



**Deltaport
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Deltaport Third Berth Project Community Liaison Committee (DCLC)

Meeting Notes DRAFT

Date	October 23, 2008
Times	6:00 – 9:00pm
Location	Tsawwassen Golf & Country

Meeting facilitated by: Charles Holmes, notes by Amanda Blair

Members present: Leslie Abramson, Allan Baydala, Steve Bayley, Farida Bishay, Robert Butler, Alan Cadwell, Teresa Cooper, Colin Donaldsen, Byng Girard, Bernita Iverson, Linda McKay, Clint Morgan, Mike Owen, Vic Rivers, Remo Williams

Regrets: Roger Emsley

Staff: Naomi Horsford (PMV), Mike Schneider (Webmaster)

Guests: Darrell Desjardin (PMV), Carrie Brown (PMV), Patrick Craig (PMV), Christine Lussier (Hemmera), Mike Geragthy (Hemmera), Marianne Gilbert (Jacques Whitford)

Desired Meeting Results:

By the end of this meeting we will have:

1. Have a better understanding of the role of the Environmental Monitors
2. Have a better understanding of the findings presented in the Adaptive Management Strategy 2007 Annual Report
3. Have agreement on any recommendations and next steps regarding the Environmental Monitors and AMS
4. Have understanding of the DCLC survey results and each other's suggested action items

Action Summary

Action	Responsible	Due Date
Draft the first three 'Did You Know' columns	Amanda & Communications Sub-Committee	November 17, 2008
Send comments regarding Lighting Report to Amanda	All	November 17, 2008
Compile and send Lighting Report comments to PMV	Amanda	November 19, 2008



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Welcome

- There are 15 DCLC members present at the start of the meeting and quorum is confirmed.

Review Actions from Last Meeting

Action	Responsible	Due Date
Ask Delta City Engineers about putting up barriers along the North side of Deltaport way west side of 57b to prevent trucks from parking along the shoulder.	Bernita	Complete
Follow-up with Curtis about investigating the feasibility of posting of a sign with the truck reporting phone number on the overpass.	Naomi	Complete
Compile a list of topics from previous meetings for the 'Did You Know' columns.	Linda	Complete
Contact the Noise Sub-Committee with the results of the RFP and to set up a meeting.	Darrell	Complete
Update the Wildlife Issue Summary to include the Port's response to the questions listed.	Amanda	Complete
Confirm with Colin the communication that is appropriate of container volume considering the proprietary nature of the material.	Leslie	Complete

Information Exchange since Last Meeting

- Refer to handout of *2008-10-20_DCLC_List of Correspondence and information distributed*

Updates from Members not Present

Background:

- This is the opportunity for DCLC members who were absent from the last meeting to raise any issues that were outstanding.

Update:

- None



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Presentations – Adaptive Management Strategy, Environmental Monitoring

Darrell Desjardin (PMV), Mike Geraghty (Hemmera), Marianne Gilbert (Jacques Whitford)

Overview – Darrell Dejardin

Please refer to the presentation 2008-10-23 Presentation to the DCLC re overview of DP3 monitoring.pdf

Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Secretariat Update:

- SAC is preparing a response to the community questions that have come in via Against Port Expansion (APE) and welcome any other questions/concerns
- SAC is preparing an update which will be made available publicly at the end of Nov/early Dec.
- SAC may be available to attend the open house on December 2.
- An update of SAC's comments on the AMS will be provided to DCLC. Ron Ydenberg is happy to present in the future if needed.
- As part of the public release of their commentary, SAC has stated that they could provide their commentary to local papers. DCLC requested that the Delta/Surrey leader be included to reach the North Delta residents.

Q&A regarding Adaptive Management Strategy

Q – Many metrics have been dropped. This is a five year study, so why drop metrics in the first year?

A – The metrics that have been dropped were done so under the suggestion of SAC. They were originally included at DFO's request. Monitoring of other metrics have actually increased.

Q – Are the results of the environmental monitoring of DP3 being taken into consideration in the approval process of T2?

A – No, this 5 year study is focused on DP3. T2 and DP3 have differing ecosystems. If negative impacts are found, this would be input into the decision-making regarding T2.

Q – Is PAH being measured in sediment as well as water?

A – No, only in the water. In other studies no PAH has been found in the water.

Q – It looks like the amount of the more invasive eelgrass is increasing and pushing the other species out.

A – The mixed area has grown and there has been shifting in species. The finding is that overall there is more eelgrass there. The determining factor is largely due to water depths.



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Q – Have you considered using data from previous studies for comparison purposes?

A – Some bird data is available from the Environmental Assessment, but many locations for the water sampling have changed. This current data set will be more valuable as a unit. If there are any warning signs in the trends, earlier studies will be consulted.

Marine Mammal – Marianne Gilbert

Please refer to the presentation *MMM Presentation for DCLC*

Q – Was Deltaport ever shut down in the last year due to Killer Whales being within the 1km radius?

A – No

Q – Do you have any historical data on Stellar Sea Lions in the Strait of Georgia?

