

**Minutes of Community Information Forum (CIF) Meeting  
Breakers Pub Loft  
Wednesday, October 21st, 2015  
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Members present**

Brian Musgrave  
Luanne Roth  
Ken Shaw  
Michal Sluka  
Ken Lippett  
Richard Mellis  
Mike Slubowski  
Harry Young  
Don Scott  
Peter Freeman

**PRPA staff Present**

Ken Veldman  
Char Hamilton

**Regrets**

Ken Minette  
Ross Wilson  
Henry Clifton  
Nancy Wilson  
Bob Payette  
Bob Blain  
Dan Harris  
Sheila Gordon-Payne  
Bill Mounce

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Last Meeting**

- **Minutes**

The September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes were circulated and accepted.

- **Business arising from the minutes**

- There was none.

### 3. Pacific Northwest LNG Project

- Derek Baker, Community Relations Advisor, PNW LNG was in attendance at the meeting, and provided a presentation to the Forum
- A copy of the accompanying powerpoint slides is attached to the minutes, but highlights included the following:
- 100% of the proposed upstream natural gas supply is located in British Columbia (produced by Petronas-owned Progress Energy Canada and transported by TransCanada's Prince Rupert Gas Transmission pipeline)
- Project partners (Petronas, Sinopec, Japex, India Oil, Petroleum Brunei) would also be the primary LNG buyers, which provides insulation from short-term market variances
- Progress Energy's activity in the northeast associated with proving reserves has had a significant impact on maintaining industry activity in that area in light of poor N. American gas prices
- Multiple parties engaged in a competitive process administered by the Pr. Rupert Port Authority to provide a single proponent with the exclusive rights to investigate an LNG project on Lelu Island. Pacific Northwest LNG was the successful proponent that emerged from that process. (Of note, prior to engaging in the competitive process, Pacific Northwest LNG had run its own independent site selection process that had also identified Prince Rupert as a high potential development site.)
- 11 Open Houses, First Nations community meetings and over 400 meetings with local community interests have significantly influenced the project design in terms of both marine and island-based infrastructure.
- Most significantly, the marine trestle was redesigned as a suspension bridge to avoid construction on Flora Bank and mitigate environmental impacts in that area.
- PNW LNG is currently in the process of responding to questions asked by CEAA and associated regulatory agencies. Following that response PNW LNG expects CEAA draft report with recommendation and conditions will be provided for public comment, and eventually a final report will be provided to the Minister for review and final decision. While CEAA's 'clock is stopped' while PNW LNG responds, there is currently about 100 days left in the process when the 'clock is restarted'.
- The current modelling and analysis efforts related to the suspension bridge's anchor blocks' potential impact on Flora Bank were described, including variables included in the model and expected level of potential impact detail.
- This fall's site investigation program was described, including fish and fish habitat surveys (Stantec) and core sample drilling and geophysical surveys of the sea bed that would inform options for project engineering design of bridge and trestle (Bechtel).

- Members asked questions regarding the length of time that fish and habitat surveys have been ongoing. Baker indicated that the surveys have been occurring for a calendar year in order to assess how different species (and runs) use the habitat at different times of year.
- To date, PNW LNG has received BC regulatory approval, NEB export license approval, and provincial project development agreement legislation has been passed into law. The project has not yet selected a primary contractor that would build a potential project. The project has not completed its federal environmental assessment, which is a requirement before construction could potentially begin.
- Consultations have occurred for years with elected representatives of local Tsimshian First Nations, including Lax Kw'alaams, Metlakatla, Kitkatla, Kitsumkalum and Kitselas. Some of these First Nations have agreed to project benefit agreements.
- Baker also noted that in terms of community readiness, PNW LNG has recently developed another program in partnership with NWCC—the Power Engineering Readiness Program.
- QUESTIONS and ANSWERS:
- Has a property tax agreement been reached with the City of Prince Rupert?
  - While the project is legally outside of the City boundaries (and inside the boundary of Port Edward), PNW recognizes the service provider role that the municipality plays in the area. Based on that recognition, there are ongoing discussions that are aimed at reaching a service agreement that would see the operation contributing financially to the City on an ongoing basis.
- When will current site investigatory works be completed?
  - The proposed completion is December, subject to weather or other delays.
- How much time is remaining in the CEAA process? Seems to be a discrepancy between different website's information.
  - PNW confirmed there are just over 100 days as of October 21.
- How is the Lax Kw'alaams title claim of Lelu Island impacting PNW's approach to the project?
  - PNW is confident in the validity of agreements and authorizations that have been provided to date by PRPA and the federal government. If title changes in the future, PNW would expect that any affected contracts would pass to a new landlord.
- The community has heard many stories that protestor actions around Lelu have resulted in unsafe marine situations, destruction of equipment, and serious threats to contractors and service providers. Is there a plan to deal with unlawful actions?
  - Baker indicated that PNW respects the right to peacefully and safely express opinions and respects aboriginal rights. In partnership with the PRPA, acting in

