



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING #71

**Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
Held at 9:00 a.m. on 20 August 2010
Board Room, 468 Belleville Street**

- In attendance:** Jim Allard, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society (V/EHS)
Christopher Causton, Capital Regional District (CRD)
Sonya Chandler, City of Victoria
Dave Cowen, Tourism Victoria
Barbara Desjardins, Township of Esquimalt
Dan Kukat, V/EHS
Dermot Loughnane, Community Director
Don Prittie, (Chair) Community Director
David Rand, (Secretary) Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce (GVCC)
Bill Wellburn, (Treasurer) Provincial Capital Commission (PCC)
Mike Williamson, (Vice-Chair) Community Director
- Resources:** Ian Crocker, Manager of Operations
Julia Park, Recording Secretary
Rebecca Penz, Manager of Communications
Sonterra Ross, Manager of Finance & Property
Paul Servos, Chief Executive Officer
- Regrets:** Chief Robert Sam, Songhees Nation
Chief Andy Thomas, Esquimalt Nation
- Guests:** Bob Barlow, Western Stevedoring
Marg Gardiner, James Bay Neighbourhood Association (JBNA)
Lachlan MacLean, WAM Developments
Greg McAllister, King Bros. Limited
Paul Ridout, GVHA Life Board Member
Janis Ringuette, JBNA
Loretta Sims, Victoria Resident

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Chair reported that this would be Sonya Chandler's last Board meeting. He thanked her for her many contributions to GVHA and wished her the best for the future.

2. Introductions

The Chair introduced:

- Lachlan MacLean, WAM Developments

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED and **SECONDED THAT** the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

a) Victoria International Marina – Lachlan MacLean

Lachlan MacLean presented the evolution of the marina project, explaining the changes in design and scope. He described the importance of this project for the working harbour. He stated that Transport Canada mandated boats must be 65' or longer to meet transportation standards and requirements. Transport Canada, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Environment Canada have approved the project because they do not think it poses a threat to the Victoria Harbour.

He stated the marina will generate revenue, create jobs and support marine industry in Victoria.

The Board discussed the project to date, including:

- permit and approval stages
- size of boats now and in the future
- safety concerns/communications on the runway

Lachlan MacLean reported they are waiting for a decision on crown leases from the Province. The City is processing a Development Permit for the proposed buildings with a substantially reduced footprint of the marina.

b) Township of Esquimalt – CRD Sewage Treatment Plan

Mayor Barbara Desjardins presented the Township of Esquimalt's concerns regarding the McLaughlin Point site for the proposed sewage treatment plant.

Mayor Desjardins' concerns include:

- Location – entrance to inner harbour
- Odour control
- Environmental implications
- Limited capacity, no room for growth
- Limited resource recovery
- Costs passed onto taxpayers
- Colwood as an alternative site
- All options have not been explored
- Doesn't fit into the "working harbour"
- Problems/spillage – waste goes directly into the inner harbour

The Board discussed and agreed to ask the CRD to present their proposal for McLaughlin Point.

ACTION: Staff to schedule a CRD presentation on the proposed sewage treatment plant at McLaughlin Point for September 13, 2010 at 1:30 pm.

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

6. Review/Approve Minutes

a) Approve minutes of Public Meeting #70 on June 18, 2010.

MOVED and **SECONDED THAT** the minutes of Public Meeting #70 (June 18 2010) be approved.

CARRIED
Jim Allard opposed.

b) Business arising from previous minutes

None.

7. Rise and Report

The CEO reported the following:

- RBS Seafood Harvesting was approved for a 3-year licence effective July 1, 2010 to load seafood at Fisherman's Wharf.
- The Ogden Point Master Plan and the City of Victoria rezoning processes are being combined. Up to \$300,000 additional resources have been dedicated to the project
- A self-insurance fund policy for Ogden Point breakwater and piers was approved.

8. Business

a) Chairman's Report

The Chair reported he had attended the following:

- City Manager's Advisory Council meetings
- Meeting with Transport Minister John Baird and GVHA's Manager of Communications to discuss:
 - divestiture, a brief history of GVHA (the original dream)
 - the Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy
 - North American Emissions Control Area (ECA)
- Meeting with MP Gary Lunn, along with GVHA's Vice-Chair and CEO to discuss divestiture.
- Association of Canadian Port Authorities (ACPA) conference in St. John's Nfld. with GVHA's Manager of Operations

b) CEO's Report

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

- Transient moorage revenue is down
- New information booth at Ogden Point, owned and operated by GVHA with help from Tourism
- New baffling system in place for reefer trucks at Fisherman's Wharf
- Proposal for a consolidated air terminal and single customs building

The Board discussed a consolidated air terminal and Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) request for a single customs building.

c) Board Correspondence

MOVED and **SECONDED THAT** the correspondence be received as circulated.

CARRIED

d) Victoria International Marina

The CEO reported that GVHA's public position has always been consistent in supporting a working harbour if all regulatory and safety requirements are met. GVHA should continue with that current position, continue with M3 zoning, and not support anything that changes the zoning to non-marine use. He recommended the Board have an official policy statement.

The Board recommended the following Resolution regarding GVHA's support of the working harbour.

MOVED and SECONDED that GVHA supports a diversified harbour including marina projects as long as they can be operated in a safe and compatible manner with other harbour activities as determined by regulating authorities. GVHA does not support changing existing harbour zoning to any non-working harbour use.

CARRIED

9. New Business

None

10. Input from the Public

Barry Hobbis, Victoria Harbour Ferries

Barry Hobbis stated his concerns about the Victoria International Marina regarding safety, including that some vessels may not have the right equipment to monitor air traffic. There are two judicial reviews of the project from the Songhees Nation and a group of kayakers. Permits have not been issued by Navigable Waters on the provincial water-lots.

He noted GVHA is not a port authority, but a not-for-profit and should listen to all stakeholders.

Marg Gardiner, JBNA

Marg Gardiner voiced her concerns regarding JBNA minutes not being presented at GVHA Board meetings. She stated that she believes GVHA could have taken a leading role with respect to Dr. Stanwyck's report on air quality, instead of being subservient to the cruise lines. She requested a committee be struck with the City, the JBNA and GVHA's Board.

Tim Van Alstine, JBNA Chair

Tim Van Alstine stated his concerns about McLaughlin Point as the site for the sewage treatment plant including, odours, a constricted site and raw sewage flowing into the harbour in the event of an accident.

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 10:26 a.m.

David Rand, Secretary

Don Prittie, Chair