



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING #69

Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
Held at 9:00 a.m. on 16 April 2010
Board Room, 468 Belleville Street

- In attendance:** Christopher Causton, Capital Regional District (CRD)
Sonya Chandler, City of Victoria
Dan Kukat, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society (V/EHS)
Dermot Loughnane, Community Director
Don Prittie, Community Director
David Rand, Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce (GVCC)
Chief Andy Thomas, Esquimalt Nation
Bill Wellburn, Provincial Capital Commission (PCC)
- Resources:** Ian Crocker, Manager of Operations
Julia Park, Recording Secretary
Rebecca Penz, Manager of Communications
Sonterra Ross, Corporate Controller
Paul Servos, Chief Executive Officer
- Regrets:** Jim Allard, V/EHS
Dave Cowen, Tourism Victoria
Barbara Desjardins, Township of Esquimalt
Chief Robert Sam, Songhees Nation
Mike Williamson, Community Director
- Guests:** Briane Anderson, Fisherman's Wharf Community Association (FWCA)
Bob Barlow, Western Stevedoring
Milton Barnes, Mercury Marine
Dunstan Chicanot, FWCA
Sherrill Davis, FWCA
Marg Gardiner, James Bay Neighbourhood Association (JBNA)
Stewart Johnston, GVHA Life Member
Walter Kazuro, JBNA
Gerry Lutz, Ogden Point Enhancement Society
Greg McAllister, King Bros. Limited
Tatiana Montgomery, James Bay Resident
Doug Ralph, FWCA
Janis Ringuette, JBNA
Brian Scarfe, JBNA
Lyle Soetaert, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society (V/EHS)
Jennifer Sommerville, FWCA
Donna Spalding, Northwest CruiseShip Association
Gordon Tweddell, JBNA
Jackie Tweddell, JBNA

- 1. Call to Order**
The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

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2. **Introductions**

The Chair introduced JBNA members Marg Gardiner (Treasurer) and Brian Scarfe (Information).

3. **Approval of Agenda**

The Board Secretary noted that the Motion to adjourn (item #11 "Adjournment") on the agenda should be carried out by the Board Secretary.

MOVED and SECONDED THAT the agenda be approved with the Board Secretary's amendment.

CARRIED

4. **Presentations**

a) JBNA Society

Marg Gardiner and Brian Scarfe gave an overview of the JBNA Society, its community mandate, committees, and relationship with the City of Victoria and other organizations.

They presented a slide show and discussed several studies the Society has commissioned or participated in.

JBNA's concerns included:

- Air quality monitoring
- Community livability
- Clean Air Strategy
- Cold Ironing
- Staging of ships
- Out of town buses
- Traffic, noise and emissions
- GVHA mitigation strategies

JBNA requested that GVHA take a more active role in measuring and managing cruise related impacts to the James Bay neighbourhood.

The Board discussed:

- Mitigation to date and future plans
- Current and future Emission Control Area standards
- World Health Organization v. Canadian standards for emissions
- International Maritime Organization regulations
- Low sulphur fuel availability
- Bus alternatives

The Chair thanked the JBNA Executives for their presentation.

5. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

None.

6. **Review/Approve Minutes**

a) Approve minutes of Public Meeting #68 on February 19, 2010.

MOVED and SECONDED THAT the minutes of Public Meeting #68 (February 19 2010) be approved.

CARRIED

b) Business arising from previous minutes

None.

7. Rise and Report

None as per CEO report.

8. Business

a) Chairman's Report

The Chair reported he had attended the following:

- Joined the City of Victoria Manager's Advisory Group
- Attended Ogden Point Master Plan meetings and open houses
- Seatrade's annual trade show in Miami
- NWCA dinner and season kick off in Vancouver
- Member Agencies annual spring presentations
- Meeting with Denise Savoie, MP

b) CEO's Report

In addition to the CEO's written report, highlights included:

