

## Minutes of Community Information Forum Meeting

Breakers Pub Loft

Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

### Members present

Ken Shaw  
Don Scott  
Bill Mounce  
Peter Freeman  
Ken Lippett (Joined the meeting at 1715)  
Bob Blain  
Luanne Roth  
Sheila Gordon-Payne (Joined the meeting at 1715)  
Reid Weibelzahl  
Frank DeBartolo  
Amber Sheasgreen

### PRPA staff Present

Ken Veldman  
Maynard Angus  
Char Hamilton  
Jack Smith

### Regrets

James McNish  
Ryan Leighton  
Glen Edwards  
Ron Bedard  
Michal Sluka  
Mike Slubowski

### 1. Call to Order

Ken Veldman called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

### 2. Minutes

March 26, 2014 minutes were distributed and accepted as presented.

### **3. Business arising from the minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### **4. Roundtable**

There was no business arising from the roundtable.

### **5. Port Sediment Management**

Ken Veldman introduced Jack Smith, PRPA's Director of Environmental Assessment.

Mr. Smith's presentation reviewed PRPA's limited role in dredging and disposal permitting, and outlined the regulatory role played by the federal government through Environment Canada and Fisheries & Oceans Canada, and their associated processes.

The presentation included the following:

- Video "Disposal At Sea" – <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sy1mh97ZngA>
- Transport Canada Disposal At Sea Program
- Environment Canada Disposal At Sea Program
- BC Dredging Disposal At Sea Program
- Site monitoring conducted by Environment Canada

Mr. Smith noted the following proposed projects at the Port of Prince Rupert that would require dredging include:

- Canpotex Potash Terminal
- Fairview Terminal Phase 2
- Prince Rupert LNG (BG)
- Pacific Northwest LNG (Petronas)

In discussion, the Community Information Forum agreed that dredging, and in particular disposal at sea, of sediment impacted by historical pulp mill activities were an issue of significant environmental concern and may also a significant development risk for the ability of projects in that area to proceed. It was agreed that a recommendation should be made to encourage PRPA to investigate a more active role to play in developing a collective approach to sediment management, which may prove to unveil collective solutions that would be more beneficial than a project-by-project approach.

Subsequent to the meeting (i.e. via email), the following recommendation was approved:

*Given broad-based questions and concern regarding the dredging and ocean disposal of sediments associated with proposed development projects,*

*And given the potential for contaminants to impact on fisheries resources and local ocean-based food sources,*

*And given the potential for permitting related to dredging and disposal to negatively impact on investment decisions related to project development,*

*The Community Information Forum RECOMMENDS:*

***That PRPA investigate the development of a strategic framework or guidance policy for dredging and disposal activities within Port boundaries that could include:***

- ***Establishing a formal database and baseline of knowledge regarding sediment quality and issues, including data and information from relevant proponent investigations***
- ***Identifying/facilitating opportunities for beneficial re-use of dredged material***
- ***Encouraging proponents to minimize dredge footprint***
- ***Consideration of pre-selected disposal locations, including a specific investigation of re-activation of a land-based settlement pond on Ridley Island that was used during RTI's initial development***
- ***Timing and seasonal considerations for dredging/disposal activities***
- ***Verification of EA predictions***
- ***Other practical means of building on relevant DFO and Environment Canada policy***

## **6. New Business**

There was no new business arising.

## **7. Next Meeting date:** Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm