



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING #63

**Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
Held at 9:00 a.m. on 17 April 2009
GVHA Office – 468 Belleville Street**

In attendance:

Christopher Causton, Capital Regional District
Sonya Chandler, City of Victoria
Barbara Desjardins, Township of Esquimalt
Dan Kukat, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society
Mark Lindholm, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society
Dermot Loughnane, Community Director
Dan McAllister, Tourism Victoria
Don Prittie, Community Director
David Rand, Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce
Chief Andy Thomas, Esquimalt Nation
Bill Wellburn, Provincial Capital Commission
Mike Williamson, Community Director

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
Dunstan Chicanot, Fisherman's Wharf Community Association (FWCA)
Greg McAllister, King Bros. Limited
Paul Ridout, Honourary GVHA Life Member
Brian Scarfe, James Bay Resident
Marg Gardiner, James Bay Resident
Betty Ruven, James Bay Resident
Gord Tweddell, James Bay Resident
Rita Roy, James Bay Resident
John Balogh, Capital Regional District
Dwayne Kalynchuk, Capital Regional District
Rebecca Penz, Communications Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Introduction

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION (Rand/Desjardins)

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The Chair noted that conflicts of interest should be declared at the beginning of each meeting.

5. Review/Approve Minutes

MOTION (Wellburn/Desjardins)

That the minutes of Public Meeting #63 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Presentations

a. CRD Wastewater Treatment Project

CRD representatives John Balogh and Dwayne Kalynchuk presented plans for a proposed wastewater treatment plant including three options.

Dwayne Kalynchuk said the MOU with GVHA is under revision and the CRD will continue to look for the best business case possible.

The Chair noted there would be further discussion during the in-camera session.

7. Business

a. Chairman's Report

The Chair reported on the following activities:

- meetings with the Northwest CruiseShip Association (NWCA)
- NWCA spring dinner
- media launch at Ogden Point for the announcement of the Province's \$1.5 million dollar (one third) funding contribution to the Tie-up Dolphin Project
- annual member agency meetings

The scheduled meeting with Carol James has been postponed and will be rescheduled after the election. The Chair and CEO met with Denise Savoie to report on harbour issues and exchange questions and concerns.

b. CEO's Report

In addition to his written report in the Board package, the CEO reported that since the last Board meeting he has been focused on advancing the tie-up dolphin funding, Fisherman's Wharf improvements, and updating the Business Plan key steps and measures.

c. Board Correspondence

The Board suggested that since the correspondence can be found in their Board packages that a motion be made to accept it without the Board Secretary reading it.

MOTION (Wellburn/Loughnane)

To receive correspondence as circulated.

CARRIED

8. New Business

a. Member Agency Meeting Schedule

The Chair noted that he is awaiting confirmation from Pam Madoff, City Councilor and James Bay Representative, for a meeting. Other member agency meetings are ongoing.

9. Public Input

Betty Raven, a Shoal Point resident, noted that reefer truck noise at Fisherman's Wharf is problematic. She suggested facing the trucks to the west, away from residents and inquired when mufflers for the trucks would be implanted.

Rita Roy, another Shoal Point resident, voiced the same noise concerns at Fisherman's Wharf and inquired about solutions. She reported she has called police to move them, but noted that is not the best way to manage the problem.

Marg Gardiner also commented on noise levels. She inquired about GVHA's receipt of a letter dated April 14, 2009 sent to GVHA requesting funding for a noise study in James Bay. Ms. Gardiner was told the Board packages went out to Board members on April 8th. Any correspondence received in GVHA's office after that date would be in the next Board package (June 2009).

The Chair noted the noise concerns were a management issue and that the residents would be contacted within the next two weeks to address their concerns.

Jim Allard of Hyack Air inquired about GVHA's capital plan. He was told the business plan had recently been updated and would be posted on the website.

He enquired about Director's conflicts of interests being declared openly.

The Board responded that all GVHA Director's meetings must be open to the public except for issues involving labour, land and legal matters. Director's have a fiduciary responsibility to the Society to develop an open process. Items discussed In-Camera are not discussed with the public or member agencies. When a member is appointed to sit on GVHA's Board, the member must put GVHA's interests first. They are not on the Board to represent their own or their agencies interests.

Dunstan Chicanot of Fisherman's Wharf noted there is confusion surrounding representation on the Board from other agencies and the lack of accessibility to them.

The Board responded that the only access to a City Councillor is in their capacity as a City representative, not as a GVHA Board member. They also noted that the City of Victoria could appoint anyone to sit on GVHA's Board, not strictly an elected official.

The Chair noted that the Victoria International Marina is controversial. GVHA's position is supportive of the working harbour and marine development in working areas as long as safety is not impacted and Transport Canada approves.

Sonya Chandler asked if GVHA would define working harbour and support of the working harbour to deal with concerns and accountability. She suggested that it be an agenda item in the future.

There being no additional comments, the meeting was adjourned to the in-camera session at 9:58 a.m.

Paul Servos, CEO

Don Prittie, Chair