



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING #60

**Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
Held at 9:00 a.m. on 10 October 2008
Coast Harbourside Hotel
146 Kingston Street**

In attendance:

Barbara Desjardins, Township of Esquimalt
Dan Kukat, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society
Mark Lindholm, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society
Ian Maxwell, Community Director
Don Prittie, Capital Regional District
Bea Holland, City of Victoria
Bill Wellburn, Provincial Capital Commission
Doug Enns, Community Director
David Rand, Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce

Resources:

Paul Servos, Chief Executive Officer
Ian Crocker, Manager Infrastructure
Sonterra Ross, Corporate Controller
Rebecca Penz, Communications Coordinator
Julia Park, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Chief Robert Sam, Songhees Nation
Dan McAllister, Tourism Victoria
Chief Andy Thomas, Esquimalt Nation

Guests:

Jim Allard, Hyack Air
Paul Ridout, GVHA Board Life Member
Randy Wright, Tourism Victoria
Bob Barlow, Western Stevedoring
John Sanderson, GVHA Board Life Member
Jill Stainforth, Fisherman's Wharf Advisory Committee

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

2. Introduction

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION (Rand/Desjardins)

That the agenda be approved as circulated with changes to item 5 (c) to be presented by Dan Kukat, and items 6 (b) and (c) to be presented by Paul Servos.

CARRIED

4. Review/Approve Minutes

MOTION (Rand/Desjardins)

That the minutes of Public Meeting #59 be approved.

CARRIED

5. Business

a) Chairman's Report

The Chair reported on his activities since the last Board meeting. Highlights included:

- Travel to an ACPA conference in St. John, New Brunswick
- Tour of the Port of Toronto international ferry terminal and marinas
- GVHA's successful event, Cruising Into History, Celebrating Ogden Point
- A tour of Lake Union, Washington
- Meeting with Irene Lin of Transport Canada
- Meeting with the Marine Airport Standing Committee of the City Council
- Meeting with GVHA CEO and staff
- Meeting with Victoria's Conference Centre Advisory Council
- Dinner with GVHA's Life Members

The Chair noted that he gained education and experience on his port tours.

The Chair presented Randy Wright with a farewell gift and thanked him for his many contributions to GVHA and the community over the last six years.

Randy Wright thanked the Board for the gift and noted that the amount of time and commitment involved in participating with this excellent Board has been reciprocated in his personal learning. He thanked the Board for the support and commented that he will be available to assist GVHA in the future.

b) CEO's Report

The CEO noted his written report is in the Board package and presented a PowerPoint showing highlights of the last two months.

Shipping

The CEO noted GVHA had a very successful year with 201 ship calls and 400,000 passengers. 11 ships calls were lost, 7 to inclement weather and 4 to mechanical problems.

The upgrades to Ogden Point are being utilized by the public and cruiseship passengers. Community space has been provided with a bandshell. The warehouse murals are in progress with more to come, the Songhees Nation provided GVHA with their logo which will be added to their mural. The Ogden Point Enhancement Society is fundraising for an informational kiosk of underwater sea life along the breakwater.

The breakwater has been repainted to remove graffiti and hazard lines have been painted for safety.

Cruising Into History – A Celebration of Ogden Point was a success with positive feedback from the community. The fireworks finale was enjoyed by everyone.

Marinas and Attractions

The CEO noted that the Fisherman's Wharf improvements are ongoing, including upgrading the fingers. Moorage numbers were down at the beginning of the year, but business has picked up significantly and winter moorage is nearly full.

The festival season was very successful.

Property Services

The CEO reported that the Helijet proposal has been completed, the negotiation period ended September 30th. Fair market rates will be in effect January 1, 2009.

Corporate Services

The CEO reported that GVHA has downsized with the elimination of four full time positions.

Team Raven, a Paralympics sailing team supported by GVHA, traveled to the games in China. Although they did not place in the medals, it was a successful event and GVHA benefited from the sponsorship.

The Signs of Lekwungen ceremony was a success. The Causeway hosts one of eight First Nations spindle whorl art works by artist Butch Dick that are placed throughout the city.

