Mr. Randy Wright, Community Director.
- Regrets:** Mr. Mark Lindholm, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society;
Mr. John Sanderson, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society;
Chief Andy Thomas, Esquimalt Nation.
- 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. Barry Hobbis, Victoria Harbour Ferries;
Mr. Paul Ridout, Life Member;
Mr. Simon Sherwood, Red Fish Blue Fish.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Don Prittie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Introduction and approval of new Director

Mr. Prittie welcomed Mr. Rick Wiertz to the table. Mr. Wiertz has been put forward by the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce as their representative to the Board

MOTION R. Wright/D. Enns)

That Mr. Rick Wiertz be approved as the Board appointee from the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce.

CARRIED

Mr. Prittie acknowledged Mr. Ian Ferguson who was also in attendance to address some unfinished business.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION (H. Freedman/R. Wright)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Review/Approve Minutes

MOTION (D. McAllister/D. Enns)

That the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Business

5.1 Chairman's Report

Mr. Prittie commented that although it was the busy season summer seemed a bit quieter although there had been several functions and meetings. Much of the Chair's time had been spent in discussions regarding the purchase of Mermaid's Wharf as well as spending time at Ogden Point and Fisherman's Wharf talking to clients and stakeholders.

5.6 Ogden Point Design Standards

Mr. Prittie suggested that item 5.6 Ogden Point Design Standards be moved up in the agenda to accommodate Ms. Gillian Ley. Ms. Ley presented a proposed colour scheme for the buildings at Ogden Point explaining that the objective is to strengthen the GVHA brand. The colours were taken from the GVHA logo and augmented with traditional marine colours. As utilization of the colour scheme is integrated at all facilities this will unify the properties and make them easily identifiable for the community. Ms. Ley demonstrated how the colour scheme would be utilized in the proposed washrooms for Fisherman's Wharf. The design scheme incorporates historical images of Victoria to provide a visual history of the community.

There was a discussion regarding some of the specifics of the design and colour scheme and the plan for implementation. Ms. Ley advised that the plan is to phase in the signage beginning at Ogden Point and then moving forward to other GVHA facilities. Mr. Ian Ferguson suggested that the 150 anniversary might provide funding and opportunity to join in the celebrations. Mr. Servos spoke to the financial commitment required for implementation stating that the strategy in developing some standards was to ensure that routine maintenance was no longer done on an ad hoc basis. Some of the work was included in the capital budget although the painting of the warehouse at Ogden Point was not in the capital budget and that costs could be in the area of \$100K. He added that an engineer is currently looking at the warehouse at Ogden Point to ensure that the concrete sides are able to be painted and what repairs may be required.

5.2 GM's Report

Mr. Servos updated the Board on the activities of the past months and reported that the Fisherman's Wharf improvements were being well received. New tables and chairs will be installed soon and a new bus pickup and drop off area had been established and was working well. He further noted that the fuel dock was doing exceptionally well and that the Coast Guard would be taking 100' of dock space with a paid moorage agreement.

Regarding cruise tourism, Mr. Servos commented that it had been a busy season with no loss of scheduled ships to date. The Cruise Victoria shuttle bus service is at full operations. He

commented that although customs clearance continues on Pier A, Canada Border Services have advised that this area must be improved. He commented that the Port of Seattle are undertaking to build a new terminal in preparation for the 2009 season, a strong indication of the health of the Alaska cruise market.

5.4 Board Correspondence

MOTION (B. Holland/R. Wright)

That the Board correspondence be received for information.

Councillor Hy Freedman inquired about the letter from the Jazz Society and how it would be handled. Mr. Servos remarked that the proposal of the Jazz Society was counter to GVHA's sponsorship policy at this time and was not an appropriate request to make of the cruise industry. Management's recommendation is to thank the Jazz Society for their suggestion but let them know that it would not be entertained further.

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

MOTION (H. Freedman/B. Holland)

That the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority respond to the Jazz Society's request as recommended by Management.

CARRIED

5.5 Governance & Nominating Committee

Mr. Doug Enns reported that the Committee had met to discuss Board assessment and a strategy for recruitment of new directors. In regards to the assessment the Committee was looking to retain a person or firm to assist with the evaluation process. The Committee will look at the costs and bring back a proposal for the Board to consider.

The Committee has begun to develop an inventory of skills and have noted that the Board appears to be lacking skills in a few areas that are of importance to the organization including deep sea and cruise operations. The Committee is suggesting beginning the process by advising member organizations that GVHA is looking to bolster strength in some areas and looking for assistance as members recommend appointments. Mr. Ian Maxwell raised a concern that by providing guidelines to member organizations we may be usurping the process and the original intent of having representatives speak to member concerns regarding the harbour. Mr. Enns agreed that there were some sensitivities to be acknowledged and that it would be on balance with the need to build expertise. Mr. Ian Ferguson remarked that representation of core groups and knowledge are a key combination.

6. Input from the public

Mr. Prittie advised that this was Mr. Ferguson's last official meeting. He extended the thanks of the Board for his time and efforts on behalf of the organization.

Mr. Simon Sherwood, the owner of Red Fish Blue Fish thanked the Board for their support in facilitating a license to operate his business on the Wharf Street pier. He thanked Mr. Servos and his staff for their fine help and good will. Red Fish Blue Fish will celebrate their grand opening on Wednesday, August 15, 2007.

Mr. Jim Allard, Hyack Air advised the Board that the mural on the north side of the Victoria Regent Hotel was now complete. This mural was funded in part through Downtown Victoria Business Association. The Reeson Landing improvement has helped to make it a safer, cleaner place. Mr. Allard reminded the Board that his lease was set to expire on September 30, 2008 and that he was eager to meet to move this forward. He indicated that he would be pleased to meet in camera if this would be helpful. He

commented that he found it curious that the air carriers don't have stakeholder meetings with the GVHA to discuss common issues. He congratulated GVHA on the installation of solar trash cans on the Lower Causeway noting that they had implemented this new technology sooner than Whistler.

Mr. Paul Ridout commented that the weather station at Ogden Point was not working at present and that this presented a greater risk to cruise ships docking there. Ms. Louise Carlow advised that this was being looked at and should be operating again soon.

Mr. Barry Hobbs commented that improved signage for busses at Fisherman's Wharf would be helpful. He noted that the new area for customers at Fisherman's Wharf needs some kind of coverage to offer protection from the elements and from birds. He added that the improvement has been great improvement and that it has been a busy season.

There being no additional comments, the meeting was adjourned to the in-camera session at 10:05 a.m.