



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING #79

Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
Held at 9:00 a.m. on 16 December 2011
Victoria Executive Centre - 915 Fort Street, Victoria BC

- In attendance:** Christopher Causton
Dave Cowen
Barbara Desjardins, Vice Chair
Dermot Loughnane, Chair
Pamela Madoff
David Rand, Secretary
Paul Ridout
Chief Andy Thomas
Bill Wellburn, Treasurer
Mike Williamson
- CEO & Resources:** Ian Crocker, Manager of Operations
Curtis Grad, CEO
Julia Park, Recording Secretary
Rebecca Penz, Manager of Communications
Sonterra Ross, Manager of Finance & Property
- Regrets:** Chief Robert Sam
- Guests:** Jeff Ballingall, Consultant
John Briant, Western Stevedoring
Stephen Brown
Marg Gardiner, James Bay Neighbourhood Assoc.
Pete Hartman, VEHS
Dan Kukat, Springtide Whale Watching
Greg McAllister, King Bros. Limited
Al McGillivray, Prince of Whales
Janis Ringuette, JBNA
John Sanderson, GVHA Board Life member
Brian Scarfe, JBNA
Jill Stainforth, FWCA
Bob Vander Steen, JBNA

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda

1. The Board Secretary requested that agenda item #6 – Community Director Appointments be moved to the in-camera portion of the meeting.

2. Marg Gardiner's remarks from the public session of October 21, 2011 will be revised.

Motion – PB/M-2011-12-16 - #001 MOVED and SECONDED THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. **Declarations of Conflicts of Interest**
None

5. **Presentations**

a) **Chamber of Shipping, Stephen Brown**

Highlights:

- Voice for international shipping on Pacific coast
- Facilitates Canada's shipping trade
- Most cost effective way of moving goods
- Responsible for safety and protection of marine environments
- Working towards lower sulphur fuels and using best practices in the industry
- Challenges include sustainability issues and consistency of international regulations

The Board asked several questions on the presentation and provided constructive feedback. The Chair thanked Stephen Brown for his informative presentation.

b) **JBNA/GVHA Joint Working Groups – Progress Report**

Traffic in James Bay

Transportation impacts on James Bay

Measurement – first step

Mitigation – next steps

- Optimize ship scheduling
- Promote alternative itineraries and longer port calls
- Vehicle alternatives
- Diversification
- Walking – to benefit all

Board feedback included:

- Work collaboratively with the City's transportation and engineering departments
- Engage in discussions with BC Hydro re use of hybrid buses
- Create incentives for cruise ships
- Improve way-finding to and from Ogden Point with signage, etc.
- Community engagement is important

The CEO thanked GVHA staff and the JBNA for the positive/constructive effort put into the various working groups to advance issue of mutual interest/concern.

6. **Community Director Appointments**

Agenda item moved to in-camera session.

7. **Rise and Report**

The Chair reported on the in-camera presentation provided by Ralmax, at GVHA's October 21/11 regarding the Point Hope Shipyard expansion plans, as the proposal was now a matter of public record.

8. **Review/Approve Minutes**

a) **Approve minutes of Public Meeting #78 on October 21, 2011.**

Motion – PB/M-2011-12 – 16 - #002 MOVED and SECONDED THAT the minutes of Public Meeting #78 on October 21, 2011 be approved with amendments.

CARRIED

**7. Action Items, Board Motions and Business Arising from Previous Meeting
Abuse of commercial parking downtown by taxis, etc.:**

The Communications Manager reported that a productive meeting had been held with transportation providers. An operator driven solution will be implemented.

8. Regular Business

a) Board Correspondence

DATE	TO	FROM	NOTES
Nov. 10/11	Briane Andersen	Dermot Loughnane, Chair	Reply to Mr. Andersen's letter of concern re GVHA's governance model

Motion – PB/M-2011-12-16 - #003 - MOVED and SECONDED THAT the correspondence be received as circulated.

