

Deltaport Third Berth Project
2007 Community Liaison Activities and Input
Report to the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office



Vancouver Port Authority
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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Overview

Construction for the Deltaport Third Berth Project began in January 2007, with dredging and marine works. The project will take approximately three years and is scheduled for completion in late 2009.

The Deltaport Third Berth Project (DP3) is a Vancouver Port Authority (VPA) and TSI Terminal Systems Inc. (TSI) initiative to expand existing container operations at the Deltaport container terminal at Roberts Bank, in Delta, BC.

DP3 will increase capacity at Deltaport by approximately 400,000 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) by adding a third berth and 20 hectares of container storage facilities to the existing two-berth container terminal.

The third berth at Deltaport will be operated by TSI, a private company that operates the existing Deltaport container terminal.

The Project is part of VPA's overall strategy to expand container capacity at the Port of Vancouver to accommodate consumer and business-driven demand for increased Canadian trade through the west coast of Canada.

1.2 Federal and Provincial Regulatory Review Process

The DP3 Project required provincial approval under the *British Columbia Environmental Assessment Act* and federal approvals following a review under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. The provincial and federal review processes identified potential environmental, economic, social, heritage and/or health impacts and defined how these will be avoided or mitigated.

The Project was comprehensively reviewed by federal and provincial government agencies through a single harmonized environmental assessment process facilitated by the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) and was open to the full participation of stakeholders and the general public.

On September 29, 2006 the Vancouver Port Authority received a provincial environmental assessment certificate from the EAO for the Deltaport Third Berth Project. On November 3, 2006, the federal Minister of the Environment and Minister responsible for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) announced that the proposed Deltaport Third Berth Expansion Project is unlikely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

On December 19, 2006, VPA received authorization under the *Fisheries Act* to allowing construction on the project to commence.

1.3 EAO Table of Commitments and Assurances

As part of its environmental assessment report on the Deltaport Third Berth Project, the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) issued the *Owner's Table of Commitments and Assurances*, a series of commitments to responsible environmental management and other measures.

During the first year of the construction phase of the DP3 Project, VPA reported to the EAO and the working group (composed of various provincial and federal regulatory agencies, First Nations groups, municipalities and other stakeholders) on the status of these commitments. Updated versions of the *Owner's Table of Commitments and Assurances* were also uploaded to the project website, as they became available. To view the latest update to the table, [click here](#).

For more information on the environmental assessment review process, [click here](#).

1.4 Community Liaison Plan

On December 12, 2006, the VPA issued the *Deltaport Third Berth Project – Community Liaison Plan* to provide the public with an overview of the community liaison activities planned for the construction and first year of operations of DP3.

The plan integrates the consultation and communications commitments made in the *Owner's Table of Commitments and Assurances*

[Click here](#) to view the Community Liaison Plan.

2.0 Community Liaison Activities

The VPA is committed to working with the community of Delta to identify issues and minimize impacts related to the Deltaport Third Berth Project.

During 2007, VPA undertook consultation and communications activities as described in the *Deltaport Third Berth Project – Community Liaison Plan*.

Community liaison activities during 2007 included:

- creation of the Deltaport Third Berth Project Community Liaison Committee (DCLC);
- 8 DCLC meetings;
- development and maintenance of a regularly updated public comment and issues tracking table;
- project advisories/updates via email circulation to 570 individuals on the project database and postings on the DP3 webpages;
- 3 open houses to provide project updates;
- open house notification ads in local newspapers;
- 2 newsletters (February and November 2007) e-mailed to the project database and posted on DP3 webpages; and,
- maintaining contact and feedback mechanisms (project information line, e-mail address, facsimile line and mailing address).

VPA continued to meet with stakeholders for one-on-one meetings, presentations and site visits, as requested. VPA also continued to provide a presence in the community at events through VPA's well-established Community Relations Outreach Program.

3.0 Community Liaison Committee

Overview

The Deltaport Third Berth Project Community Liaison Committee (DCLC) consists of up to 17 individuals representing residents, community associations and businesses in Delta, as well as port stakeholder groups.

The purpose of the committee is to work with the VPA during the construction and first-year operation of the third-berth at Deltaport to identify community concerns, develop potential solutions to address those concerns and assist in communicating information among the community, VPA and other port stakeholders.

Terms of Reference

The DCLC finalized Terms of Reference on April 20, 2007. Please [click here](#) to view the DCLC Terms of Reference. For an overview of the DCLC process, [click here](#).

Meeting Notes

Eight meetings of the DCLC have taken place to date. Click on the meeting date links below to view the meeting notes.

DCLC Meeting 1	March 22, 2007
DCLC Meeting 2	April 19, 2007
DCLC Meeting 3	May 1, 2007
DCLC Meeting 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attachment 1• Attachment 2	June 26, 2007 Proposal by Communications Subcommittee Update from VPA on Noise
DCLC Meeting 5	July 3, 2007
DCLC Meeting 6	September 6, 2007
DCLC Meeting 7	October 25, 2007
DCLC Meeting 8	November 29, 2007

Fact Sheets

Three fact sheets have been prepared at the request and with oversight from the DCLC. DCLC presented VPA with a list of frequent questions and VPA responded to the questions. In several cases, DCLC requested that both the questions and answers be presented to key regulatory agencies for their comment. The fact sheets incorporate agency reviews of DCLC questions and VPA responses as they became available.

Click on the date links below to view the fact sheets.

