



## MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING #75

Greater Victoria Harbour Authority  
Held at 9:00 a.m. on 15 April 2011  
Victoria Executive Centre – Meares Street Room  
Third floor, 915 Fort Street, Victoria BC

**In attendance:**

Dave Cowen  
Barbara Desjardins  
Dermot Loughnane, Acting Chair  
Pamela Madoff  
David Rand, Secretary  
Paul Ridout  
Bill Wellburn, Treasurer  
Mike Williamson

**CEO & Resources:**

Ian Crocker, Manager of Operations  
Julia Park, Recording Secretary  
Rebecca Penz, Manager of Communications  
Sonterra Ross, Acting CEO

**Regrets:**

Jim Allard  
Christopher Causton  
Chief Robert Sam  
Chief Andy Thomas

**Guests:**

Marty Allard, Hyack Air  
Briane Anderson, Fisherman's Wharf Floathome Owner  
Bob Barlow, Western Stevedoring  
Thora Brooks, GVHA Staff  
Paul Brown, Resident  
Al-Nashir Charania, GVHA Staff  
Clark C. Clark, Causeway Artist  
Brad Eshelman, Western Stevedoring  
Marg Gardiner, James Bay Neighbourhood Assoc. (JBNA)  
Joseph Gonyeau, GVHA  
Peter Hartman, Hart Corp.  
Barry Hobbis, Victoria Harbour Ferries  
Gary Jones, Resident  
Lisa Krakowski, GVHA Staff  
Dan Kukat, Victoria Esquimalt Harbour Society  
Dean Lewis, Victoria Artist  
Greg McAllister, King Bros. Limited  
John Milligan, Western Stevedoring  
Jeff Murdoch, Helijet  
Sheila Neapole, GVHA Staff  
L. Richards, James Bay Resident  
Janis Ringuette, JBNA  
Brian Scarfe, JBNA

Mike Simmons, GVHA Staff  
Gordon Tweddell, Shoal Point Resident  
Tim Van Alstine, JBNA  
John Wilson, Wilson's Transportation Ltd.

**1. Call to Order**

The Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**2. Introductions**

The Secretary welcomed Paul Ridout, the new Board appointee from Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society (VEHS).

The Acting Chair acknowledged and thanked Dan Kukat, VEHS, for his Board service and many contributions to GVHA.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

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

**CARRIED**

**4. Board Chair Election**

With no other nominations brought forward, Dermot Loughnane was unanimously acclaimed as Board Chair.

The election of Vice-Chair will be held at the June 17, 2011 Board meeting.

**5. Presentations**

**a) Briane Anderson – Fisherman's Wharf Floathome Owner**

Briane Anderson voiced his concerns regarding:

- Board governance, accountability and transparency
- Divestiture of land to GVHA by Transport Canada
- The Judicial Review of the RTO's decision re MHPTA
- Rate increases for floathomes
- Lack of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) for mediation purposes

Briane Anderson stated the floathomes bring added value to Fisherman's Wharf attracting approximately 150,000 visitors per year.

The Chair stated that GVHA is not funded by any organization and must earn revenue by charging customers market rates for use of GVHA facilities.

**7. Review/Approve Minutes**

**a)** Approve minutes of Public Meeting #74 on February 18, 2011.

**MOVED and SECONDED THAT** the minutes of Public Meeting #74 on February 18, 2011 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**b) Business arising from previous minutes**

None

**8. Rise and Report**

None

**9. Action Items / Board Motions**

Reviewed.

**10. Business**

**a) Chair's Report**

The Chair reported that since last meeting:

- An agreement was reached with the new CEO
- Had interviews with CBC radio and Monday magazine re harbour advocacy
- Has had a weekly meeting with the Acting CEO

He noted that until he was actually elected Chair he was reluctant to go out into the community. Now that he is no longer Acting Chair, member agency meetings, etc. will continue as usual.

**b) Acting CEO's Report**

In addition to the Acting CEO's written report, highlights included:

- New employee Mike Simmons, Communications
- 2011 Business Plan – focus on shared waterfront vision, managing properties, environmental stewardship, air quality in James Bay, events, Ogden Point Master Plan, customs float, customer satisfaction and Fisherman's Wharf RFI, and Huron St. Pier expansion
- Attended Seatrade, very successful
- Management working on guidelines for consistency with stakeholder groups
- SS Beaver was relocated, received a work plan from owner – being reviewed
- Governance review is scheduled for April and May
- RFI is out for Ogden Point transportation options
- Working on concerns of hop on – hop off upland bus service at Fisherman's Wharf
- Air quality monitor installed in James Bay through partnership with the Ministry of Environment, the City of Victoria and GVHA
- Cruise season starts April 16, 2011 – 210 calls
- Disney Wonder arrives May 2, 2011 as a first call

The Board inquired about third party mediation with respect to client disputes and noted a letter would be coming from the City regarding that issue.

