

Minutes of Community Information Forum (CIF) Meeting
Microsoft TEAMS Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, September 16th, 2020
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Members Present

Ken Shaw
Brian Musgrave
Luanne Roth
Mike Slubowski
Ken Lippett
Bill Mounce

PRPA Staff Present

Ken Veldman
Natalie Allen

Regrets

Richard Mellis

1. Call to Order

Ken Veldman called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM. CIF meeting through Microsoft Teams.

2. Last Meeting Minutes

June 25th meeting minutes were circulated and accepted.

3. Business Arising from Last Meeting's Minutes

- A) An update on the Seal Cove Slough Compensation Project was provided. Follow up information on an incident at Westview Wood Pellet Terminal, January 30th, 2019 will be postponed until the next Community Information Forum meeting.
- B) The Navigational Risk Assessment PRPA had commissioned by Dillon Consulting Inc. is now complete, and a summary of the report will be made available to the public. The report includes review information on the inner harbour anchorages.

PRPA is already implementing incremental improvement to its policies and procedures related to the report findings.

Q: Was there a transportation safety board investigation of the anchor drags during the January 2020 storm?

A: PRPA is not aware of any TSB investigations.

PRPA Land Use Plan 2020 Update (LUP)

C) The Land Use Plan is in the final stages of stakeholder input and revision, and is expected to be completed in October.

Port Project Updates

D) The Fairview Connector Corridor construction is about 50 percent complete. Fairview Container Terminal is currently in its procurement process for terminal expansion, and construction is expected to start in late 2020 or early 2021.

Q: Did IDL layoff a large number of construction workers? I heard approximately 60 people were laid off without a lot of notice.

A: IDL is Coast Tsimshian Northern Constructors Alliance joint venture partner and is undertaking the Fairview Connector Corridor construction project. PRPA can't confirm their current worker numbers onsite, but it is common for construction projects to scale up and down depending on the specific work they're doing and different phases of the project.

Ridley Island Export Logistics Platform

E) PRPA's proposed export logistics platform continues to advance through its environmental assessment by federal agencies. The project's Environmental Effects Evaluation document is currently available for public review and comment. The evaluation is expected to be completed by the end of the year, or early 2021. PRPA expects to make a final investment decision on the project after the completion of the assessment and required permit authorizations.

Metlakatla Logistics Park

F) The proposed Metlakatla Logistics Park is a proposal to develop an area on the Ridley Island access road for intermodal logistics activities that would primarily serve import cargoes. While the development site is owned by Metlakatla, and is

not in PRPA's jurisdiction, PRPA is engaged with Metlakatla in the planning and design process. For clarification, this project is not the Ridley Island Export Logistics Platform, they are two separate projects.

Vopak Pacific.

- G) Vopak recently submitted its environmental effects evaluation to the Provincial and Federal environmental assessment processes. A public comment period on the evaluation is expected to commence later this fall. An estimated timeline to complete the environmental assessments and the required project permitting required is Summer 2021, and Vopak's final investment decision would likely occur after that.

Zanardi Bridge & Causeway Project

- H) The Zanardi Bridge project is a proposal to expand the bridge from one track to three in order to address potential future CN mainline congestion in that area. The project's location is largely within CN's property, but also includes a small portion of PRPA land and requires federal authorizations, leading to multi-layered project review process. The project is not expected to commence until 2022.

Q: Has a contract been awarded to the construction company who will do the work?

A: PRPA doesn't have insight on CN's procurement process.

4. New Business Round table

Q: Is there an update on Redesign Rupert?

A: The City of Prince Rupert's review of their Official City Plan is ongoing, and will likely incorporate several aspects of the Vision 2030 document.

Park Avenue Property- Temporary Use Permit Application Background

- I) PRPA's interest in the Park Avenue property is primarily to preserve it as buffer between current and future industrial activity in Fairview Bay and existing residential areas. PRPA reached a conditional purchase agreement with the property owner that was contingent on the ability to use a portion immediately as a temporary container storage yard that would provide relief for Fairview Terminal during its upcoming expansion. The City of Prince Rupert did not accommodate a request to allow for that use. PRPA is currently assessing potential options related to the property.

Q: If the Port bought that property, would PRPA even need permission from the City?

A: If PRPA purchased the property, it would have the ability to apply to the federal government for its inclusion as Schedule B or C land, which allows PRPA to advance uses that further its mandate without authorization from municipal government. However, the timelines required for that process would not allow for its use within the Fairview Expansion construction project.

Environmental Monitoring Programs

J) PRPA is trying to find a better way on how to present and communicate its current environmental monitoring programs to the community. Does the committee have any suggestions on how PRPA can get this information out to the public?

C: Suggestion to improve air quality monitoring data summaries on the PRPA website. Suggestion to include noise monitoring data summaries on the PRPA website. Suggestion to include more raw data for public availability.

Q: What is the status of the Recruitment and Retention website?

A: The program was indefinitely postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. PRPA is currently discussing the potential for PRPA to take over and lead this initiative with the City of Prince Rupert and Redesign Rupert partners. PRPA would like to launch the program in early 2021.

C: A request was made to have someone from Vopak speak to Community Information Forum.

5. Next Meeting

Next meeting date – TBD, MS Teams virtual meeting planned for mid-November

Meeting adjourned 6:31 pm by KV