

Port Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Location: The PIER, 1209 Marginal Road, Halifax
Chair: Sara Colburne
Coordinators: Lane Farguson & Carrie Blenkhorn, Halifax Port Authority (HPA)
Attendees: Members :
1. Sarah Craig
2. Hisham Hamdan
3. Waye Mason
4. Cathy McCarthy
5. Juanita Peters
6. Yassine Mazouze

HPA:

1. Captain Allan Gray, President and CEO
2. Tyler Boutilier, HPA Planning Department

Regrets:

1. Ossama Nasrallah
2. Pam Glode-Desrochers
3. Wendy Fraser
4. Dov Bercovici
5. Magali Grégoire

AGENDA:

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome given by Chair and introduction of new member, Yassine Mazouze.

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

Committee Check-In: Round table updates and good news stories shared by members.

3. CRUISE ECONOMIC IMPACT

Meeting topic requested by committee member. Lane Farguson provided an overview of the economic impact studies completed by the Chris Lowe Group for the Halifax Port Authority. 2019 was the last year cruise was a part of the report before Covid-19 suspended cruise operations. Details of that economic impact were presented to the group which included direct and indirect impacts, including employment and provisions from the local community.

Action item – Is there any information available on how many cruise passengers are returning to Halifax for a longer stay after visiting on a cruise ship? HPA to reach out to tourism partners to see if this information is being collected.

For consideration - Add section to One Port City HFX website regarding cruise economic impacts and how pathways can be open to smaller local businesses.

4. 50 YEAR PLAN

Tyler Boutilier, HPA Urban Planner, presented to the group the HPA 50 Year Plan. HPA's 50 year planning process began in 2020 with the creation of the Planning Department. Overview was given of the future plans for the entire Port property which includes Ocean Terminals, Richmond Terminals, South End Container Terminal and Fairview Cove Container Terminal and topics covered were containerized and non-containerized cargo capacities (storage and handling),

pyritic slate sequestration facilities and cruise. The 50 year Plan will be posted to our website for the public to see in the coming weeks. Consultation sessions will be arranged with stakeholders. Mechanisms will be in place to collect feedback.

Question and answer period from the committee took place throughout the presentation.

5. PORT REPORT

Captain Allan Gray, President and CEO

- Safety and Environment Report: Three safety incidents – 1 minor injury, 1 property damage, 1 lost time injury. No environmental incidents reported since the last update.
- Cargo Activity: Throughput to May 14 is 201,364 TEU. Supply chain challenges continue including vessel bunching in east and west coast ports, blank & omitted sailings, and labour shortages. Halifax dwell time is improving with average 3.2 days on dock, among the best in North America. New MSC service confirmed, this is the 3rd new MSC service since 2021. Port of Halifax ranked 46th as Canada's most efficient container port in the 2021 Container Port Performance Index.
- Cruise Update: First vessels arrived April 26. The season is going well with no reported issues. Royal Caribbean International *Oasis of the Seas* to arrive June 7. At 360 metres length overall, over 226,000 tonnes and 5,600+ passenger capacity, this will be the largest cruise vessel call Halifax to date. She is the 4th largest cruise vessel in the world.
- Real Estate Update: Design planning for new Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market space in Pavilion 23 continues. Opening expected in early July. Northern Waters Knitwear is the newest tenant opened at The PIER shopfronts.
- Annual Meeting: HPA's Annual Meeting was held on May 25 at the PIER. The Annual Report, which includes the consolidated financial statements, can be found on our website and also as an interactive website: <https://annualreport.portofhalifax.ca/>
- Hydrogen – Allan attended the World Hydrogen Summit in Rotterdam. Halifax needs to find our place in that market but there are opportunities there. He gathered with other ports who are part of the Global Ports Hydrogen Coalition to discuss further the role of ports in this energy transition and the policy mechanisms that need to be implemented to support it.

6. CONCLUSION:

Meeting ended at 7:20 p.m. Committee members had the option to stay for a brief tour of the PIER space.

7. NEXT MEETING: July 21, 2022 (tentative, meeting details to follow).