their role as Harbour Master, procedures have been put in place to ensure that working conditions do prioritize safety.

- Veldman confirmed the role of PRPA, and the role of the Charles Hays patrol boat in particular, on the water. When Canada Marine Act regulations have been breached, and violators are not responsive to requests to cease their actions, those actions have been reported to Coast Guard and RCMP. Further investigation beyond that point is in the hands of the RCMP, and charges would eventually be at the discretion of the Crown.
- Has private security been engaged by any parties involved?
  - Contractors have been engaged that specialize in risk management, safety procedure implementation and crisis facilitation, and have been accompanying several of the work parties.
  - Veldman noted that these are not security guards in a traditional sense, are not armed, and do not engage in physical confrontation.
- Do you expect a change in leadership in the federal government to impact the project development process?
  - PNW will continue to work with the federal government and their regulatory processes as required. A political change is not expected to impact the existing process.
- In addition to Prince Rupert, how are discussions coming for other local service or benefit agreements?
  - PNW has reached agreements, subject to final investment, with the District of Port Edward, Metlakatla Band Council and Kitselas Band Council.
  - PNW has been in conversation with the elected representatives of Lax Kw'alaams from 'Day One', but a benefit agreement has not been reached with the Lax Kw'alaams.
- What is the status of Kitson Island in terms of ownership, protected park status, etc.?
  - PNW has no intention or authorization to use Kitson for any LNG-related activities.
  - Veldman committed to providing more detailed information related to Kitson.
- The community is seeing some camp-based residence solutions being proposed and early work being done. Is this speculative or based on agreements with proponents?
  - Any camp work currently being done is purely speculative in nature.

#### **Pacific Northwest LNG representatives left the meeting at this time.**

- There were no recommendations forthcoming from the group regarding the Pacific Northwest LNG topic.

#### **4. CIF Membership**

- New Members
  - Ken Minette has recommended that School District 52's Career Awareness Advocate, Sebastien Paquet replace him as a member on the Forum.
  - It was also noted that PRPA will be following up with members with poor attendance records and asking whether they wanted to continue. Moreover, PRPA expects to be issuing a public call for new members this fall.
  - **RECOMMENDATION: PRPA carry out those membership activities as proposed.**
- Meeting Observers
  - A request has been made whether observers are welcome to CIF meetings.
  - Veldman committed to drafting an observer policy for member review that enables that activity, but requires observers to understand the non-representative nature of forum members in particular.
- Respecting Rules of Engagement
  - Veldman raised a concern regarding public misrepresentations of facts and information that been shared at the CIF. (In particular, one member has purchased advertising space and has public questioned whether PRPA representatives are misleading CIF members with the information that has been provided. The member also stated in the advertisement that "she really doesn't trust PRPA anymore".)
  - Veldman asked members to consider whether those actions contravened the spirit of the principles outlined in the CIF's Terms of Reference, and/or whether they would have a detrimental impact on the forum and its flow of information in the future. If so, Veldman also asked them to consider what kind of remedy might be applied.
  - **Recommendation: That this discussion be tabled to the next meeting agenda.**

## 5. Next Meeting

- a) **Next meeting date** - Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at the PRESTIGE PRINCE RUPERT HOTEL.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.