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Public Board Meeting #89

Held at 5:30 p.m. on May 15, 2014
Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
Coast Harbourside Hotel, 146 Kingston Street, Victoria, BC

Directors & Resources in Attendance:

Directors:

Bill Wellburn (Chair)	Shellie Gudgeon
Chief Andy Thomas (Vice Chair)	Pete Hartman
Barbara Desjardins (Secretary)	Graham Hill
Doug Crowder (Treasurer)	David Marshall
Dave Cowen	Paul Ridout
Christina Clarke	

Resources:

Curtis Grad (President & CEO)
Mike Graham (Chief Technical Officer)
Rebecca Penz (Manager, Stakeholder Engagement & First Nations Initiatives)
Sonterra Ross (Chief Operating Officer)
Philomena Zegger (Corporate Board Secretary/Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Introduction of Guests

The Chair introduced Greg Wirtz - Cruise Line International Association North West & Canada and Stephen Brown – BC Chamber of Shipping

3. Approval of Agenda

PB/M-2014-05-15 #001 MOVED and SECONDED THAT the agenda is approved with the amendment that 30 minutes be allocated for public input, rather than 15 minutes

CARRIED

4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

- Barbara Desjardins, potential conflict in her capacity as director of the Victoria Regional Transit Commission, should any discussion around contracts arise. Potential conflict as an elected official and appointee to CRD. Potential conflict on discussions related to sewage
- Dave Cowen, an indirect conflict with ground transportation, the Regent Hotel strata and Hyack Terminal through his affiliation with The Butchart Gardens
- Doug Crowder, potential conflict as his employer (Ralmax) is a shareholder in Salish Sea Industrial Services Ltd
- Christina Clarke, potential conflict as her employer (Songhees Nation) is a shareholder in Salish Sea Industrial Services Ltd
- Chief Andy Thomas, potential conflict as his Nation is a shareholder in Salish Sea Industrial Services Ltd.
- Graham Hill – potential conflict as an elected official and appointee to CRD and Island Corridor Foundation (ICF). Potential conflict on discussions related to CRD sewage project

5. Presentations

Board Chair noted that during the past year, or so, the quarterly public meetings presentations have been built around themes. Including, tourism sector, shipping, cruise

5.1 Greg Wirtz, President, Cruise Line International Association– North West & Canada (CLIA-NWC)

Presentation highlights included:

- Overview of CLIA - global organization that represents 11 cruise lines
- Growing a sustainable cruise industry in NW & Canada
- Cruise industry monitoring of Victoria Harbour and Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂) readings, and investigating probable causes within the Emission Control Areas (ECA)
- Current mitigation strategies include low SO₂ distillate fuels and installation of new scrubber technology

Board discussion included:

- Timeline for conversion of ships to scrubber technology
- Factors that contributed to the elevated emissions
- Confirmation that scrubbers do not pollute oceans - waste from scrubbers is captured and offloaded at an appropriate facility
- Request for outcome of investigation on elevated reading.

5 Stephen Brown, Chamber of Shipping

Presentation highlights included:

- BC Chamber of Shipping represents 180 members and wider issues to marine industry, primarily tanker traffic
- Referenced specific issues to cruise industry in CLIA presentation
- Shipping is one of most highly regulated industries in the world, similar to aviation
- Technology is driving and improving shipping safety
- All tankers have Canadian marine pilots on board with every pilot has extensive simulation training – largest compulsory pilotage area in the world
- Spill technology, avoidance and mitigation, advances in tanker design, effective/timely spill response regime

Board discussion included:

- Economic benefits/job creation from shipping missing from the broader public discussion
- Possible future for use of LNG for fuelling cruise ships
- Liability and accountability for an oil spill near Victoria
- Juan de Fuca & tsunami

6. Approval of Minutes of Previous Public Meeting

6.1 Approve minutes of Public Meeting #88 on February 21, 2014

PB/M-2014-05-15 #002 - MOVED and SECONDED THAT the minutes of Public Board Meeting #88, February 21, 2014 be approved.

CARRIED

7. Report to Public from In-Camera Meeting of February 21, 2013

The Board Chair advised that the Board provides a report to the Member Agencies and to the public after every In-Camera Board meeting through the GVHA website. Highlights since the last meeting include:

- Board reviewed 3 year business plan that has also been posted on GVHA website
- Organizational restructuring HR plan – ensuring sustainability and achieving operating objectives
- Individual manager accountable for operations at each GVHA facility
- Approved a lease of new/combined Head Office premise – consolidate 2.5 offices to bring employees together for greater efficiency and the ability to collaborate
- Approved 2014-15 Operating & Capital budgets to align with business plan
- Director Skills & Experience Matrix approved– helps define requirements needed on the Board for upcoming vacancies at end of the year
- Board Chair reviewed GVHA's governance model

8. Board Correspondence

PB/M-2014-05-15 #003 - MOVED and SECONDED THAT the Board receives the correspondence as circulated

9. Management Reporting

The P/CEO provided an update on strategic projects, including:

