

PORT COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP MEETING NOTES

Date: November 18, 2020

Location: Discovery Centre

Time: 5:00pm to 7.00pm

Chairperson: Sara Colburne

Committee Members in Attendance:

Sarah Austin

Dov Bercovici

Sarah Craig

Pam Glode-Desrochers

Magali Grégoire

Jeff Hutt

Waye Mason

Cathy McCarthy

Ossama Nasrallah

Kunjal Sethi

Halifax Port Authority (HPA) representatives:

Captain Allan Gray, President & CEO

Rebecca Bruce, Manager of Strategy and Stakeholder Relations

Maggie Kennedy, Coordinator, Corporate Services

Presenters:

Cynthia Dorrington, President, Vale & Associates Human Resource Management and Consulting Inc.

Krista Dempsey, Vice President of Real Estate, HPA

John MacKenzie, Property Manager, Develop Nova Scotia

Kristin O'Toole, Senior Manager, Planning, Develop Nova Scotia

Apologies:

Juanita Peters

Wendy Fraser

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome to the Discovery Centre from Dov Bercovici.

Introduction of a new member, and members who were not present at the inaugural meeting.

Introduction of presenters: Cynthia Dorrington (Vale and Associates), Kristin O'Toole and John MacKenzie (Develop Nova Scotia) and Krista Dempsey (HPA).

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

Review Upcoming Meeting Dates & Meeting Space

Dates for 2021; every second month on the third Thursday (exception for March due to Spring Break). Planning for meeting space will include virtual and in-person (pending Covid-19 restrictions).

Action items:

- Posting of 2021 schedule to members
- Recirculate survey on members' accessibility to participate virtually

3. PRESENTATION

Title: Enterprise-Wide Diversity, Inclusion & Engagement Project

Presenter: Cynthia Dorrington, Vale & Associates

Cynthia introduced what an enterprise-wide diversity and inclusion engagement project is and research outlining how Canadian businesses are addressing diversity, inclusion and engagement. Cynthia began the project in August 2020, and to date, HPA has defined its Diversity Vision Statement. As the process continues, HPA will develop a diversity policy and continue with the change initiative by the commitment from senior management, training and education, metrics and responsibility and accountability.

Presentation Q&A

For the Q&A portion, the presenter asked the committee members two questions:

- What information do you feel will be important or advantageous for communities to know?
- What does engagement look like to your communities?

The members' responses will be used to inform the policy development phase of the project.

Action Items:

- Continue to collect feedback from the committee on the proposed questions
- Continue to bring updates on the progress of the Enterprise-Wide Diversity, Inclusion & Engagement Project to the committee.

4. PORT REPORT

Update on the HPA activities and news

Presenter: Captain Allan Gray

- There were no Safety Incidents and no Environmental Incidents to report.
- The HPA is participating in the Halifax Regional Municipality's community consultation forum known as "Shape Your City" regarding the Windsor Street Exchange Project. The project involves the redesign of the intersection of Bedford Highway, Windsor Street and Lady Hammond Road. The goals of the project are to add active transportation connections and transit priority measures through the intersection, improve the movement of vehicles and goods through the area, and improve the safety of all road users.
- The HPA is in the planning stages of a new Marine Container Examination Facility (MCEF) and associated access route to Fairview Cove Container Terminal. An appropriate MCEF within the

Port of Halifax is required to optimize rapid and reliable container inspections for the Canada Border Services Agency. This facility must be safe, secure and efficient to maintain ongoing international intermodal operations at the Port. This project would have several advantages in increasing fluidity through this portion of the supply chain.

- The HPA recently conducted Public and Stakeholder Opinion Research. The research was conducted through a survey designed to measure perceptions of the Port of Halifax, its current operations and plans. Participants were also asked to share their opinions towards the HPA Guiding Principles. The HPA will use the survey data to guide the HPA in community and stakeholder engagement planning.
- The official opening of the South End Container Terminal Extension took place in late October. With the extension project finished, the South End Container Terminal operated by PSA Halifax now has the longest and deepest container berth in Eastern Canada with 800 metres continuous length and 16 metres depth.
- The HPA received a letter of recognition from the Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, recognizing the 2018-2019 Port of Halifax Sustainability Report. HPA has incorporated the World Port Sustainability Plan (WPSP) goals and the United Nations Sustainability Goals (UNSDGs).

Q&A

Question on the HPA planning for environmental incidents in the harbour. The presenter discussed the HPA Marine Safety Management Plan. The question led to further discussion on the HPA sustainability strategy and sustainability being the platform for planning.

Action Item:

- Once completed, the HPA will share the Public and Stakeholder Opinion Research Report with the committee.

5. ITEMS BROUGHT FORTH BY COMMITTEE

Item: Information on boundaries on the boardwalk; where does the HPA mandate end and Develop NS begin, and information on water rights and reclaiming land or building out into the harbour.

Presenters: Krista Dempsey (HPA), Kristin O'Toole and John MacKenzie (Develop NS)

The HPA is governed by the Canada Marine Act, which encompasses the Letters Patent (1999). The Letters Patent states what the HPA can do as a Port Authority. It states the land holdings, given assets and certain land and water lots for the port to manage.

Develop Nova Scotia is a Provincial Crown Corporation governed by a private-sector board. Their overall purpose is to make Halifax a place where everyone can belong. Develop NS focuses their work on three pillars: thriving communities, authentic destinations and working waterfronts. Through their work, they want to attract people to visit, invest and to live.

Q&A

Members and presenters had discussions regarding the Harbourwalk, Halifax Seaport, Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia.

Action item:

None.

6. OPEN SPACE

Members participating in their first meeting with the committee spoke on their backgrounds and their interest in being involved with the Port Community Liaison Committee.

Conclusion: The meeting concluded at 7:00 pm.

Next meeting: January 21, 2021.