



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING #70

**Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
Held at 9:00 a.m. on 18 June 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)
Chief Andy Thomas, Esquimalt Nation
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
- Guests:** Briane Anderson, Fisherman's Wharf Community Association (FWCA)
D. Carr, VicWest Community Association (VWCA)
Tom Coyle, James Bay Neighbourhood Association (JBNA)
Lachlan MacLean, WAM Developments
Greg McAllister, King Bros. Limited
Janis Ringuette, JBNA
Donna Spalding, Northwest & Canada CruiseShip Association (NWCCA)
Gordon Tweddell, JBNA
Jackie Tweddell, JBNA
Audrey Whittal, VWCA
- 1. Call to Order**
The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
 - 2. Introductions**
The Chair introduced:
 - GVHA's newest employees, Al Charania, Environmental Researcher and Nelson Hill, Project Coordinator
 - Barry Hobbis, Victoria Resident
 - 3. Approval of Agenda**

MOVED and SECONDED THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

4. **Presentations**

a) **Victoria International Marina Opponent – Barry Hobbis**

Barry Hobbis talked about his opposition to the Victoria International Marina proposal. In his opinion the air and water traffic safety, and quality of life in the Inner Harbour will be adversely affected by the impacts of the marina. He urged the Board of Directors to reconsider GVHA's inferred support of the project.

The Board requested a copy of Barry Hobbis' speaking notes.

ACTION: GVHA staff to prepare a report on past statements on the marina for the next Board meeting.

The Chair thanked Barry Hobbis for his presentation.

5. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

None.

6. **Review/Approve Minutes**

a) Approve minutes of Public Meeting #69 on April 16, 2010.

MOVED and **SECONDED THAT** the minutes of Public Meeting #69 (April 16 2010) be approved with the following amendments.

- The Board stated that presentations should have Board Chair and Board majority approval to be allowed, according to GVHA's Board presentation guidelines.
- Milton Barnes stated that in his opinion he was forced into litigation with GVHA. He requested a non-prejudicial mediation meeting with Paul Servos and Board members.

CARRIED

b) **Business arising from previous minutes**

None.

7. **Rise and Report**

The CEO reported the following:

- Ogden Point Master Plan Exploration 4 and Guiding Principles were approved.
- Red Fish Blue Fish was approved for a 3-year licence effective June 1, 2010.

8. **Business**

a) **Chairman's Report**

The Chair reported he had attended the following:

- Member agency meetings
 - Township of Esquimalt
 - City of Victoria
 - V/EHS
 - Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce

The Chair attended several other GVHA related events.

b) **CEO's Report**

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

- GVHA management is developing a respectful workplace policy.

- GVHA is providing input to the City of Victoria's (OCP) regarding the harbour.
- The second phase of the Land and Sea Mural Project is underway. Six youth artists have been hired. Butch Dick and Darlene Gait have completed the designs.
- The mooring dolphin is operational, although the fenders will not be installed until the fall. Dredging will proceed when the environmental assessment has been completed, also in the fall of 2010.
- Handrails are being installed along Ship Point and Broughton Street piers. Stand pipes have been installed at the Causeway floats and Ship Point.
- The City has approved a Temporary Permit for scooter/bike rentals on Ship Point/Causeway.
- Management has initiated discussions at the staff level with PCC and the City of Victoria City regarding the harbour waterfront planning.

c) Board Correspondence

MOVED and SECONDED THAT the correspondence be received as circulated.

CARRIED

d) Ogden Point Master Plan Update

Ogden Point Master Plan Exploration 4 and Guiding Principles were approved in principle in order for CH2M HILL to proceed with the public consultation process. There will be a public open house on June 22, 2010 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Pier B, Ogden Point.

9. New Business

a) Cruise Tourism Clean Air and Noise Quality Framework

GVHA is working to advance Victoria's participation in the Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy. A letter to Minister Baird was sent requesting Federal support. GVHA will ask cruise lines to voluntarily reduce sulphur content in their fuel as GVHA is committed to the sustainability of the cruise industry and mitigating impacts wherever possible.

Board feedback included:

- Post current cruise information on GVHA's website:
 - Schedules of ship arrivals
 - Air quality standards
 - GVHA efforts to mitigate

The Board noted the importance of keeping the public informed and suggested GVHA make public statements wherever possible regarding efforts to improve air quality, transportation impacts, etc.

10. Input from the Public

Briane Anderson – FWCA

Briane Anderson showed the Board an environmental award presented to the FWCA from Tourism Victoria. He noted the FWCA had a successful garden tour and donations were collected and given to the Hospital Foundation. He asked the Board to meet with stakeholders to discuss ongoing issues.

Gordon Tweddell, James Bay Resident

Gordon Tweddell voiced his concerns regarding a Globe and Mail report on fuel standards for cruise ships. He stated that the JBNA supports the International Maritime Organization's Emissions Control Areas and strong support should be shown from GVHA and other groups as one voice.

Tom Coyle – JBNA

Tom Coyle stated that there is a difference between information and consultation regarding the Ogden Point Master Plan open houses and requested more consultation. He stated the car storage space at Ogden Point has increased and noted it was not marine related. He was pleased with the clean air and noise quality strategy but the proof will be in scope and measurement.

Janis Ringuette, JBNA

Janis Ringuette stated that there are limitations to letting residents know about incoming cruise ships and believes it is not helpful to tell people to stay indoors for long periods when a ship is in port.

Lachlan MacLean – WAM Developments

Lachlan MacLean stated that the marina will be a valuable contribution to the working harbour. He asked to make a presentation at the August 20th Board meeting to discuss zoning and merits of the project.

Donna Spalding, NWCCA

Donna Spalding reported that the Globe and Mail report on the cruise industry was not entirely correct. The NWCCA has prepared a discussion paper on ECA and supplied a copy to GVHA.

Tim Van Alstine, JBNA


Tim Van Alstine stated he appreciates GVHA's solid commitment to air monitoring and working with Transport Canada to get better cruise ship fuel although he is upset that our community does not rate high quality fuel from the cruise lines. In his opinion, GVHA has contractual power to deal with cruise lines regarding fuel quality. He is also concerned about cabs speeding at 70 km/h in James Bay and believes GVHA has the capacity to pull licences of cabs that violate the law.

11. Adjournment

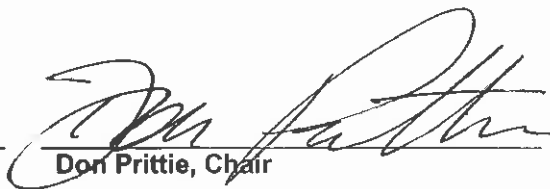
MOVED and SECONDED THAT under section 34 (2) (b) the meeting be moved in-camera as in the opinion of the Board the public interest requires exclusion.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.



David Rand, Secretary



Don Prittie, Chair