

**Minutes of Community Information Forum (CIF) Meeting  
Inn on the Harbour Boardroom  
Wednesday, March 27 2019  
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

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**Members present**

Bill Mounce  
Harry Young  
Dan Harris  
Ken Shaw  
Luanne Roth  
Mike Slubowski  
Richard Mellis  
Robert Blain  
Sarah Dantzer  
Sebastien Paquet

**PRPA staff Present**

Ken Veldman  
Brittany Pederson  
Manpreet Toor

**Regrets**

Bob Payette  
Peter Freeman  
Brett Kuntz  
Henry Clifton  
Sheila Gordon-Payne  
Jesse Palmer  
Christine Danroth  
Ken Lippett  
Brian Musgrave  
Mark Rudderham  
Peter Freeman

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Last Meeting**

a. Minutes from the January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting were circulated and accepted.

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Q: Holland Rock wind station is still out of commission. It is requested that the port get involved (Coast Guard, Environment Canada, etc.) to ensure something is done about this.

**ACTION ITEM:** The Port Authority will follow up with Environment Canada and the local Coast Guard base regarding the status of the Holland Rock wind station.

#### 4. New Business Roundtable

b. 2019 Trade Outlook: The forecast for trade through the POPR is 30 million tonnes for 2019. This forecasting was done before some of the trade issues with China, including the China/US Trade tariffs which might affect container imports but to date this hasn't been the case. The value of diversification is highlighted in light of these issues, and the port will continue to focus on cargo diversity.

c. DP World expansion 2B: DP world is advancing their design and moving forward on their project permitting. Construction could commence Q4 of this year or early 2020, though nothing is confirmed.

Q: Is there any work being done on the labour shortage issue the community is facing?

A: Collaboration with ReDesign Rupert is ongoing to address labor shortages in the port community, as well as the community at large. Additionally, the City and ReDesign Rupert are looking to develop a larger initiative to market Prince Rupert and address recruitment and retention which would be accessible for local businesses.

d. Ridley Island Propane Export Terminal: Altagas is transitioning into their commissioning phase. The first vessel is anticipated at the end of April, with a Grand Opening in May.

e. Vopak Pacific: Vopak is proposing a 6 million tonne liquid bulk export terminal (a combination of methanol, propane, butane, and other fuels) and currently moves through their provincial & federal environmental assessment phase, and likely will continue for another 12 months.

Q: Will both EA's finish at the same time?

A: Not necessarily. We are trying to coordinate some things to happen at the same time (ie: public comment periods, open houses) but the determinations do not have to be made concurrently.

f. RTI Berth expansion: RTI is going through a federal environmental assessment for their additional berth. They are also going through a sale process. We don't have a large role to play except for executing a lease agreement.

g. Wolverine Bunkering Service: Prince Rupert Marine Fuel Service – The bunkering project has recently completed its environmental evaluation, and it has been determined that this project is unlikely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. They still require an operational authorization from transport Canada, a lease agreement from PRPA, and Wolverine still has to make its own final investment decision.

Q: Were the conditions onerous?

A: The conditions reflect the mechanisms that will hold Wolverine to the mitigations identified in their Environmental Effects Document. PRPA is currently in the process of updating our marine bunkering guidelines in our Port Information Guide. We will be

proposing that any fuel service required will be subject to preemptive booms around them to enhance marine safety. Once drafted, they will be open for public comment.

Q: Are there concerns the mooring dolphins are too close to land?

A: We are satisfied the mitigation proposed will deal with those issues safely and appropriately.

h. PRPA Governance

Q: Is PRPA's structure changing in the near future?

A: The Port Modernization Review is ongoing with the federal government which will look at the current structure of ports in Canada, and determine if any significant changes need to be made.

i. Fairview-Ridley Connector Corridor: We expect to be breaking ground on this 18 month project this summer which will essentially connect Ridley Island to Fairview Container Terminal, relocate the truck gate, remove all truck traffic from the downtown core and reduce distance, emissions, add rail track and ultimately improve efficiencies along the corridor. The next step will be looking to future transloading and logistics opportunities on Ridley Island; having a closed loop transportation system from the service area to the terminal would be unique to Prince Rupert, a competitive advantage, and will add value to Canadian exports.

Q: This is a \$100 million project- who is funding it?

A: Some funding is coming from the federal government, some from CN, but it is mainly funded by the PRPA. There are other common user infrastructure projects we are looking at as well. The focus is on gateway infrastructure to accommodate the growth we're anticipating. The planning and strategy that is underway to address these issues will be of prime importance, as well as to have infrastructure projects shovel-ready for federal, provincial and other industry funding opportunities when the time is right.

Q: Will CN look at double tracking the Northern Line?

A: CN has made significant investments along its Northern main line and will continue to do so, likely making strategic siding investments to improve efficiencies. CN believes their Northern Line is running at relatively low capacity. Currently, we're moving about 14 trains a day, expecting to double that in the next 10 years.

j. New air quality monitoring stations: There is a permanent Air Quality Monitoring station at Fairview Bay. All of the data coming off of that station (nOX, sOX, etc.) can be found on the BC Ministry of Environment website. The Westview monitoring station will be uploaded to that site in due time.

Q: Can the Westview Data be shared with the group?

**ACTION ITEM:** PRPA will share the data with those interested in the group. They are highly variable measurements, and we are looking to establish a longer benchmark to be able to evaluate the data.

k. CN yard capacity:

Q: The group has noticed that dust and noise are ongoing issues, as well as storage of creosote ties by CN—now is the time to develop a yard management plan for the proper storage of materials on their property. Will the committee recommend that CN, in collaboration with PRPA, develop a yard management plan to address dust, noise, storage, etc.?

**ACTION ITEM:** PRPA will contact CN regarding the creation of a yard management plan to address dust, noise, storage, and other issues in their downtown yard and discuss the outcomes with the group.

- l. Emergency Response & Preparedness planning: PRPA and the City have been in discussions with respect to emergency response planning, especially as it relates to terminals and potential emergency response situations. PRPA will fund emergency capacity evaluations for all port terminals to understand the current initial response capacities at each, identify gaps and collectively address solutions together.

**Misc. Question and Answer:**

Q: There are two storage tanks used for Wax at Fairview that are labelled incorrectly

A: This issue has been noted for further discussion.

Q: Recyclables are not being taken in by China will that affect us?

A: That market has been declining for quite some time, but last year our exports were up by 25%-- there are other markets for Canadian exports (lumber, agriculture, etc.) and soon to be plastic pellets handled by Raymont Logistics. The export market continues to grow.

Q: What is the opportunity for bitumen pucks?

A: The opportunity is not fully realized at this time and could be more of a bulk cargo opportunity. Right now, it might be more of an exploratory stage and proponents are looking at developing pilot projects to prove the commercial viability of the product.

**5. Next Meeting**

- a. Next meeting date – Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at Inn on the Harbour. A proposal is agreed upon to move the meetings every two months.

Q: Can PRPA provide updates to the group via email of important milestones or headway on action items in between meetings?

A: PRPA will commit to updating the group via email with relevant information as it comes up.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.