- **Fisherman's Wharf** – rezoning update
- **Steamship Terminal Revitalization**
 - Made wheelchair accessible
 - Building tenanted except for Level 1 Causeway floor to be marketed during summer of 2014
- **Harbour Divestiture – Provincial (former PCC) Properties**
 - Land/asset transaction agreement concluded for old Undersea Gardens and water lot
- **Long-term Sustainability**
 - Cruise passenger shuttle in second year of operation using transit buses
 - Collecting data for measuring service efficiency
- **Ogden Point Multi-Purpose Float**
 - Providing water based transportation to reduce bus trips to Fisherman's Wharf for whale watching
 - Marine cruise passenger shuttle trial underway from Ogden Point to Inner Harbour
- **Events**
 - Festivals & events – lots of events starting earlier this year
 - Interest, activity & animation in the inner harbour
 - Harbour planning – how do we seamlessly work with City of Victoria (& former PCC) with use parking lot for festivals
- **First Nations Partnership**
 - New festival with Aboriginal Tourism BC (AtBC) – Aboriginal Cultural Festival – June 2014
 - Dedication ceremony of the Juggler's Pitch on Causeway – the panelling was designed between RBC Museum, Songhees Nation and Esquimalt Nation
 - Unity Wall Blessing Ceremony and Food Burn Ceremony scheduled for June 2014 at Ogden Point

10. Public Input

- GVHA website contains guidelines for public input
- Individuals have up to 5 minutes to speak, public input session running for up to a maximum of 30 minutes with the Chair or P/CEO responding and/or deferring for follow-up
- Ask indulgence for respectful behaviour

Johnson, A of Ambertravel.ca

- Provides environmentally sustainable smaller vehicles, limousines, vans and sedans to cruise ship passengers
- Concern over fewer cruise passengers due to pre-booking onboard
- Would like to see the pre-booking of smaller vehicles run by local business who are paying licence fees, and supporting families and local economic development

Response: GVHA

- Cruise passengers decide their own transportation options and make their own pre-bookings for shore excursions or tours onboard, via internet or on arrival – The buses are physically the last option that passengers walk to after all other options have been passed
- Taxi permit is \$200 = equates to approx. \$1 per cruise ship (\$200/~200 ship calls)

Bouree, F, Chair of Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce

- Question to Guest Speakers – Are there any updates to the Jones Act & Passenger Services Act?

Response: Greg Wirtz (CLIA)

- The USA's Jones Act & Passenger Services Act applies to passenger transportation from 1887 effective cabotage laws to protect US
- However, there is a domino effect that would affect all modes of international transportation (esp. air)
- Cruise industry does not take a position on it – not anticipating any changes at this time

Scarfe, B - consultant/James Bay Resident and member of James Bay Neighbourhood Assoc (JBNA)

- Would like to see Stephen Brown's Chamber of Shipping presentation on the GVHA website
- Queried the research model and methodology of the BREA study and secondary review by Oxford University
- Adam Sax of Tourism Economics, located in Pennsylvania – how independent is review?

Response: GVHA

- GVHA respectfully accepts that you disagree with the study findings

- The economic arm of Oxford University Economics was hired to conduct an independent review of the BREA study – findings of the BREA were confirmed

Gardiner, M - James Bay Neighbourhood Assoc (JBNA)

Raised four discussion items

- Air emissions on May 9, 2014
- Consultation process with GVHA and previous requests for a sub-committee of the Board
- Alleged safety problem with handrails been addressed, however other concerns
- Harbour pathway – ask GVHA to advance the pathway project – noted that the current pathway project status was not the fault of the GVHA or JBNA

Response: Greg Wirtz (CLIA)

- Spoke to concerns over air emissions peak and wind analysis

Response: GVHA

- Request to send JBNA data collected directly to Greg Wirtz (CLIA)
- GVHA would welcome any slides in written or digital form

Jones, G – James Bay resident

- Commented on the capacity of the water shuttle service
- Raised concerns over the volume and noise of buses
- Enquired as to contents of tandem trailers

Response: GVHA

- Marine shuttle is a first year pilot to test feasibility for operators to be able to invest
- The use of double deckers has seen in a reduction in volume of buses due to higher capacity and specifically on the “9-corners” part of the route (ie: Belleville, Fisherman’s Wharf, Ogden Point), as these taller units are back-tracking on Douglas/Dallas to return to Ogden Point
- Tandem “live load” trailers deal with the waste disposal, reduce trips through the community and Tervita has been recognized as leaders in this field

Doyle, C – James Bay resident

- Questions relating to the presentations – comparison of Rotterdam and different styles of port, double hulled tankers, request for information sources for sea water scrubbers

Response: Stephen Brown (Chamber of Shipping)

- Commented on different styles of ports and context of shipping traffic
- Various sea water scrubber technologies – different companies and sell to shipping companies on the merits of what the needs - development and investment of scrubbers has been exponential – proven technologically

Ringuette, J - James Bay Neighbourhood Assoc (JBNA)

- What is the purpose of running a public input session? Comment on the GVHA Board policy on public input to “listen” – do not use this time to respond

Prittie, D

- Swiftsure race on this weekend
- Keep the festivals happening and the working harbour active

11. **Motion to Adjourn – Moving In-Camera**

PB/M-2014-05-15 #004 – 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, as it is in the opinion of the Board that the public interest requires the exclusion

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.



Bill Wellburn, Chair



Philomena Zegger, Recording Secretary