



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING #57

Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
Held at 9:00 a.m. on 11 April 2008
GVHA Board Meeting Room
202 – 468 Belleville Street

- In attendance:** Barbara Desjardins, Township of Esquimalt
Doug Enns, Community Director
Dan Kukat, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society
Mark Lindholm, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society
Dan McAllister, Tourism Victoria
Ian Maxwell, Community Director
Don Prittie, Capital Regional District
Chief Robert Sam, Songhees Nation
Chief Andy Thomas, Esquimalt Nation
Bill Wellburn, Provincial Capital Commission
Randy Wright, Community Director
- CEO & Resources:** Darryl Anderson, Manager Business Development
Ian Crocker, Manager Infrastructure
Sonterra Ross, Corporate Controller
Paul Servos, Chief Executive Officer
Rebecca Penz, Recording Secretary
Julia Park, Executive Assistant (observing)
- Regrets:** Bea Holland, City of Victoria
- Vacant:** Chamber of Commerce
- Guests:** Jim Allard, Hyack Air
Bob Barlow, Westcan Terminals
Paul Ridout, GVHA Life Member
Martin Scherzer, Shoal Point Advisory Committee
Jill Stainforth, Fisherman's Wharf Advisory Committee

1. Call to Order

Don Prittie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Introduction

Don Prittie welcomed everybody to the meeting and introduced Julia Park, the new Executive Assistant. Rick Wiertz has tendered his resignation and passed along his regrets.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION (Wright/Desjardins)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Review/Approve Minutes

MOTION (Wright/McAllister)

That the minutes of Public Meeting #56 be approved with the correction of Barbara Desjardins' title as the representative for the Township of Esquimalt.

CARRIED

5. Business

5.1 Air Quality Study presentation

University of Victoria Researcher Eleanor Setton and graduate student Karla Poplawski presented the field monitoring results for the James Bay Air Quality Study. Monitoring methods, locations and air quality results were discussed. The measured levels were minimal and significantly lower than the standards. Phase II, the dispersion modelling, should be completed this May. This phase will explore shorter-term concentration levels, above ground levels and contributions of different sources to overall levels. This phase of mathematical will incorporate data received from major transportation operators (Coho, Clipper, cruise ships, Helijet, buses, etc).

Timeline for completion of the study:

1. Phase 1 will be available online in the next few weeks.
2. Phase 2 scheduled to be completed at the end of May.
3. VIHA may have a health risk assessment completed based on this information in June or July 2008.

The Board had a general discussion regarding the results and expressed concern that the presentation slides were out of context because they did not show the standard. The standards are far above the actual levels thus making the graph look dramatic.

The Chair thanked Eleanor Setton, Karla Poplawski, and Mike Kory (GVHA) for their hard work on the study.

5.2 SeaBed Report

Jonathan Sector was engaged by the GVHA to translate the seabed ecological and health risk assessment in the Inner Harbour prepared by Transport Canada. The report findings were more favourable than anticipated. There are still some ecological concerns in certain localities and areas where the sampling could not achieve accurate results. It was noted that if ownership of the seabed was transferred from its current federal status to any entity, it would become subject to municipal standards and regulations.

The Board asked for clarification on location of the sampling. Jonathan Sector recommended that Board Members wanting more detail should refer to the 17-page summary document prepared by his firm or the full document which has maps showing the locations.

Jonathan Sector reported that the document does not assure that the findings are homogeneous throughout the harbour, hence GVHA can not be confident about the state of the whole seabed.

Transport Canada's Seabed Report is available in the GVHA office.

5.3 Certificates of Compliance

Jonathan Sector reported that he was engaged in 2004 to obtain certificates of compliance for Fisherman's Wharf and Ogden Point. The chemical state of the properties are within the regulations of the Province. The City is satisfied with the upland portions of the properties but still has issues with the nature of the information and data on the water-covered portions.

Jonathan Sector reported that the lengthy delays are a result of the City requesting that the Province sign off on the chemical states of the property. Sector Environmental has concluded that the desire of the City to send this to the Province is not a legal requirement and he will be meeting with the City to work out an improved process.

The Board discussed the delay in completion of the certificates of compliance and requested management accelerates the process.

5.4 Chairman's Report

Don Prittie reported that he met with GVHA clients at the Fisherman's Wharf open house and attended the Seatrade Shipping Convention. He reported on his experience at Seatrade and the meetings that he participated in.

5.5 CEO's Report

Paul Servos reported on his experience at Seatrade and the great benefit of having the City of Victoria Mayor attend. Along with the Mayor from St John, Newfoundland, Mayor, Mayor Alan Lowe participated in the release of the economic impact of the cruise industry in Canada study.

Paul Servos reported that the cruise season has begun. Ogden Point terminal has seen significant upgrades this year. A launch of the Ogden Point upgrades has been scheduled for August 23, 2008 to coincide with the arrival of the 150th cruise ship (re: BC 150).

GVHA marinas are going to have a busy season. There are many of festivals scheduled for this year, including Tall Ships, Vic Maui, and BC 150.

The Board discussed the challenge of docking the ever increasing size of ships. The ships that are currently docking at Ogden Point are extending 200 feet beyond the pier and are mooring on spring lines. Paul Servos reported that GVHA needs to build the mooring dolphin for current vessels and it is essential if the larger vessels are going to be accommodated.

5.6 Board Correspondence

Don Prittie reviewed the correspondence:

- Letter from Tourism Victoria's Transportation Committee regarding the committee's terms of reference;
- Team Raven, paralympic sailing team, update and thank you;
- Letter from Dave Ullathorn regarding improvements at Fisherman's Wharf;

- Letter from Ian Boynton commending GVHA for the upgrades at Fisherman's Wharf;
- Letter from Gordon Tweddell regarding derelict vessels at Fisherman's Wharf;
- Letter of complaint to Transport Canada and copied to GVHA from Carmen and Ted Sawchuk regarding the noise and exhaust from float planes (one of seven similar letters received on this topic).

6. New Business

No new business

7. Input from the public

Jim Allard, Hyack Air, commented that the area around Reeson Park is unclean and unsafe. He requests that the GVHA include a "clean and safe" program in the Business Plan and be a partner in finding a solution.

Jill Stainforth, Fisherman's Wharf Float home owner, requested assurance that the letter from the Float Home owners from February 2008 was included in the GVHA board files. She reported that the Fisherman's Wharf float home owners and businesses participated in a celebration of the 60th anniversary on Fisherman's Wharf on March 31.

There being no additional comments, the meeting was adjourned to the in-camera session at 10:18 am.