- Strong financial result for 2009
- Completion of capital projects is the priority this year
- Good financial outlook for deep sea terminal for 2010
 - 228 ships calls
 - Western is working towards improved diversification of shipping activity
 - Up to 13 ships to be provisioned
- Mooring dolphin near completion, on time and on budget.
- Breakwater sonar scanned four years ago, in excellent condition
- Ogden Point Master Plan exploration presentations ongoing
- Alaska cruise passenger head tax will be reduced by 25% by end of 2011
- Cruise Transportation Partnership is growing and includes participation of more operators
- Reefer truck baffles near completion and trucks will be moved further away from residences at Fisherman's Wharf once the new landing is completed in the fall
- Land and Sea Mural Phase II is moving forward
- Working with regulatory bodies and cruise lines toward a clean air strategy
- VIHA conducting a human health assessment based on air quality studies in James Bay
- GVHA exploring alternative transportation at Ogden Point
- Nanaimo is going ahead with their cruise ship terminal project, no concerns at this time regarding impacts to Victoria's cruise business
- Marina office is moving to Hartwig Court (Wharf Street)
- Classic Boat Festival will continue this year
- GVHA monitoring and in discussions with new owners of the Northern Junk building regarding future plans for the area
- GVHA supports the new marina as part of the working harbour as long as it meets all regulatory requirements.

Board discussion included:

- Clarification of ship provisioning (sourcing of goods)
- Transportation alternatives for Ogden Point
- Impact on GVHA's water-lot with new owners of the Northern Junk Building

c) Board Correspondence

MOVED and SECONDED THAT the correspondence be received as circulated.

CARRIED

NOTE: The Board noted that presentations should have majority approval to be allowed according to GVHA's Board presentation guidelines.

9. New Business

a) Industrial Harbour Property Discussion

The CEO presented a powerpoint showing the loss of industrial harbour properties over the last few decades. Significant zoning changes and erosion have taken place. GVHA is working with V/EHS to monitor what is taking place with harbour properties and advocating for the protection of valuable industrial land.

The Chair noted that the harbour industrial lands are under siege and waterfront property is very desirable for other uses.

10. Input from the Public

Dunstan Chicanot, Fisherman's Wharf Floathome Owner

Dunstan Chicanot stated he believes there is a contrast between industrial lands used for heavy industrial use and land used for an upscale marina. He doesn't agree with taking away industrial use land for replacement with large yachts that, he says, have nothing to do with Victoria.

Greg McAllister, King Bros. Ltd.

Greg McAllister reported that the cruise lines try to source provisions locally. Although they do have worldwide purchasing power, efforts are made to obtain goods locally depending on the needs. A good majority of the trucks going to Ogden Point for provisioning are out of Vancouver, not the United States. He often works on behalf of the cruise lines in talks with Thrifty's, Coca-Cola, the dairy industry, ice companies, etc.

Gerry Lutz, President, Ogden Point Enhancement Society

Gerry Lutz reported he was terminal manager at Ogden Point back in 1971. He acknowledged there are concerns today with traffic and industry but suggested those present at the meeting should look at the history of Ogden Point. There used to be 200 lumber trucks along with carriers and lift trucks moving goods daily. He stated GVHA's Board should be commended for the good job they have done and he believes things are getting better, not worse. He noted the amount of traffic is less today than in the 1960's and 70's and the James Bay neighbourhood should understand that.

Briane Anderson, Fisherman's Wharf Float Home Owner

Briane Anderson thanked GVHA for the emergency steps and proposed standpipes at Fisherman's Wharf. He expressed his concerns about communication with GVHA and requested GVHA reconsider a continuing dialogue with the Fisherman's Wharf Float Home Committee.

He requested GVHA change its property tax policy wherein floathome owners would pay their property taxes to the City of Victoria instead of GVHA in order to apply for the home owner grant as he believes the floathome owners are entitled to those monies.

He also requested mail service, garbage cans, increased power, cable and Telus for the floathomes. He stated he wants GVHA's help and assistance and would like to avoid going to BC Supreme Court.

He reported the floathome owners wish to be treated as tenants, not moorage customers and stated that despite what other owners may do, he will continue with the current dispute resolution hearing and litigation.

Milton Barnes, Mercury Marine

Milton Barnes stated that he has been forced into litigation with GVHA. He requested a non-prejudicial mediation meeting with Paul Servos and Board members.

11. Adjournment

MOVED and SECONDED THAT under section 34 (2) (b) the meeting be moved in-camera as in the opinion of the Board the public interest requires exclusion.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Paul Servos, CEO

Don Prittie, Chair

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