



# MINUTES

## Public Board Meeting #90

Greater Victoria Harbour Authority  
Held at 5:30 p.m. on August 21, 2014  
Coast Harbourside Hotel, 146 Kingston Street, Victoria, BC

### 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 – P/CEO)  
Sonterra Ross (Chief Operating Officer - COO)  
Mike Graham (Chief Technical Officer - CTO)  
Rebecca Penz (Manager, Stakeholder Engagement & First Nations Initiatives - MSEFNI)  
Kyla Fiddick (Manager, Finance & IT – MFIT)  
John Briant, Western Stevedoring  
Philomena Zegger (Corporate Board Secretary-CBS/Recording Secretary)

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#### 1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**PB/M-2014-08-21 #001 MOVED and SECONDED THAT** the agenda is approved with permission that the that the time allotted to presentations may be extended

**CARRIED**

#### 3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

The Chair asked directors to declare any conflict of interests relating to this agenda. No conflicts were declared and the Chair asked that should any other business come before this meeting where a conflict of interests may exist, to please declare it to the Board.

#### 4. Presentations

##### 4.1 Jody Watson, CRD - Capital Regional District, Harbours and Watersheds Co-ordinator

- 2014 Harbour Survey highlights were presented
- Included harbour measured usage and frequency, analysis across 4 harbour areas: Victoria Harbour, Gorge & Portage, Esquimalt Lagoon, Esquimalt Harbour – with a particular focus on Victoria Harbour
- Series of vision statements were crafted based on weighted values of usages and issues

##### Board questions and discussion included:

- Methodology basis and robustness
- Enquiries as how the information will be used
- Potential to be presented at the CRD and forum of local municipal councils
- What questions were asked regarding First Nations culture and significance

##### 4.2 Andrea Hudson, City of Victoria, Assistant Director, Community Planning

"Harbour Planning" Presentation highlights, included:

- Next steps, public engagement and the role of GVHA
- Maintaining Harbour – public engagement process meant to advance objectives within policies
- Strategic sites included Belleville Terminal, Ship Point & Lower Wharf Street

**Board questions and discussion included:**

- Survey robustness, sample size, analysis/evaluation of results and participation process
- Similarities between the CRD & City of Victoria findings reconfirms that access and connectivity of the harbour is important
- Consultation with specific user groups with complex histories & needs eg First Nations, business

**4.3 Marg Gardiner, James Bay Neighbourhood Association (JBNA), President**

Wind and Emissions Analysis compiled by JBNA from available data

- Wind analysis and cruise ship emissions to date for the 2014 season
- Associated cruise ships whose emissions were believed to be contributing to excessive readings

**5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Public Meeting**

**5.1 Approve minutes of Public Meeting #89 on May 15, 2014**

**PB/M-2014-08-21 #002 - MOVED and SECONDED THAT** the minutes of Public Board Meeting #89, May 15, 2014 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**6. Report to Public from In-Camera Meeting of May 16, 2014**

- The Board Chair advised that GVHA provides a report to the Member Agencies and to the public through the GVHA website following quarterly In-Camera Board meetings.
- The Chair referenced the report for the meeting
- Board Director renewal – the aim is that director positions will be set at three year terms where possible with one-third of Board positions coming to the end of term each year to provide continuity and orderly Board renewal
- Director Recruitment currently underway - Board skills and experience matrix is guiding recruitment for:
  - 4 Member Agency Director positions
  - Up to 2 additional Independent Directors – noted GVHA's constitution allows for up to 4 independent directors
- JBNA/GVHA Collaboration - JBNA concerns to be included in GVHA's upcoming Strategic Planning session

**7. Board Correspondence**

**PB/M-2014-08-21 #003 - MOVED and SECONDED THAT** the Board receives the correspondence as circulated

**CARRIED**

**8. Management Reporting**

- The P/CEO provided an update on strategic projects, including First Nations partnership, stakeholder engagement, facility updates, events and harbour planning

**Deane Strongitharm, City Spaces Consulting**

- Pedestrian bridges proposed or planned by the City of Victoria linking waterfront between Fisherman's Wharf and Worldmark, as well as Worldmark to Coast Harbourside – could be the first new phase of the David Foster Way to proceed – linkage will be key

**Board Discussion:**

- Tuna fishery – the treaty between US & Canada has been settled
- Record year anticipated in 2014 for tuna fish off-loading

**9. Public Input**

- GVHA website contains guidelines for public input
- Individuals have up to 5 minutes to speak

**Jones, Garry**

- GVHA needs to build the relationship between the City of Victoria

Scarfe, Brian – JBNA, GVHA Community Advisor, Resident

- o GVHA could persuade Federal Government to report fuel logs and identify worst performing ships
- o GVHA could stagger the scheduling ships & transportation

Prittie, Don

- o Silent majority value the working harbour and the community economic benefits it provides
- o Classic Boat Festival this weekend – working and recreational vessels

Horn, Hannah – President, Victoria Esquimalt Harbour Society

- o Referenced support for the working harbour
- o Is there any displacement of commercial fish boats with the FW commercial development strategy – what is the situation?
  - Response by CEO: The plan supports the moorage of CFVs (commercial fishing vessels) at Fisherman's Wharf

Doyle, Chris

- o Expressed disappointment around the Esquimalt Harbour
- o Belleville Terminal – wished well
- o Ship Point – currently hosts numerous public events, request to keep these
- o Enquiry on how age of cruise passengers is measured

Marg Gardiner

- o Number of cruise walking passengers is rising to reach previous levels
- o Commercial fishing will stay
- o Board of Director recruitment – enquiry if there were Director skills sets currently on the Board with sustainability and environmental experience

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

**PB/M-2014-08-21 #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 Chair recognized members of the public at the meeting:

Randy Wright, Don Prittie, Bea Holland, founding GVHA directors and Life Members; Jade Yehia, Vancouver Island Health Authority; Bernie Talbot, International Longshore & Warehouse Union

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.



Bill Wellburn, Chair



Philomena Zegger, Recording Secretary