



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING #67

Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
Held at 9:00 a.m. on 11 December 2009
Board Room, 468 Belleville Street

- In attendance:** Jim Allard, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society (V/EHS)
Sonya Chandler, City of Victoria
Barbara Desjardins, Township of Esquimalt
Dan Kukat, V/EHS
Dermot Loughnane, Community Director
Dan McAllister, Tourism Victoria
Don Prittie, Community Director
Bill Wellburn, Provincial Capital Commission (PCC)
- Resources:** Paul Servos, Chief Executive Officer
Ian Crocker, Manager of Operations
Sonterra Ross, Corporate Controller
Rebecca Penz, Communications Coordinator
Julia Park, Recording Secretary
- Regrets:** Chief Robert Sam, Songhees Nation
Christopher Causton, Capital Regional District (CRD)
David Rand, Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce (GVCC)
Mike Williamson, Community Director
Chief Andy Thomas, Esquimalt Nation
- Guests:** Jill Stainforth, Fisherman's Wharf Community Association (FWCA)
Brian Anderson, FWCA
Greg McAllister, King Bros. Limited
Marg Gardiner, James Bay Neighbourhood Association (JBNA)
Eleanor Setton, University of Victoria, Research
Christine Bender, Vancouver Island Health Authority
Donna Spalding, Northwest CruiseShip Association (NWCA)
Walter Kazuro, James Bay Resident

1. **Call to Order**
The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
2. **Introductions**
None
3. **Approval of Agenda**
The Chair requested the addition of an item to Presentations. 4 a) became 4 b) James Bay Air Quality Study, and 4 a) was added as a presentation to outgoing Board member Dan McAllister.

MOVED and SECONDED THAT the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

a) Presentation to outgoing Board Member Dan McAllister

The Chair presented Dan McAllister with a hand made drum crafted by Butch Dick and thanked him for his knowledge and longtime contributions to GVHA.

b) James Bay Air Quality Study

Eleanor Setton, Adjunct Professor at the University of Victoria, Research Division, and Christine Bender of VIHA presented an overview of the draft air quality study conducted in the James Bay area over a 3-month period (June, July and August of 2009) and earlier studies conducted over the last 3 years. The presentation included the history of the project, an overview of Phase I of the project, the 2007 data modeling and the 2009 MAML (Mobile Air Monitoring Laboratory) results.

The Board discussed the graphs, sulphur content in fuels and the IMO regulations that have been ratified by the Canadian Government.

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

6. Review/Approve Minutes

a) Approve minutes of Public meeting #66 on October 16, 2009.

The Board requested amendments to Page 4, CEO Report regarding the HST paragraph. The minutes should read:

- "The CEO reported that the HST will have a positive impact on GVHA's ~~revenue~~ **expenses** and will not negatively affect the cruise industry."
- "Management is considering if and how to pass on the HST savings to **GVHA** customers".

MOVED and SECONDED THAT the minutes of Public Meeting #66 (16 October 2009) be approved as amended.

CARRIED

b) Business arising from previous minutes

On Page 5, Public Input, the Board discussed the comments from Greg McAllister of King Bros. Ltd. regarding potential danger to cruise ships hitting bottom at Pier B. The Board reiterated GVHA should be aware that the liability of berthing is the sole responsibility of the Master of the ship.

7. Rise and Report

The CEO reported on items from previous in-camera meetings that can now be made public:

- Ogden Point Master Plan Consultants, CH2M HILL, are moving forward with public consultations and stakeholder meetings
- The letter received from Heenan Blaikie, LLP regarding floathome tenure at Fisherman's Wharf, has been responded to by GVHA legal advisors. Their opinion is that the floathomes do not fall under the *Manufactured Homes Tenancy Act*.
- Barb's Fish and Chips has a new 3-year lease
- Transport Canada has a new 3-year lease
- The Land and Sea Mural Project at Ogden Point has been approved for 2010

8. Business

a) Chairman's Report

The Chair reported he had attended the following:

- Media release of the federal funding allocated to the mooring dolphin project in November
- The two days of Board strategic planning
- The Torch Relay event and reception at the Royal BC Museum
- The North Saanich Marine Task Force meeting to understand what other marinas are doing with respect to "working harbours"
- Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce fundraising auction
- Victoria Conference Centre's quarterly meeting
- GVHA Board Life Member dinner
- Ogden Point Master Plan Ad-Hoc Oversight Committee meeting
- GVHA Governance and Nominating Committee meeting
- Interview with CH2M HILL regarding planning at Ogden Point
- City of Victoria Council meeting regarding the harbour airport
- Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce Christmas event
- DND Base Commander Reception
- Power to Be Christmas event
- Lighted Ship Parade

b) CEO's Report

In addition to the CEO's written report, he commented on the following:

- Strategic plan is moving forward with business tactics identified
- Mooring dolphin project is moving forward
- Cruise ship calls for 2009 were 228 scheduled with 219 arrivals
- Cruise ship call for 2010 are expected to be 229
- Vancouver lost 5 regular cruise vessels for 2010
- Canada ratified the IMO ship emissions regulations

Board discussion included the cruise market for 2010, future fuel requirements and impacts to the cruise lines.

c) Board Correspondence

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

CARRIED

9. New Business

a) Mooring Dolphin Project Update

The Manager of Operations reported that the environmental assessment was going well. The tender deadline was December 18th 2009 and an addendum regarding material and fabrication will go out when GVHA receives the okay from the Ministry of Environment to go ahead in January. The Fisheries window will also fit into this time frame.

b) Strategic Plan Approval

The values and guiding principles require more discussion.

MOVED and **SECONDED THAT** the Strategic Plan be tabled until the next Board meeting.

CARRIED

10. Input from the Public

Jill Stainforth – FWCA

Jill Stainforth reported that she had been approached by the media regarding an alleged law suit by the Floathome Owners against GVHA for longer term tenure. She stated the floathome owners are not suing GVHA and noted that the owners are aware they have one-year licences only.

Donna Spalding – NWCA

Donna Spalding reported that the cruise ships do not use fuel with 3% sulphur. The fuel is rarely above 2%, and the ships are required to be tested annually.


NWCA works with Transport Canada to follow regulations and use best practices. She noted that GVHA is joining an emission strategy to bring emissions down. Future targets will be difficult to reach because of fuel costs and availability.


ACTION: The Board requested a presentation from the NWCA about the industry.

11. Adjournment

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.


Paul Servos, CEO


Don Prittie, Chair