

Deltaport Third Berth Project

2008 Community Liaison Activities and Input Report to the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office



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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 terminal construction is scheduled for completion in late 2009. The environmental habitat compensation work is scheduled for completion in early 2011.

The Deltaport Third Berth Project (DP3) is a Port Metro Vancouver (PMV) 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 450,000 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 PMV's overall strategy to expand container capacity at the Port 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

DP3 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 Port Metro Vancouver 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, PMV received authorization under the Fisheries Act to allowing construction on the Project to commence.

For more information on Project planning and regulatory review, [click here](#).

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 and second year of the construction phase of the DP3 Project, PMV 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 are also uploaded to the Project website, as they became available. To view the latest update to the table, [click here](#).

1.4 Community Liaison Plan

On December 12, 2006, PMV 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

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

During 2008, PMV undertook consultation and communications activities as described in the Deltaport Third Berth Project – Community Liaison Plan.

- seven (7) meetings of the Deltaport Third Berth Project Community Liaison Committee (DCLC);
- two (2) open houses to provide Project updates;
- two (2) newsletters (May and November 2008) delivered to all residential and business addresses in Delta, e-mailed to the Project database and posted on DP3 webpages;
- eleven Project advisories/updates via email circulation to 597 individuals on the project database and postings on the DP3 webpages;
- regularly updated community library files;
- development and maintenance of a regularly updated public comment and issues tracking table;
- maintaining contact and feedback mechanisms (Project information line, e-mail address, facsimile line and mailing address).

The following sections provide details of these key activities.

2.1 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 PMV 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, PMV 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.

Meeting Notes

Seven meetings of the DCLC took place in 2008, resulting in a total of 15 DCLC meetings since the committee's inception. Click on the meeting date links below to view the meeting notes.

DCLC Meeting 9	January 17, 2008
DCLC Meeting 10	February 28, 2008
DCLC Meeting 11	April 24, 2008
DCLC Meeting 12	June 26, 2008
DCLC Meeting 13	August 28, 2008
DCLC Meeting 14	October 23, 2008
DCLC Meeting 15	November 27 2008

Presentations

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

DP3 Scientific Advisory Committee	January 27, 2008
Roberts Bank Rail Corridor Update	April 24, 2008.
BCRC Port Sub Presentation	June 26, 2008
Land Operations at Port Metro Vancouver	August 28, 2008
Adaptive Management Strategy 2007	October 23, 2008
Construction Environmental Monitoring	October 23, 2008
Overview of DP3 Monitoring	October 23, 2008
Marine Mammal Monitoring Program	October 23, 2008
DP3 Terminal Lighting	November 27, 2008

Fact Sheets

The following fact sheet was prepared at the request of and with oversight from the DCLC. DCLC presented PMV with a list of frequent questions and PMV responded to the questions.

DCLC Lighting Summary	Sept 1, 2008
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2.2 Open Houses

Overview

In order to provide the community with updates on the Deltaport Third Berth Project, including construction activities and habitat projects, PMV hosted two public open houses as follows:

- May 29, 2008, Tsawwassen (Coast Tsawwassen Inn, 43 attendees)
- December 2, 2008 Tsawwassen (Tsawwassen Golf and Country Club, 49 attendees)

PMV 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.

Advertisements

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

May 29, 2008 event:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Newspaper</i>
<i>May 16, 2008</i>	<i>South Delta Leader</i>
<i>May 17, 2008</i>	<i>Delta Optimist</i>
<i>May 21, 2008</i>	<i>Delta Optimist</i>
<i>May 23, 2008</i>	<i>South Delta Leader</i>
<i>May 23, 2008</i>	<i>Surrey/North Delta Leader</i>
<i>May 24, 2008</i>	<i>Delta Optimist</i>
<i>May 25, 2008</i>	<i>Surrey/North Delta Leader</i>
<i>May 28, 2008</i>	<i>Delta Optimist</i>

December 2, 2008 event:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Newspaper</i>
<i>November 19, 2008</i>	<i>Delta Optimist</i>
<i>November 21, 2008</i>	<i>South Delta Leader</i>
<i>November 22, 2008</i>	<i>Delta Optimist</i>
<i>November 23, 2008</i>	<i>Surrey/North Delta Leader</i>
<i>November 26, 2008</i>	<i>Delta Optimist</i>
<i>November 28, 2008</i>	<i>South Delta Leader</i>
<i>November 29, 2008</i>	<i>Delta Optimist</i>
<i>November 30, 2008</i>	<i>Surrey/North Delta Leader</i>

Information Boards

Information boards were developed for display at the May 29 and December 2 2008 open houses. Click on the information board date link below to view the information boards.

DP3 Open House Information Boards	May 29, 2008
	December 2, 2008

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, 2008
	December 2, 2008

Issues raised on open house comment forms or during discussions with PMV staff were documented and responded to in the 2008 Issue Tracking and Response Table (refer to Section 2.6).

2.3 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 PMV website. Click on the links below to view the newsletters.

Deltaport Third Berth Project Update	May 2008
Deltaport Third Berth Project Update	November 2008

2.4 Project/Construction Updates and Advisories

Eleven Project/construction updates and advisories were issued by PMV in 2008, providing timely Project information. These advisories/updates were distributed to 597 individuals on the Project database via e-mail and posted on the PMV website.

Please [click here](#) to view the Project/construction updates and advisories.

2.5 Library Resource Files

Key project information, including many of the 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
- Cloverdale Library
- Strawberry Hill Library
- City of Langley Library

2.6 Issue Tracking and Response Table

A post-certification and construction phase issue tracking and response document was developed by the PMV, as laid out in the Owner's Table of Commitments and Assurances. The document includes the issues raised in 2008 by the public in correspondence to PMV and the DCLC and at Project open houses. PMV provided responses to the identified issues on an ongoing basis.

The document was updated by the PMV prior to each DCLC meeting with new issues and PMV responses added as they were received. The document was circulated to DCLC members and posted on the Project website. [Click here](#) to view the 2008 Issue Tracking and Response Table.

3.0 Issue Summary

Issues appearing in the 2008 Issue Tracking and Response Table included concerns relating to the environment, construction management, marine life, wildlife, the Habitat Compensation Plan, the Adaptive Management Strategy, noise, lighting, transportation, socio-economics, safety, the DCLC, consultation and communications, regulatory matters, and other general Project and non-Project issues.

Environmental issues included concerns regarding environmental management, impacts from the construction of concrete caissons and impacts from accidents and spills.

Transportation issues raised by local residents and stakeholder groups included concerns over increased truck traffic, Highway 17 traffic mitigation measures, safe truck operations and adequacy of traffic mitigation measures.

Local residents and stakeholder groups also raised the effects of construction on wildlife and wildlife habitat, including orcas, shellfish, waterfowl, sandpipers and other marine and bird life.

Lighting issues included lighting compliance issues, lighting studies undertaken and lighting impacts from operations and construction.

Questions regarding the Adaptive Management Strategy included issues regarding the study area of the AMS, independent review of the AMS, and AMS mitigation measures implemented thus far.

Air quality concerns were raised related to increased truck traffic.

Socio-economic issues included questions regarding Project rationale and concerns over impacts to farmland.

4.0 Community Liaison Activities 2009

Consultation and communications activities for the Deltaport Third Berth Project in 2009 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.