A – Stellars have been in decline in the last 15 years. A virus that went through roughly 9 years ago killed 30% and the population has not fully recovered.

Environmental Monitor – Michael Geragthy

Please refer to the presentation 2008-10-23 Presentation to DCLC re environmental construction monitoring.pdf

Q – How many fish were saved in the caisson recovery?

A – Thousands of juvenile salmon were recovered.

Reports

Communications Sub-Committee

Background

- It has been difficult to prepare full length 'Did You Know' columns for the newspaper that cover the issues in a way that all members are satisfied with.
- The newspaper has agreed to donate column space on a monthly or bi-monthly basis.

Agreements

- The committee agreed to pursue the DCLC Did You Know column in the newspaper on a monthly basis.
 - Vote: 15 support, 0 against
- The committee agreed that the columns will be approved by DCLC via email. The group will not wordsmith the articles. Anyone who does not reply within the stated time line will be considered to support the content.



- Vote: 15 support, 0 against

- There was agreement that any factual errors will be corrected; however, otherwise, the columns will remain independent from the Port.

Actions

- Amanda and Communications Sub-Committee to prepare the first three Did You Know columns, targeting publishing the first one prior to the next DCLC meeting.

Noise Sub-Committee

Background

- The Noise Sub-Committee has worked with Darrell Desjardin to establish an RFP for an additional noise study.
- No RFP submissions were received for a 2008 study.

Update

- PMV has committed to developing best management practices for noise monitoring.
- The Sub-Committee is disappointed that there was no summer 2008 study.

Action

- The Sub-Committee will review potential options and report back to DCLC.

Port Metro Vancouver

Please refer to Appendix A for the Port Update.

Lighting Report

- The Lighting Report has been submitted by TSI to the Port for review.
- The deadline for comments on the report is **Dec 15th**. These comments will be factored into the Port feedback on the report.

DFO Barge Berth Approval

Action

- Mike Owen to contact DFO expressing DCLC's concern for the DFO delays in approving the barge berth.

Truck Staging Area

Q – The Optimist has reported about a truck staging area. Is this in fact happening?



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A – This has to do with activities on the South Shore of the Burrard Inlet. It may be a staging area that serves both the River and Deltaport. It will most likely be in Richmond.

PMV Press Release

- On Friday, October 17th, Port Metro Vancouver (PMV) suspended ocean disposal operations at Roberts Bank upon learning that the contractor, Deltaport Constructors Ltd. had exceeded ocean disposal amounts applied for under the 2008 ocean disposal permit.
- PMV immediately advised Environment Canada and will cooperate in any investigation or required mitigation action. Port Metro Vancouver learned of the discrepancy Thursday of last week when the contractor advised of amounts recently disposed.
- A cease and desist order for further ocean dumping at the Roberts Bank disposal site is expected to be issued by Environment Canada.

Q – What is the size of the overage?

A – It is currently unknown.

Q – How did you learn of the incident?

A – The Port had suspicions that the contractor had exceeded limits and looked into it further and found the violation. It was done by underwater pipeline, not a barge. An independent contractor was hired to assess levels and any environmental impacts. The Port has self-reported to Environment Canada.

Q – Who are the contractors?

A – The contractor is Deltaport Constructors Ltd. (DCL). DCL is a project specific joint venture between Vancouver Pile Driving Ltd. and Graham Construction Ltd.).

Actions

- Committee members to send comments to Amanda regarding the Lighting Report.
- Amanda to compile comments and give to the Port in advance of the next DCLC meeting.

Business

Business regarding DCLC Survey has been tabled for the next meeting.

Next Meeting Agenda – November 27, 2008

- 30 min on Lighting Report. TSI is willing to do a presentation at the next meeting.



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- SAC presentation pending Ron Idenberg's availability
- DCLC Survey Results
- Review Did You Know Column

**Appendix A: Update from Port Metro Vancouver
Deltaport Third Berth Project Community Liaison Group
Meeting Date: October 23, 2008
Construction Update**

- The new tug basin has been completed and Seaspan is operating its vessels from the new site.
- TSI has awarded a contract for the first phase of terminal works; the installation of underground utilities.
- The Port and TSI are still planning on building a temporary barge berth to bring construction materials to site by barge for terminal construction and for the east causeway habitat compensation project. The Port is still awaiting a *Fisheries Act Authorization*.
- The marine works contractor is building a second temporary barge berth to bring additional materials to the site for the remainder of its marine works. This barge berth cannot be used by TSI and the Port to bring construction material to the site for the terminal works or for the east causeway habitat compensation project because of likely interference with marine works construction activities and because DCL must remove the barge berth prior to the completion of east causeway work. This berth has been reviewed by Fisheries and Oceans and the Port.
- Construction of the marine works contractor barge berth will require pile driving and is anticipated to be completed by vibro-head, however, an impact hammer may be necessary to ensure that piles reach their design depth.

Highway 17

- Highway 17 improvements are open for traffic. A project completion walk through was conducted on October 3, 2008. The contractor is currently correcting deficiencies and carrying out additional work identified during the walk through.
- Post-construction noise monitoring will be conducted to determine whether sound attenuation measures are needed.