The CEO explained how the Ogden Point Enhancement Society (OPES) began when the Mayor at the time, Bob Cross, wanted the port beautified. Several individuals got together to clean up, paint and provide funding and support. The OPES is an independent organization. The CEO is currently a Director. The Society has limited resources and takes charitable donations. Their mission is to assist the GVHA to beautify Ogden Point.

c) Board Correspondence

The Board Secretary reviewed the following correspondence:

- Letter from the Chair to Minister Bennett requesting support for GVHA's proposed mooring dolphin
- Letter to the Chair from Minister Bennett thanking GVHA for acknowledging his appointment as Minister of Tourism
- Copy of a letter from Susan Dudley, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to the Department of Homeland Security regarding US Cabotage laws
- Letter to the CEO from the Royal Victoria Yacht Club thanking GVHA for their support during Swiftsure 2008
- Letter to the CEO from the Victoria Fire Department thanking GVHA for their support during the VFD's 150th anniversary celebration
- Letter to the CEO from Marc Owen-Flood thanking GVHA for their support during the Classic Boat Festival
- Letter to the Chair from Premier Gordon Campbell thanking the GVHA for their support during the Festival 150 celebrations

- Letter to the CEO from Ray Parks, CEO of the PCC thanking GVHA for their support during the Festival 150, BC Day celebrations
- Letter to the CEO from Blaine Bey of the Maritime Museum of BC thanking GVHA for the donation of the Ogden Point facility for their annual Marine Garage Sale
- Letter to the Chair from Mayor Alan Lowe of Victoria thanking GVHA for their \$5000 contribution to the Spirit Committee
- Article regarding the boom in Alaska cruises from the Cruise Business Review.

The Board discussed the correspondence including an updated reference to Ida Chong's official title, Minister of Advanced Technology, and clarification of the Dudley letter with reference to the US *Passenger Services Act*.

MOTION (Holland/Desjardins)

That the Board Correspondence be accepted.

CARRIED

6. New Business

a) Facility Life Cycle Plan Update

The Manager of Infrastructure reported that engineering reviews have been commissioned for all facilities.

b) Sponsorship / Special Events Policy

The CEO recommended that the Special Events policy be separate from the Sponsorship Policy as presented. This would allow GVHA to assess full market rates for special events while negotiating full recognition and benefits for contributions.

The Board discussed reputational risk, qualifying and non-qualifying organizations, communications with member agencies, and the media. The Board recommended several changes to the language of the policy.

MOTION (Rand/Lindholm)

That the existing Sponsorship Policy be replaced with the recommended Events and Sponsorship Policy as presented by management, with the following changes:

Page 1, par. 2 of the Events Policy to read "GVHA management grants permission to events whose goals and objectives are consistent with GVHA's vision, mission and mandate".

Page 1 (1) of the Events Policy to read "Organizations or events that may potentially damage GVHA assets..."

Page 1 (3) of the "non-qualifying organizations" in the Events Policy be struck out

Page 2 (3) of the non-qualifying organizations Sponsorship Policy be struck out

CARRIED

c) Mooring Dolphin Update

The CEO reported on the mooring dolphin planned for Ogden Point. Studies have shown the seabed to be too unstable for the pile dolphins. Several options have been looked at to determine the best approach. At this time the preferred strategy is a single dolphin. Construction for one dolphin is \$4 million; two dolphins are \$6.7 million (+/- 15%).

GVHA is seeking funding from Infrastructure Canada, Western Economic Diversification (WED), the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, and a cruiseship passenger fee increase that will amount to an estimated \$1 per passenger for the next twenty years. GVHA has a meeting scheduled with the Minister of Tourism on October 22nd to discuss funding and has met with WED.

Feedback included various building options, government funding, economic challenges, mooring requirements of current and future ships coming into port, and the effect on cruise tourism in Victoria should the dolphin not be constructed. The concern was noted that the request for funding signals a change in strategy of independence to government assistance.

The Board discussed alternatives to a mooring dolphin such as a tractor-tug for weather related and mechanical problems. That option is not cost effective as they are stationed in Vancouver and would have to be called out at large costs to the cruise ships. The Board recommended that GVHA management seek funding for two mooring dolphins.

MOTION (Lindholm/Holland)

That GVHA management seeks government funding to move forward with the two pipe pile mooring dolphin system.

CARRIED

7. Public Input

Paul Ridout noted that the cruiseship business could be improved overnight by construction of the mooring dolphins. He suggested that the CEO talk directly to the cruise lines, pursue other options and stop trying to deal with the NWCA as the access to the industry.

MOTION (Rand/Holland)

To adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

There being no additional comments, the meeting was adjourned to the in-camera session at 11:55 a.m.