

**Minutes of Community Information Forum (CIF) Meeting
North Coast Convention Centre
Wednesday, September 21, 2016
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

Members present

Luanne Roth
Peter Freeman
Mike Slubowski
Bill Mounce
Ken Shaw
Ken Lippett
Sebastien Pacquet
Harry Young
Mark Rudderham
Ralph Weick

PRPA staff Present

Ken Veldman
Kirsten Dzavashili
Charlene Hamilton

Regrets

Henry Clifton
Michal Sluka
Bob Payette
Don Scott
Sheila Gordon-Payne
Brian Musgrave
Richard Mellis
Christine Danroth
Sarah Dantzer
Dan Harris

1. Call to Order

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

New CIF members Rudderham and Weick were introduced. Danroth and Dantzer were unable to attend, but were also introduced as new members.

It was also noted that Kirsten Dzavashili, PRPA's Community Outreach Coordinator, will be a permanent presence at future CIF meetings. Maynard Angus will continue to participate on an ad hoc basis.

2. Last Meeting

- **Minutes**

The May 25, 2016 minutes were circulated and accepted as presented.

- **Business arising from the minutes**

- PNW LNG/Lelu Island: Veldman noted a federal cabinet decision on the project's environmental assessment was expected within the month.
- Ridley Island Sediment Retention Pond: Veldman reported the water levels have been too low to produce any runoff over the summer, so tests have yet to be taken. It is expected they will be taken in October.
- Westview Summer Operations feedback: It was reported that Pinnacle operations through the summer, as well as road and rail operations in the vicinity, were considered to be improved and low impact.

3. Port Summer 2017 update:

Veldman reported out on a number of port-related items from the past 3 months:

- PRPA Annual Public Meeting
 - Annual report is available at 2015.rupertport.com
 - \$25 M in net income on \$53 M in revenues
 - \$1.4 M dedicated to Community Investment Fund
- City of Prince Rupert PILT Agreement
 - Agreement reached on PILT owing on unleased federal crown land for years 2013 to 2015
 - Total \$5.3 M to City, \$1 M above original assessment
 - PRPA dedicated additional \$1.5 M to a dedicated City infrastructure fund, which will be matched by \$1.5 M from City
 - Future dispute settlement process agreed upon
 - **Q:** Can future CIF appointments consider geographical representation –e.g. Dodge Cove?
A: Will be considered as criteria. Also noted was an initiative to engage City of PR, District of PE, and North Coast Regional District in an ongoing local government 'committee' for port issues.

- Port Edward train whistling project
 - \$250 K contributed to District of Port Edward to install signaling equipment that eliminate regular train whistling noise at rail intersections.
 - Prioritized by District of Port Edward as their top community project
- Fairview Container Terminal Expansion
 - Construction continues on expected timeline of completion by Q3 2017
 - DP World is assessing the market feasibility of a subsequent expansion (i.e. Phase 2 South)
 - **Q:** Is the connector road still being considered to facilitate a direct link between Ridley Island and Fairview?
A: Yes. The port is engaged in a final engineering design and costing project for the connector road, and construction could begin as early as 2017. The road would eliminate most truck traffic on Hwy 16 through downtown, and facilitates the development of warehousing/logistics activity on South Kaien/Ridley Island.
- Hanjin container service
 - The Korean shipping company entered into receivership protection at the beginning of September
 - The Hanjin Scarlet in Prince Rupert was offloaded but remains at anchor
 - In the short term the elimination of one of four services into Fairview will likely impact annual numbers, although many shippers will likely find ways to shift cargo to other carriers
 - Strong demand for Prince Rupert will drive a solution to recapture that service capacity, but uncertainty in the industry is a challenge.
- AltaGas propane export terminal
 - The environmental assessment continues on the project, including public comment/open houses in the summer on the environmental effects documentation.
 - The process could be complete before the end of 2017, which would provide AltaGas with the ability to contemplate a final investment decision.
- South Kaien Island breakbulk terminal project
 - PRPA announced in September it has signed a feasibility assessment agreement with SSA Marine and Western Stevedoring to explore the viability of a breakbulk and bulk import/export terminal located on Kaien Island.
 - The terminal would notionally provide capacity for breakbulk forest products, steel, project cargo, bulk specialty agricultural products, bulk mineral concentrates and even automobiles.
 - Seen as a complimentary terminal to container and bulk for exporters and importers seeking flexibility in shipping/supply chain modes

- If the proponent's assessment reveals the potential for success, the next step would be to execute a project development agreement, and the project would require an environmental assessment.
- Port Maintenance and Warehousing complex
 - PRPA is investing \$16 million into the development of a maintenance building and warehouse on property located to the west of the Scott Road/Highway 16 intersection
 - Replacement of facilities currently located on Fairview Terminal
 - Site clearing activity is beginning in September, and is expected to include blasting. Construction schedule information will be made available to neighbourhoods in the vicinity.
 - It is expected that blasting may impact vehicle traffic in the direct area for a few minutes each day while its being done. PRPA will be communicating that schedule as widely as possible.
- Shore radar system commissioning
 - The shore radar system announced last year has completed its installation, and Coast Guard radio is currently completing its staff training on the system.
 - PRPA and Western Diversification were responsible for the \$5 million capital investment, which will be maintained and operated by Coast Guard.
 - The new technology provides another layer of information on top of Automatic Identification System data, and provides CCG with the a greater ability of continuous tracking, visibility on smaller vessels without AIS, and provides for an improved early warning system on irregular vessel activities.

4. Community Information Forum meeting notes distribution:

- Tabled to the next meeting

5. Next Meeting

- a) **Next meeting date** – Thursday, October 27, 2016 to tour Fairview Container Terminal and the expansion construction site

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.