CARRIED

b) Board Committee Reporting

i) Governance – VEHS Recall of Appointment to GVHA

The Governance and Nominating Chair reported that VEHS Board of Directors had recalled Jim Allard as their appointee to GVHA's Board.

c) Management Reporting

i) CEO's Report – Initiatives and Activities

Looking Back

- Prepared/submitted CPR Terminal proposal to PCC
- Finalized OP Master Plan, Phase 1 – technical assessment
- Advanced FW visioning project
- Hosted end-of-season open house
- Conducted end-of-season customer meetings, including cruise industry
- Advanced JBNA/GVHA working groups:
- Harbour pathway
- Noise measurement
- Cruise traffic management

Going Forward

- Finalize lease and prepare for tenancy of CPR Terminal building
- OPMP – Phase 2 – market assessment
- Advance 2012/13 business planning and budgeting cycle
- Conduct safety assessment of OP breakwater

Manager of Finance & Property

An overview of Strategic Priorities for the FY2012/13 Business Plan were presented, as follows;

- Seabed divestiture
- Terminal consolidation
- Harbour wide master plan
- Sustainability – social, environmental & economic
- Stakeholder Engagement

Management will be finalizing the draft business plan for Board approval in February, 2012.

Property

- Horse carriage companies – 1-yr licences signed
- Ongoing work with upland owners to finalize customs dock relocation

Communications Manager

- Shore-power feasibility – in process
- Air monitoring – in process through Ministry of Environment
- Cruise ECO awards – in progress
- Ongoing research, development, and implementation of programs and initiatives that ensure responsible management and development of GVHA properties.

Manager of Operations

- Successful lighted truck/ship parade
- Winter moorage full
- 10% increase in cruise ship calls for 2011
- Cruise 2012-221 calls and 476,000 passengers
- Trotac building being prepared for new tenants
- Wharf Street dock to be extended

9. Input from the Public

Marg Gardiner, JBNA

I appreciated the statements made by Stephen Brown. We spent 2 years of our lives dealing with the Kemano project, Kitimat and Alcan – with papers everywhere. It is good to hear that they are on the upswing after the downswings Kitimat has been through.

Over the past three years the JBNA has been promoting two themes. To the various government bodies and to GVHA we have been saying:
What is measured is managed.

We have also been saying to the GVHA Board, a different message than Stephen brown gave today, namely:
These are real problems, environmental problems, not communications problems, and they need to be addressed.

The presentation today suggests that with respect to noise and traffic volumes, there has been no positive change in the past 2-4 years.
Mitigation is overdue.

The JBNA embarked on its impact study, in part, because of dismissive or unsubstantiated responses were been given to resident complaints. It has been very disappointing, over the years, to hear cruise industry lobbyists words being stated as fact.

I ask that GVHA be careful – that any rationalizations be supported by fact, and not industry platitudes.

The information before you today, although only a snapshot, suggests that a little over 60% of those on-board come ashore. We also saw that about 17.5% of those who come ashore (or just over 10 % of those aboard) walk into town.

To go forward, we need to direct energy towards mitigation of the negative quality of life impacts that cruise tourism has on the community - rather than create pictures of change that may be based on industry PR - rather than fact.

Jill Stainforth, FWCA, thanked Curtis Grad, Rebecca Penz and Sonterra Ross for the collaborative efforts between the FWCA and GVHA to reach an agreement for floathome owners. She looks forward to an exciting new relationship with GVHA, noting it was a long way from where we were to where we are now.

10. Other Business

None.

11. **Adjournment**

Motion – PB/M-2011-12 - 16-#005 - MOVED and SECONDED THAT under section 33 (2) (b) the Board may exclude from the meeting, all persons other than the Directors and officers of the Society, if the Directors adopt a resolution that states that in the opinion of the Board, the public interest requires the exclusion.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.



David Rand, Secretary



Barbara Desjardins, Acting Chair