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GVHA launches shore power feasibility study

Implementing marine shore power systems is a complex and costly undertaking, with a myriad of technical, operational and environmental aspects to consider.

To assist with this challenging task, Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA) has contracted technical advisory group AECOM to assess the feasibility of implementing a shore power system. The feasibility study will examine the potential for cruise ships calling at Ogden Point to power down their engines while in port and plug into the shore side electrical grid.



Work on the study will begin immediately with an anticipated completion date of January 15, 2012. The feasibility study is being co-funded by the City of Victoria, Vancouver Island Health Authority, the Township of Esquimalt and GVHA.

Shore power systems eliminate the need to run ship auxiliary engines while in port, reducing engine operation and air emissions associated with burning marine fuels such as sulphur dioxide.

More information on the shore power feasibility study can be found on the [GVHA website](#).

Revenues reinvested in facilities

GVHA's continued dedication to a successful, working harbour is being demonstrated in its



operations and achievements for the 2010-2011 financial year. The year's emphasis on investing in facilities reflects the organization's mandate to manage, operate and develop strategic assets in Victoria Harbour.

"We invest and modernize our facilities to make them safer for the public and to allow them to operate more effectively and efficiently. We want the community to be proud of their harbour," said Dermot Loughnane, Chair of GVHA's Board of Directors.

GVHA continued to move forward with capital programs, investing over \$2.5 million in strategic harbour assets. The most significant investments were made at the Ogden Point deep sea terminal, where the seabed was dredged on the north side of Pier B, and a new mooring dolphin was installed, extending the safe berthing length at Pier B from 244 metres to over 300 metres. As a result, larger cruise ships are now able to berth at Ogden Point, ensuring Victoria's long-term competitiveness with other West Coast ports.

At the end of the 2011 fiscal year, GVHA's total capital assets were valued at \$57.4 million, reflecting a continued focus on preserving and enhancing its strategic harbour assets for the benefit of the Greater Victoria region.

Further information:

- [GVHA Continues To Invest In Strategic Harbour Assets](#)
- [2010-2011 Audited Financial Statements](#)
- [Management Discussion & Analysis](#)

Rough weather alters cruise schedule

High winds and 30' swells in the seas off the Alaskan coast have caused several cruise ships to alter their schedules.

Changes to the cruise ship schedule are as follows:

WESTERDAM – Arrives Sept. 23 at 09:00, sailing at 21:00
GOLDEN PRINCESS – Arrives Sept. 23 at 11:00, sailing at 23:59
OOSTERDAM – Arrives Sept. 24 at 08:30, sailing at 23:30
NORWEGIAN PEARL – Victoria call cancelled
AMSTERDAM – Arrives Sept. 24 at 08:00, sailing at 23:00
OOSTERDAM – Arrives Sept. 25 at 21:00, sailing Sept. 26 at 06:00 (No passengers)
STATENDAM – Arrives Sept. 25 at 21:00, sailing Sept. 26 at 11:00

Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of GVHA's Board of Directors is on Oct. 21 at 9 a.m. at the Victoria Executive Centre at 915 Fort Street.

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