

**Minutes of Community Information Forum (CIF) Meeting
Crest Hotel
Wednesday, November 22, 2017
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

Members present

Brian Musgrave
Sarah Dantzer
Luanne Roth
Ken Lippett
Peter Freeman
Dan Harris
Bill Mounce
Sheila Gordon Payne
Harry Young
Jesse Palmer
Richard Mellis
Ken Shaw
Mike Slubowski
Don Scott

PRPA staff Present

Ken Veldman
Krista Ediger

Regrets

Christine Danroth
Michal Sluka
Sebastien Pacquet
Mark Rudderham
Ralph Weick
Bob Payette
Henry Clifton

1. Call to Order

Ken Veldman called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2. Last Meeting

- **Minutes**

The October 18, 2017 minutes were circulated and accepted as presented.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) New member

Jesse Palmer was introduced as a new CIF member.

b) Prince Rupert Marine Fuels Service

Additional comments were requested regarding Wolverine's presentation at the last meeting.

- Given the IMO directive that ships will have to use marine fuels with a sulfur content of no more than 0.5% sulfur content in an effort to reduce GHG emissions, and the commentary about possible switches to LNG as an alternative fuel, it was requested more information be provided regarding the future of LNG as marine vessel fuel.
- Other questions for followup:
 - o Projected volumes of low sulfur fuel vs. Standard fuel oil?
 - o WCMRC cleanup capacity in Prince Rupert?

c) Cow Bay developments

- Veldman noted that while the Atlin Terminal expansion is not moving forward for now, PRPA remains committed to creating pedestrian access between Northland Cruise Terminal and Atlin Terminal. PRPA expects to move forward with that project in the next calendar year.
- It was also noted that PRPA expects to move staff into the Port Security Operations Centre and Maintenance Warehouse near Fairview at the end of spring.

4. New Business Roundtable

a) 2016 Economic Impact Study

Veldman shared the results of PRPA's most recent economic impact study (including value of trade, economic output/activity, employment, wages, govt revenues) which will be publicly released in December. Direct employment in northern BC was measured at 3100 FTEs (based on 2016 volumes and operations).

b) Vessel emissions

A general discussion regarding vessel emissions was held. NO₂ has human health impacts, especially with prolonged exposure, and global shipping is the source of much of it.

In terms of mitigation, the industry is requiring new vessels use new engines that drastically reduce NO₂ emissions, which is supported by PRPA's "Green Wave" harbour dues discount incentive program for lower emission vessels. PRPA does an annual inventory of air emissions, which has shown a decline in the intensity of NO_x emissions, and an even larger decline in SO_x emissions—both of which are associated with the

introduction of the new low sulfur fuel standard. It was also noted that shore power will be recommissioned at Fairview in the next year, which will see up to an 85% decrease in NOx in the local airshed.

Concern was expressed regarding exemptions being made in Prince Rupert for vessels not able to comply with low sulphur fuel use with Emission Control Areas, and the impact that may have on mitigation, especially in the short term. (It was also noted that Wolverine's Marine Fuel Service would positively impact the granting of those exemptions.)

It was recommended that more information be requested from Transport Canada regarding the current levels of exemption, the criteria considered, enforcement regime and potential penalties, with consideration of asking Transport Canada to a future meeting.

It was also suggested that PRPA consider the type of fuel being used by a vessel when it assigns anchorage assignments.

c) Train shunting noise

The forum was asked whether the community has noted an increase in train noise along the downtown waterfront, over and above the volume increases. In response, it was noted that there was a local perception that it is louder, and a perception that the crews are more careless in their train movements in the rail yard. In addition, it was noted that the continued idling of locomotives, including on the track closest to residents, has gotten worse recently after a time of general improvement. Veldman encouraged residents to continue to note particularly egregious disturbances from the rail yard.

d) Community Investment Fund

Veldman noted that the annual intake for funding applications will be opening in January, and will close on February 9.

In response to a question regarding criteria, Veldman noted that while committed funds are in excess of funds disbursed, it positions the fund well to enable larger project opportunities in the future.

5. Next Meeting

- a) **Proposed next meeting date** – Wednesday, January 24, 2017 at the North Coast Convention Centre.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.