



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING #64

**Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
Held at 9:00 a.m. on 19 June 2009
Board Room, 468 Belleville Street**

In attendance:

Christopher Causton, Capital Regional District
Sonya Chandler, City of Victoria
Barbara Desjardins, Township of Esquimalt
Dan Kukat, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society
Mark Lindholm, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society
Dermot Loughnane, Community Director
Dan McAllister, Tourism Victoria
Don Prittie, Community Director
David Rand, Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce
Chief Andy Thomas, Esquimalt Nation
Bill Wellburn, Provincial Capital Commission
Mike Williamson, Community Director

Resources:

Paul Servos, Chief Executive Officer
Ian Crocker, Manager of Infrastructure
Sonterra Ross, Corporate Controller
Julia Park, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Chief Robert Sam, Songhees Nation

Guests:

Kathryn Stuart, Staples McDannold Stuart
Rebecca Penz, Communications Coordinator
Kate Read, Manager, Property Services
Dunstan Chicanot, Fisherman's Wharf Community Association (FWCA)
Greg McAllister, King Bros. Limited
Paul Ridout, Honourary GVHA Life Member
Gerry Lutz, OPES
Brian Scarfe, James Bay Resident
Marg Gardiner, James Bay Resident
Susan Ross, James Bay Resident
Betty Raven, James Bay Resident
Audrey Hickson, Shoal Point Resident
Gord Tweddell, James Bay Resident
J. Tweddell, James Bay Resident
Janet Ringuette, JBNA
C. Erickson, James Bay Resident
Jeanette Young, James Bay Resident
Pieta VanDyke, JBNA
Miriam Nelson, Laurel Point Resident
Rita Roy, Shoal Point Noise Committee

Bob Barlow, Western Stevedoring
Lyle Soetaert, Victoria Esquimalt Harbour Society
Darlene Gait, Artist
Mark Granfar, Land and Sea Mural Project
Dean Kalyan, Land and Sea Mural Project
Butch Dick, Artist
Kevin Neary, Consultant
Tom Coyle, JBNA
Wilf Erickson, James Bay Resident

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Introduction

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED and **SECONDED THAT** the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Review/Approve Minutes

a) Approve minutes of Public meeting #63 on April 17, 2009.

The Board requested that the minutes of April 17, 2009 be amended to show:

Page 3, under Public Input, paragraph 1 should read "...when mufflers for the trucks would be **implemented.**"

The two sentences at the end of paragraph 7, page 3 should be removed and replaced with "**When an individual is appointed to GVHA's Board, he or she must act in the best interests of GVHA and comply with the Code of Conduct.**"

MOVED and **SECONDED THAT** the Public minutes of Meeting #63 (17 April 2009) be approved as amended.

CARRIED

b) Business arising from previous minutes

None.

6. Presentations

a) Land and Sea Mural

The CEO welcomed the representatives of the Land and Sea Mural Project, Darlene Gait, Mark Granfar, Butch Dick, Kevin Neary and Dean Kalyan. The mural project is ready to start, pending approval from the Board. The project could be underway as early as Monday, June 22, 2009.

Both Darlene Gait and Butch Dick spoke to tradition, history, and the artwork. If approved, Butch Dick will design the sea creatures and Darlene Gait will create the land images. They thanked GVHA for the opportunity to employ First Nations youth, as well as providing a venue for sharing First Nation culture and sacred lore with the youth and the community.

Dean Kalyan explained the technical aspects of the project with respect to materials, lifespan (approximately 20+ years) and the method for repairs and maintenance.

b) Ogden Point Enhancement Society – Sealife Interpretive Kiosk

Gerry Lutz, President of the Ogden Point Enhancement Society (OPES), presented descriptive panels that will be used in the interpretive ecological kiosk at Ogden Point depicting sealife native to the area. GVHA's contribution to the project was building the kiosk and the asset is now GVHA property as a donation from OPES.

c) Shoal Point Noise Committee

Rita Roy, Shoal Point resident and Noise Committee Chair spoke to the Board regarding noise concerns from reefer trucks and fishing operations at Fisherman's Wharf. The Noise Committee requested GVHA take responsibility for mitigating the noise.

Rita Roy noted the Committee was in disagreement with GVHA's proposed placement of Fisherman's Wharf garbage bins.

Audrey Hickson, Shoal Point Resident, voiced her concerns about perceived noise from the reefer trucks at Fisherman's Wharf.

d) RBS Seafood

William Strong of RBS Seafood (RBS) spoke to the Board outlining his fish loading operation at Fisherman's Wharf. Mr. Strong stated that RBS has done all it can do, reasonably, to mitigate the noise concerns of the residents.

The Board discussed the following:

- type of equipment used in operation
- scope of the operation
- hours of operation
- bylaw infractions record
- amount of product being handled and its value
- scheduling of reefer trucks and the time needed to load and offload
- risks to product if not unloaded and handled in a timely manner
- alternative operation locations
- noise barrier options

7. Business

a) Chairman's Report

The Chair reported attending the following:

- Victoria International Floating Boat Show
- member agency meetings
- meetings with Denise Savoie, MP and Carol James, MLA
- Maritime Museum's annual garage sale
- first cruise ship of the season event and first time arrival ceremonies
- Fisherman's Wharf open house
- meeting with Mayor Fortin
- Swiftsure race festivities
- Boat for Hope banquet, attended with John Sanderson (Hon. Life Member)
- Victoria Conference Centre Advisory Board meeting
- World Ocean Day presentation
- Coho 50th birthday celebration

The Chair noted Chief Robert Sam's daughter passed away shortly after the last Board meeting. The Board expressed condolences for Chief Sam and his family.

b) CEO's Report

In addition to the CEO's written report in the package, the CEO reviewed the 10 point plan for managing during the economic downturn.