**c) Board Correspondence**

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

**CARRIED**

**d) Shore Power Pre-Feasibility Study**

The feasibility study for \$20,000 will not go ahead without funding as most of the money for the study will go to BC Hydro who will report out that it would be an investment of almost \$20m to upgrade the grid and infrastructure.

The Board suggested a partnership be formed with the City of Victoria, the Township of Esquimalt and other interested parties to raise \$20,000 to undertake the study.

**MOVED and SECONDED THAT** GVHA draft letters to the City of Victoria, the Township of Esquimalt, and other interested parties, seeking funding for the shore power feasibility study.

**CARRIED**

**ACTION:** Communications Manager to draft letters seeking funding for the shore power feasibility study to the City, the Township of Esquimalt and other stakeholders.

**e) Capital Project Summary**

The Acting CEO noted that capital projects that are in the planning stage will be presented at the June Board meeting:

- GVHA is working with Poralu to fix the problems at Fisherman's Wharf regarding the recent reconfiguration.
- The dredge project is complete, waiting for DFO to sign off.
- The portable office is in place and occupied, currently waiting for building additions.

**11. New Business**

**a) Draft Whistleblower Policy**

**MOVED and SECONDED THAT** the draft Whistleblower and Disclosure Policy be approved.

**CARRIED**

**b) Board Committee Memberships**

**MOVED and SECONDED THAT** the GVHA Board Committee memberships be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

The Chair noted that Dave Cowen will be on the Ad-hoc Transition Committee as he is Chair of the HR Committee.

**12. Input from the Public**

**Briane Anderson, FWCA**

Briane Anderson questioned the costs of Stantec Engineering's quote regarding shore power with respect to the amount of equipment necessary.

He stated, in his opinion, if Cabotage laws, (*The Jones Act*) were to be repealed, international cruise ships would cease to call Victoria as they would no longer be required by law to do so.

**Marg Gardiner, JBNA**

Marg Gardiner, in her opinion, believes GVHA is creating environmental problems and treating them as communication problems. She believes GVHA has not moved forward on environmental and social impact on the community.

Marg Gardiner stated the JBNA is committed to moving forward with environmental issues with or without GVHA's help, but noted that it would be easier for all if GVHA moved forward with them.

**Brian Scarfe, JBNA**

Brian Scarfe stated that copies of the report authored by him on the economics of the cruise industry in Victoria could be found on the JBNA's website at [www.jbna.org](http://www.jbna.org)

**Janis Ringuette, JBNA**

Janis Ringuette thanked GVHA for providing name cards identifying Board members. She also thanked GVHA for the release of the results of the Malatest Reputational survey now posted on GVHA's website. She inquired about the geographical area of respondents noting James Bay is the most impacted.

The Communications Manager explained the breakdown of locations of survey participants and noted that James Bay was well represented.

**Dean Lewis, Victoria Artist**

Dean Lewis stated that in his opinion, GVHA's Whistleblower & Disclosure Policy applies directly to him regarding GVHA's denial of a licence to operate as a Causeway Artist for 2011, although management disagrees with him.

**Gary Jones**

Gary Jones stated that bus transportation during cruise season has a significant impact on his neighbourhood. He lives on the circular bus route used during the season and says the noise and emissions are terrible creating anxiety. He would like to see another mode of transportation used for cruise passengers.

He stated the port has been reinvented, but intervening years saw the neighbourhoods become gentrified. He invited Board members to his home to witness the issues firsthand.

**Gordon Tweddell, JBNA**

Gordon Tweddell thanked GVHA management for taking care of the hop on - hop off bus issue at Fisherman's Wharf.

**Tim Van Alstine – speeding vehicles –**

Tim Van Alstine stated that with cruise season comes speeding taxis down residential streets and he would like more police presence on Montreal and Oswego Streets.

The Communications Manager reported that the speed reader board will be used as well as a commitment from the Victoria Police Department that they would have a police presence there during peak periods on both streets of concern.

**Brad Eshelman, President, Western Stevedoring**

Brad Eshelman stated he met with the Acting CEO and Board Chair to discuss establishment of good communications and close working relationships with GVHA, JBNA, the City and other stakeholders. He noted he has worked for Western for 25 years and Western has been operating on Vancouver Island for over 50 years with a long history of good community engagement.

**Dan Kukat**

Dan Kukat thanked Board members for their service to GVHA. He wished them good luck with ongoing issues and moving forward.

The Board suggested that in light of the current RFI for transportation at Ogden Point, that the City of Victoria transportation staff be requested to present city plans to the Board

**ACTION:** GVHA management to contact the City of Victoria's transportation department regarding a presentation to the Board.

The Acting CEO stated April 15, 2011 would be her last Board meeting as Acting CEO. She thanked the Board for their support during a difficult period, noting the job has not always been an easy one.

**13. Adjournment**

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

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**David Rand, Secretary**

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**Dermot Loughnane, Chair**