

# **Deltaport Third Berth Project**

## **2009 Community Liaison Activities and Input Report to the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office**



**Port Metro Vancouver  
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## **1.0 Introduction**

### **1.1 Overview**

The Deltaport Third Berth Project (DP3) is scheduled to open officially in January 2010. 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 allow 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, second and third 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. On December 1, 2009 PMV provided a presentation to the EAO regarding all consultation and community liaison activities to date, including the formation and work of the Deltaport Third Berth Project Community Liaison Committee.

The Community Liaison 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 2009, PMV undertook consultation and communications activities as described in the Deltaport Third Berth Project – Community Liaison Plan.

- six (6) meetings of the Deltaport Third Berth Project Community Liaison Committee (DCLC);
- six (6) public information sessions to provide Project updates;
- two (2) newsletters (May/June and November 2009) delivered to all residential and business addresses in Delta, e-mailed to the Project database and posted on DP3 webpage;
- sixteen (16) Project advisories/updates via email circulation to 580 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 18 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 24, 2008. Please [click here](#) to view the DCLC Terms of Reference.

### *Meeting Notes*

Six meetings of the DCLC took place in 2009, resulting in a total of twenty-one DCLC meetings since the committee's inception. Click on the meeting date links below to view the meeting notes.

DCLC Meeting 16	<a href="#">January 22, 2009</a>
DCLC Meeting 17	<a href="#">February 19, 2009</a>
DCLC Meeting 18	<a href="#">April 16, 2009</a>
DCLC Meeting 19	<a href="#">June 18, 2009</a>
DCLC Meeting 20	<a href="#">September 17, 2009</a>
DCLC Meeting 21	<a href="#">November 26, 2009</a>

### *Presentations*

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

March 14, 2009 PMV Information Session	<a href="#">April 16, 2009</a>
Trucking Safety – Deltaport Way	<a href="#">June 18, 2009</a>
DCLC Truck Traffic Subcommittee	<a href="#">September 17, 2009</a>
2008 AMS Annual Report	<a href="#">November 26, 2009</a>
Traffic Management Plan	<a href="#">November 26, 2009</a>

## **2.2 Information Sessions**

### *Overview*

The object of the information sessions was to provide the community with an opportunity to find out about the status of the Deltaport Third Berth Project (DP3) and to give community members an opportunity to speak to our project staff and members of the Deltaport Third Berth Project Community Liaison Committee (DCLC) to receive input and provide feedback on the project. PMV hosted six information sessions as follows:

- March 14, 2009 in Tsawwassen (Tsawwassen Centre Mall, spoke with 54 individuals)
- May 30, 2009 in Tsawwassen (Tsawwassen Centre Mall, spoke with 50 individuals)
- June 27, 2009 in Tsawwassen (Tsawwassen Centre Mall, spoke with 38 individuals)
- July 12, 2009 in Ladner (Ladner Village Markey, spoke with 236 individuals)
- November 27, 2009 in Tsawwassen (Tsawwassen Centre Mall, spoke with 30 individuals)
- November 29, 2009 in Ladner (Ladner Save-on-Foods, spoke with 115 individuals)

Project resource staff and members of the Deltaport Third Berth Project Community Liaison Committee (DCLC) were available to speak to the public

at these information sessions. Project resource staff and DCLC members handed out newsletters and backgrounders to passers-by, asked them verbal questions and recorded their input. Additionally, passers-by were asked to fill out a questionnaire regarding DP3.

*Advertisements*

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

March 14, 2009:

<i>March 14, 2009</i>	<i>South Delta Leader</i>
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May 30, 2009:

<i>May 27, 2009</i>	<i>Delta Optimist</i>
<i>May 29, 2009</i>	<i>South Delta Leader</i>
<i>May 30, 2009</i>	<i>Delta Optimist</i>

June 27, 2009:

<i>June 24, 2009</i>	<i>Delta Optimist</i>
<i>June 26, 2009</i>	<i>South Delta Leader</i>
<i>June 27, 2009</i>	<i>Delta Optimist</i>

July 12, 2009

<i>July 8, 2009</i>	<i>Delta Optimist</i>
<i>July 10, 2009</i>	<i>South Delta Leader</i>
<i>July 11, 2009</i>	<i>Delta Optimist</i>

November 27, 2009

<i>November 18, 2009</i>	<i>Surrey/North Delta Leader</i>
<i>November 20, 2009</i>	<i>South Delta Leader</i>
<i>November 25, 2009</i>	<i>Surrey/North Delta Leader</i>
<i>November 27, 2009</i>	<i>South Delta Leader</i>
<i>November 28, 2009</i>	<i>The Delta Optimist</i>

November 29, 2009

<i>November 18, 2009</i>	<i>Surrey/North Delta Leader</i>
<i>November 20, 2009</i>	<i>South Delta Leader</i>
<i>November 25, 2009</i>	<i>Surrey/North Delta Leader</i>
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### *Information Boards*

Information boards were developed for display at the Spring/Summer and November information sessions. Click on the information board date link below to view the information boards.

DP3 Information Session Boards	<a href="#">Spring/Summer 2009</a>
	<a href="#">November 2009</a>

### *Information Session Summaries*

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

Information Session Summary Report	<a href="#">March 14, 2009</a>
	<a href="#">May 30, 2009</a>
	<a href="#">June 27, 2009</a>
	<a href="#">July 12, 2009</a>
	<a href="#">November 27, 2009</a>
	<a href="#">November 29, 2009</a>

Issues raised in information summary comment forms or during discussions with project resource staff and DCLC members were documented and responded to in the 2009 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	<a href="#">May/June 2009</a>
Deltaport Third Berth Project Update	<a href="#">November 2009</a>

## **2.4 Project/Construction Updates and Advisories**

Sixteen Project/construction updates and advisories were issued by PMV in 2009, providing timely Project information. These advisories/updates were distributed to 580 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 2009 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 2009 Issue Tracking and Response Table.

### **3.0 Issue Summary**

Issues appearing in the 2009 Issue Tracking and Response Table included concerns relating to the Project rationale, the habitat compensation plan, construction, the environment, air quality, noise, lighting, trucks and traffic, rail traffic, consultation and communications, socio-economics, and other general Project and non-Project issues.

Issues relating to the habitat compensation plan include concerns regarding work being done on the East Causeway Compensation Project.

Construction issues involved concerns regarding damage from silt curtains and mooring buoys, as well as issues relating to the removal of preload material.

General environmental concerns included impacts on birds from construction and power lines.

Air quality concerns included a concern regarding the status and placement of the new air quality monitoring station.

Noise concerns involved issues relating to noise from DP3 construction, especially at night.

Lighting issues consisted of questions and concerns about lighting improvements and concerns regarding light emanating from DP3 construction and the East Causeway Compensation Project.

Questions and comments involving trucking issues included concerns regarding the effects the opening of DP3 will have on truck traffic. Rail traffic concerns involved the impact DP3 will have on the frequency and length of trains.

Consultation and communication issues related to supporting DCLC and First Nations in Project processes, as well as various requests, including longer lead times for construction notification and provision of documents.

Non-Project issues involved concerns regarding traffic safety and congestion issues resulting from trucks on Deltaport Way, as well as issues relating to pollution and noise from ships at Deltaport.

#### **4.0 Community Liaison Activities 2010**

Consultation and communications activities for the Deltaport Third Berth Project in 2010 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.