Highlights since the last Board meeting included:

- Advancing the tie-up dolphin project
- Caisson repairs completed and inspected
- Fisherman's Wharf improvements
- Land and Sea Mural Project
- Harbour issues and advocacy
- Monitoring of the economic climate impacts
- New group use float at Wharf Street

c) Board Correspondence

- Email cover letter from Marg Gardiner dated April 14, 2009 to the CEO regarding reefer truck location at Fisherman's Wharf.
- Letter from Tim Van Alstine dated April 14, 2009 to the CEO requesting funding for noise study.
- Letter from the CEO dated April 22, 2009 to the James Bay Neighbourhood Association Traffic Noise Study declining participation in their study.
- Letter dated May 8, 2009 from GVHA's Manager of Property Services to Gordon Tweddell regarding reefer truck noise mitigation efforts.
- Letter from Sandra Carroll, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, to GVHA's Chair regarding provincial funding of the tie-up dolphin.

MOVED and **SECONDED THAT** the correspondence be received as circulated.

CARRIED

d) Victoria International Marina

The Chair stated GVHA's position on the Victoria International Marina: "GVHA supports a working harbour as long as it can be operated in a safe and compatible manner with other harbour activities as determined by regulating authorities, i.e. Transport Canada".

The Board discussed:

- Site zoning
- Regulatory bodies
- Where the project currently stands
- DFO and First Nations involvement in decision making

e) Victoria Harbour Airport

The Chair reported that the City of Victoria sent out a request for comments to stakeholders regarding the harbour airport. GVHA supports the working harbour and the seaplanes are an essential element of it.

f) Definition of the “Working Harbour”

The Chair reported that in response to the question of what is a working harbour at the last Board meeting, he prepared the following definition, “A place where commerce requiring the connection between land and water takes place.”

The Board discussed the working harbour definition.

Action: Management to prepare a report on how the term has been used in the past for the next Board meeting.

This issue will be discussed at the fall strategic planning session.

g) Building a Harbour Coalition

The Chair noted that he is setting out to get together with other strategic land owners such as the PCC, the City of Victoria and Transport Canada to look at common ground, and how to move forward to build a harbour vision.

The Board discussed community and First Nations representation on the coalition.

8. New Business

a) James Bay Neighbourhood Association (JBNA), Board Meeting Request

The Board discussed JBNA’s request for a Board to Board meeting and determined that this type of meeting is a function of management.

Action: Management to prepare clarification of what constitutes a stakeholder.

b) First Nations Mural Project

The First Nations Committee and management are requesting funding approval for the first year of the mural project. \$50,000 was allocated in the 2009/10 operating budget to support the initiative.

MOVED and SECONDED THAT GVHA proceed to complete the Land and Sea Mural, and allocate \$150,000 for year 1 / phase 1 towards the project as an additional capital expenditure in 2009/10.

CARRIED

The Board discussed:

- Capital budget concerns
- Government funding grants
- assisted funding from OPES
- funds (\$200,000) from long house project this fiscal year
- artist’s copyrights
- licencing, marketing and commercial use
- First Nations economic opportunities
- Community / member agency participation
- Coin box installation at Ogden Point for fund raising

The CEO is working with the OPES to erect coin boxes to collect Canadian coins from departing cruise guests. 50% of the funds will be used to support the mural project. GVHA has no projection estimate of how much money will be generated by this project.

MOVED and **SECONDED THAT** the \$200,000 allocated to the Long House project be deferred to the next fiscal year capital project budget discussion.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED THAT the First Nations Economic Development Committee explore opportunities with the First Nations artists for joint ventures for maximizing the benefits of the mural project.

CARRIED

9. Input from the Public

Tom Coyle, JBNA Representative

Mr. Coyle requested a Board to Board meeting with the JBNA.

Gary Jones, James Bay Resident

Mr. Jones voiced his concerns regarding levels of bus noise and pollution in the James Bay neighbourhood.

Miriam Nelson, Laurel Point Resident

Ms. Nelson stated her environmental concerns regarding noise and fumes of harbour aircraft. She thanked Sonya Chandler for her interest in the residents concerns and noted GVHA has done great work in the Inner Harbour.

Marg Gardiner, Shoal Point Resident

Ms. Gardiner stated her concerns regarding reefer truck noise and its impact on residents.

Brian Scarfe, Shoal Point Resident

Mr. Scarfe stated his belief that reinforcing the dock (Huron Street Pier) will enable the trucks to load further away from their building.

10. MOVED and SECONDED THAT under section 34 (2) (b) the meeting be moved in-camera as in the opinion of the Board the public interest requires exclusion.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Paul Servos, CEO

Don Prittie, Chair