

## REPORT TO THE PUBLIC ON THE QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN-CAMERA MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2015



Greater Victoria Harbour Authority's Board of Directors met on February 19 & 20, 2015 for its regular quarterly public and in-camera meetings. The following summarizes the meetings:

**City of Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps** shared her vision for the harbour and described the City of Victoria's nine Harbour Vitality Principles. Mayor Helps looks forward to GVHA and the City working together to create a positive, lasting impact on the harbour and in the community. As an example, the David Foster Harbour Pathway project represents an excellent opportunity for collaboration to achieve positive results.

**Lead Consultant Mark Crisp of Stantec** provided an update on Phase 3 of the Ogden Point Master Plan. Mr. Crisp described the process and the importance of public consultation as a critical part of planning. The current phase is focused on a preferred strategy for the site and how the site could function in the years ahead. Consultation with the City, First Nations and the community will help guide future site zoning.

**Six New Directors Completed Board Orientation** and have joined GVHA's 13-person Board of Directors team:

- Nicholas Banks – nominee, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society
- Ben Isitt – nominee, City of Victoria
- Nils Jensen – nominee, Capital Regional District
- Starr McMichael – Independent Community Director
- David Schinbein – nominee, Township of Esquimalt
- Gordon Tweddell - Independent Community Director

Additionally, GVHA's eight Member Agencies have appointed their 2015 Member Representatives (delegates) who will vote on their behalf at GVHA's Annual General Meeting.

**The CEO Search Task Force** has completed a rigorous series of interviews and will recommend a candidate to the Board in March.

**GVHA's Strategic Planning Process** is on schedule and consultations were held with GVHA staff and Member Agency Representatives. The current draft outlines four overarching goals:

- Economic, Social and Environmental Benefits for the Region
- Financial Self-Sufficiency & Responsible Stewardship of GVHA Properties
- Trusted Advocate for the Working Harbour
- Effective Governance and Accountability

Next steps include further Member Agency and stakeholder consultations, and a comprehensive plan review by GVHA's new CEO.

**Skwin'ang'eth Selas Development Company (SSD Co.)** is a new not-for-profit company and a three-way partnership between GVHA, Esquimalt Nation and Songhees Nation. GVHA is currently identifying nominees for appointment by SSD Co. to two of three dedicated seats on SSD Co.'s Board of Directors. GVHA's founding Board Chair, Stewart Johnston is GVHA's first nominee and is also the founding Chair of SSD Co.

**Rick Crosby, Interim Chief Executive Officer** reported on activities over the last three months:

- Financial performance is on budget with a net surplus of \$1 million before amortization forecast for the year ending March 31, 2015
- Negotiations with the Province continue for the Maritime Museum tenancy at the Steamship Terminal; GVHA has offered additional time in order to support the Maritime Museum's efforts to secure financing and to finalize a financially viable long term lease proposal. The Province's Shared Services BC is supporting the Maritime Museum with lease negotiations on their behalf.
- This year's cruise season will bring over 500,000 passengers to Victoria, a three-fold increase since GVHA took over the Ogden Point terminal in 2002.
- GVHA continues to seek improvements to ground transportation through the James Bay Neighbourhood

**Fiscal 2015/16 Annual Operating Plan** was approved by the Board. It is an interim plan and will be reviewed further by the new CEO and Leadership Team prior to the next quarterly Board meeting.