Air Quality Fact Sheet	November 26, 2007
Highway 17 Fact Sheet	November 9, 2007
Wildlife Fact Sheet	December 4, 2007

Presentations

Presentations were provided to DCLC during their scheduled meetings. Click on the date links below to view the presentations.

Truck Licensing System	October 25, 2007
Highway 17 Improvements	October 25, 2007

An informal meeting was held on [June 12, 2007](#) to provide DCLC with presentations by VPA, TSI and BC Rail Company (BCRC).

Other Reports

Two other reports related to the Deltaport Third Berth Project were posted on the VPA website. Click on the date links below to view the reports.

DP3 Cold Ironing (shore power) Feasibility Report (TSI)	May 2007
DP3 Construction Noise Monitoring Report	November 15, 2007

4.0 Open Houses

Overview

In order to provide the community with an update on the Deltaport Third Berth Project, including construction activities and habitat projects, VPA hosted three public open houses as follows:

- May 29, 2007, Delta (Delta Town and Country Inn, 20 attendees)
- May 31, 2007, Tsawwassen (Coast Tsawwassen Inn, 29 attendees)
- Nov. 24, 2007, Delta (Delta Town and Country Inn, 65 attendees)

VPA staff, TSI Terminal Systems Inc. and technical consultants were available to answer questions. Members of the Deltaport Third Berth Project Community Liaison Committee (DCLC) also attended the open houses.

Advertisement

Advertisements in local newspapers provided notification of the open houses. The ad placement schedule was as follows:

May 29/31 events:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Newspaper</i>
May 18, 2007	South Delta Leader
May 19, 2007	Delta Optimist
May 25, 2007	South Delta Leader
May 25, 2007	Surrey/North Delta Leader
May 26, 2007	Delta Optimist

November 24 event:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Newspaper</i>
November 16, 2007	South Delta Leader
November 17, 2007	Delta Optimist
November 21, 2007	Delta Optimist
November 21, 2007	Surrey/North Delta Leader
November 23, 2007	South Delta Leader
November 23, 2007	Surrey/North Delta Leader
November 24, 2007	Delta Optimist

Information Boards

Information boards were developed for display at the May 29/31, and November 24, 2007 open houses. Click on the information board date link below to view the information boards.

DP3 Open House Information Boards	May 29/31, 2007 November 24, 2007
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Open House Summaries

Brief summaries of the open houses, including the input received, were developed following the events. Click on the open house summary date links below to view the summaries.

Open House Summary Report	May 29, 2007 May 31, 2007 November 24, 2007
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Issues raised on open house comment forms or during discussions with VPA staff were documented and responded to in the 2007 Issue Tracking and Response Table (refer to Section 8.0).

5.0 Newsletters

Two newsletters were developed to provide updates to the public regarding DP3 activities. The newsletters were delivered to all residential and business addresses via Canada Post mail-drop, and circulated to the project database via e-mail and posted on the VPA website. Click on the links below to view the newsletters.

Deltaport Third Berth Project Update	February 2007
Deltaport Third Berth Project Update	November 2007

6.0 Project Advisories/Construction Updates

Twelve Project Advisories/Construction Updates were issued by VPA in 2007, providing timely project information. These advisories/updates were distributed to 570 individuals on the project database via e-mail and posted on the VPA website.

Please [click here](#) to view the 2007 Project Advisories/Construction Updates.

7.0 Library Resource Files

Key project information, including the majority of files linked electronically in this report, is made available in hard copy in resource files at the following local libraries.

- Ladner Pioneer Library
- George Mackie Library
- South Delta Library
- Strawberry Hill Library
- City of Langley Library

8.0 Issue Tracking and Response Table

A post-certification and construction phase issue tracking and response document was developed by the VPA, as laid out in the *Owner's Table of Commitments and Assurances*. The document includes the issues raised in 2007 by the public in correspondence to VPA and the DCLC and at project open houses. VPA provided responses to the identified issues on an ongoing basis.

The document was updated by the VPA prior to each DCLC meeting with new issues and VPA responses added as they were received. The document was circulated to DCLC members and posted on the project website. [Click here](#) to view the 2007 Issue Tracking and Response Table.

9.0 Issue Summary

Issues appearing in the 2007 Issue Tracking and Response Table included concerns relating to the environment, construction management, marine life, wildlife, noise, lighting, transportation, socio-economics, safety, the DCLC, consultation and communications, regulatory matters, and other general project and non-project issues.

Transportation issues raised by local residents and stakeholder groups included concerns over increased truck traffic, safe truck operations, adequacy of traffic mitigation measures and road/rail interfaces.

Noise concerns resulting from dredging and other construction activities were raised. Many noise concerns were determined to be related to existing operations and were handled through the terminal's operator, TSI.

Local residents and stakeholder groups also raised the effects of construction on wildlife and wildlife habitat, including orcas, Dungeness crabs, barn owls and other marine and bird life.

Air quality concerns were raised related to increased tanker and truck traffic and construction machinery.

Many comments related to existing operational issues at Deltaport with the implication that expansion of container facilities would exacerbate these existing issues (e.g. truck and traffic issues, air quality, noise).

10.0 Community Liaison Activities 2008

Consultation and communications activities for the Deltaport Third Berth Project in 2008 will continue to be guided by the *Deltaport Third Berth Project: Community Liaison Plan - Construction and First Year Operation Phase*

[Click here](#) to view the Community Liaison Plan.