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DP3 Amenities Fund

- On October 2, Delta hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Seven Seas Property. As part of the DP3 Amenities Fund, we provided \$2million to allow Delta to purchase this property. Allan, Teresa, Leslie and Roger attended.
- This property will preserve public waterfront space and is part of Delta's long term plans to revitalize the historic Ladner area.

Environmental Update

Sandbar Stabilization:

- Nothing new to report since the last update.

East Causeway:

- The Port is still waiting on approval from Fisheries and Oceans from the barge berth, therefore the project is still on hold. It is expected that authorization will be provided shortly but project logistics - such as tendering etc. – that it is unlikely that physical works will be initiated before the end of this year.

Reefs:

- Work on the reefs is still in progress and is expected to continue on a weather dependent and equipment availability basis for the next few months.

Salt Marsh:

- Work on the drainage channel extensions is now complete. Culvert installation is expected to be initiated within a few weeks, when the culverts are delivered.

Caisson Refugia:

- All of the caissons are now in place. This project is complete

Off-site Compensation (Rose-Kirkland Island):

- The Rose-Kirkland off-site compensation project is close to completion.

Short Sea Shipping

- In September, the Federal Government announced that it would be investing in a Short Sea Shipping infrastructure, including investing at Deltaport. This announcement has nothing to do with the Deltaport Third Berth Project.



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- Industry is currently reviewing options for the viability of Short Sea Shipping and has nothing to report to date. All infrastructure projects would be subject to review and approval of environmental assessment branches.

Public Information Session

- The next DP3 Public Information Session will be held at the Tsawwassen Golf and Country Club on Tuesday, December 2, 2008.
- Please note that location has been changed.

Action Items from last Meeting

Action item: Follow-up with Curtis about investigating the feasibility of posting a sign with the truck reporting phone number on the overpass.

The Port is interested in ways to provide the public with information on reporting unsafe trucks on port roads. The sign would need to be approved by the Ministry of Transportation as Highway 17 falls under its jurisdiction. However, there are several significant issues that Port needs to resolve prior to working with the Ministry for permission to post a sign. They include:

1. Human resources: The Port does have the resources to handle calls during the day but at this point, there would be an answering machine after working hours. The Land Operations would need to develop a system to receive and screen calls to ensure they are legitimate (port trucks, not ferry etc.).
2. Opportunities and barriers: At this point, public complaints on unsafe drivers would help identify problem drivers/companies, however, the Port would not be able "punish" or "rescind" a truck license based on a member of the public contacting the Port to report a truck through a Port Truck Information Line. The information reported to the Port by the public must have evidence that it is also reported to the Delta Police Department (DPD) or RCMP, and that the DPD or RCMP is investigating and/or has issued warning or ticket, in order for it to be considered when reviewing a trucking company's or driver's status with the Port.

Actions:

1. The Port has met with the BC Ministry of Transportation to develop a data sharing agreement in order to provide the Port with access to company's and driver's safety & enforcement records. The Port met with MoT to discuss issues around sharing information and privacy concerns are being reviewed.
2. The Port has contacted MoT to investigate if this type of signage is possible.

Action item: Provide updated container forecast.

Port Metro Vancouver container capacity by 2025 forecast is approximately 8.4 million TEUs. Please note that these are forecasts and forecasts are subject to change. As a result of current global economic conditions, it is expected that forecasted growth rates may



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decrease slightly over a two year period, however, by 2011, it is expected that volumes will continue to grow at rates similar to what has been experienced in the past few years.

Response to DCLC Questions since last meeting

Questions from DCLC regarding birds (submitted by R. Emsley)

Question 1: Did the osprey nest this year – noting that the birds are still in the area? I (Roger Emsley) have an additional to question in relation to this. The MOE response indicates that VFPA could be asked to develop an alternative nesting site. Has this/will this be considered since they are still in the area?

• Response: The ospreys are in the area but have not moved back into the relocated nest but are in the area and we continue to monitor the nesting site. At this point, a new nesting site has not been considered but we will work with the Ministry of Environment if this is required. At present Osprey nesting is not limited to Roberts Bank.

Question 2: Is the list of birds in the fact sheet meant to be the list of all birds in the Deltaport 3 Berth area? If so it is certainly missing a lot of species – where are all the duck species other than a couple mentioned, Pacific loon, Common loon, red-necked grebe? It is the most peculiar list I have ever seen for Roberts Bank birds, including some very rare accidental ones and missing many that are regulars. Was it meant to be just red and blue-listed species? This area is part of the Fraser River Estuary Important Bird Area and I would have thought consideration of the species on the IBA list would have been part of the monitoring.

• Response: The list of birds referred to in DCLC's *Wildlife Factsheet* is the SARA list (Species at Risk) and does not refer to the list of species being monitored. All birds present within the study area are monitored and reported on. For a comprehensive list of coastal seabirds, waterfowl and terrestrial birds in the Robert Bank area, please refer to the Deltaport Third Berth Project EA Application; Technical Volumes 6 and 7 (http://www.portvancouver.com/container_expansion/deltaport/index.html)