



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING #61

Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
Held at 9:00 a.m. on 12 December 2008
GVHA Board Room – 468 Belleville Street

- In attendance:** Barbara Desjardins, Township of Esquimalt
Dan Kukat, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society
Mark Lindholm, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society
Ian Maxwell, Community Director
Don Prittie, Capital Regional District
Bill Wellburn, Provincial Capital Commission
Doug Enns, Community Director
David Rand, Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce
Dan McAllister, Tourism Victoria
Chief Andy Thomas, Esquimalt Nation
- Resources:** Paul Servos, Chief Executive Officer
Ian Crocker, Manager of Infrastructure
Sonterra Ross, Corporate Controller
Julia Park, Recording Secretary
- Regrets:** Chief Robert Sam, Songhees Nation
- Guests:** Jim Allard, Hyack Air
Paul Ridout, GVHA Board Life Member
Greg McAllister, King Bros. Limited
Brian Anderson, Fisherman's Wharf Community Association

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

2. **Introduction**
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

MOTION (Kukat/Desjardins)
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. **Review/Approve Minutes**

MOTION (Rand/Desjardins)

That the minutes of Public Meeting #60 be approved with a correction to the Chairman's report regarding his meeting with the Marine Airport Standing Committee to read ...“the Marine Airport Ad-hoc Committee of the City Council...”

CARRIED

5. Business

a) Chairman's Report

The Chair participated in the following meetings with the CEO:

- Ministers Bill Bennett, Ida Chong, Murray Coell and MP Gary Lunn regarding the mooring dolphin project at Ogden Point
- Chief Robert Sam regarding economic opportunity initiatives
- Mayor Fortin to discuss Bea Holland's replacement on the Board and harbour development opportunities including the Belleville Terminal.

The Chair reported he had met with Rick Wiertz who asked him to pass on his best wishes to the members for Christmas and noted he had enjoyed his time as a Director on the Board.

b) CEO's Report

The CEO reported that management is working to advance the strategic, business and budget systems together as they are ultimately linked to the balanced scorecard strategy.

The Life Cycle Plans are complete and contain significant background information on the on the facilities and their future requirements over the next 20 years. The project began two years ago and was finalized in the last two months.

The CEO noted market rate leases are a priority, and all are complete with the exception of one that is still in litigation.

Tariff discussions with the cruise lines are ongoing. The CEO and Greg McAllister of King Bros. Limited are traveling to Seattle on December 15, 2008 to meet with the Princess Cruises and Holland America Lines regarding fee increases and bundling opportunities. They will also meet with Royal Caribbean International and Norwegian Cruise Lines in the new year.

The mooring dolphin project is a priority; GVHA is currently working to raise government funding and industry support.

The CTCL is working to minimize the impact of the cruise ship activities on James Bay neighbourhood. The Air Quality Study results were made public at the JBNA December meeting by VIHA.

The CEO noted that during the economic downturn, layoffs that occurred won't be replaced, and management is being cautious, but optimistic, as we move into the new year.

c) Board Correspondence

The Board Secretary reviewed the following correspondence:

- Thank you letter to the Board from Five Star Paving dated October 3, 2008 for work awarded to them at Ogden Point & Fisherman's Wharf

- Thank you letter from the James Bay Artwalk Studio Tour (unsigned)
- Letter from the CRD dated Nov. 12, 2008 regarding the appointment of a new representative to GVHA's Board of Directors at their January meeting
- Letter from Don Prittie to Premier Gordon Campbell dated November 17, 2008 requesting funding support for the construction of a mooring dolphin at Ogden Point Cruise Ship Terminal
- Letter to Paul Servos dated October 15, 2008 from the United Empire Loyalist's Assoc. of Canada regarding installation of a commemorative plaque on the Causeway.

Barbara Desjardins noted that there is an on-line project impact calculator on the UBCM site to assist organizations in determining their funding requirements that indicates how much the province may benefit by granting funding for a specific project.

6. New Business

a) April 11, 2008 Minutes Correction

The minutes from April 11th, 2008 mistakenly show Mr. Gordon Tweddell as the author of a letter regarding derelict vessels at Fisherman's Wharf. Mr. Tweddell's letter to GVHA was a complimentary one regarding Fisherman's Wharf upgrades. The writer of the derelict vessel letter was Dave Ullathorn.

MOTION (Wellburn/Kukat)

That the correspondence section of the Public Board Meeting minutes of April 11th be amended to show Gordon Tweddell as the author of the letter regarding Fisherman's Wharf upgrades.

CARRIED

b) Sponsorship / Special Events Policy Review

Accepted as information by the Board with the following correction:

The revision date of December 2, 2008 be amended to October 10, 2008.

c) Life Cycle Plan Update

The Manager of Infrastructure reported the Life Cycle Plans are complete. Highlights included:

- Asset condition
- Deficiency review
- Repairs and betterments
- Contingency plans
- Obsolescence

The Board discussed ways to increase revenues by facility, site reconfiguration, current and future problems with individual facilities, and timing of future reviews. The Infrastructure Manager noted that engineering report updates will be considered every five years in order to plan for any necessary repairs and contingencies.

The Board also noted that 70 ship calls in 2008 had damaged Pier B North, and GVHA funds had to be used for repairs. The increasing traffic is having a serious impact on the aged infrastructure, but this is the cost of the cruise business.

The CEO thanked Ian Crocker, Manager of Infrastructure, for his leadership and effort on the Life Cycle Plan project.

MOTION (Wellburn/Rand)

That the Board approve the Life Cycle Plan as presented.

CARRIED

d) Strategic Plan Update

The CEO presented the updated Strategic Plan with added changes and deletions as recommended at the Board Planning meeting in November for informational purposes. The report will be on GVHA's website.

7. Public Input

Brian Anderson introduced himself as a member of the Fisherman's Wharf Community Association, attending in lieu of Jill Stainforth who was unable to attend.

Jim Allard of Hyack Air requested the Public Meeting agenda be posted earlier if possible. He reported he had spent three and a half weeks cruising earlier this year through Colombia, Ecuador and Peru and noted ports there were lacking. He commended Victoria's port for service and beauty.

Greg McAllister of King Bros. Limited thanked the Board for the beautification of Ogden Point and the continued cooperation with GVHA management. He noted the cruise lines and guests appreciate the improvements that can be seen, and those that can't, such as safety. He encouraged the Board to move forward with the mooring dolphin project noting it is critically important to make it safer for all ships.

MOTION (Rand/Wellburn)

To adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

There being no additional comments, the meeting was adjourned to the in-camera session at 9:40 a.m.