

Port Community Liaison Committee Meeting Notes

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: The Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market
Pavilion 23, 961 Marginal Road, Halifax

Chair: Sara Colburne

Coordinators: Lane Farguson & Carrie Blenkhorn, Halifax Port Authority (HPA)

Attendees: Members:

1. Sara Colburne
2. Sarah Craig
3. Waye Mason
4. Cathy McCarthy
5. Yassine Mazouze
6. Laurel (alternate for Magali Grégoire)
7. Chris Bewsher

HPA:

Captain Allan Gray, President and CEO
Lane Farguson
Carrie Blenkhorn

Regrets:

1. Dov Bercovici
2. Hisham Hamdan
3. Juanita Peters
4. Wendy Fraser
5. Pamela Glode-Desrochers
6. Ossama Nasrallah

1. Welcome

Welcome given by Chair and introduction of new member, Chris Bewsher

2. General Business

- **New Committee Members:**
Committee is seeking a new chair and additional members. Sara Colburne has accepted the role of VP, Strategy & Transformation with the Halifax Port Authority and will be stepping down as chair. The expectation is to have new chair in place by the next meeting in November. Chair role will be offered to the current committee members and advertised externally.
- **Current Member Terms:**
Current members are nearing their two-year term and were asked to consider if they would like to stay with the committee or step down. Suggestion of having alternates for current committee members when their schedules don't allow for them to attend meetings. Some ideas for new members include rotating municipal councillors; educators; youth, representative from Downtown Dartmouth; and perhaps a member from the Point Pleasant Park committee.
- **Committee Check-In:**
Round table updates and good news stories shared by members.

3. **Port Report**

Captain Allan Gray, HPA President & CEO

- **Safety and Environment Report:**
Two safety incidents/near misses – 1 property damage, 1 near miss incident. No environmental incidents reported since the last update. An incident not included in the report involving a cyclist on HPA property was brought forward; that incident is currently under investigation with HPA Health and Safety.
- **Cargo Activity:** Throughput update. August imports were the second highest in Halifax port history.
- **Cruise Update:** Now entering “peak cruise” for 2022. Halifax experiences about 70% of cruise calls from the end of August to mid-October. Peak cruise day will occur on October 6 with just under 10-thousand guest in port on four vessels. The world’s first hybrid cruise vessel was scheduled to make her inaugural call on Saturday, September 17. The MS Roald Amundsen is a Hurtigruten hybrid cruise vessel.
- **Real Estate Update:** Richmond Terminals Request for Expression of Interest closed August 2. Halifax Seaport Farmers’ Market continues to grow in the new location, with new vendors on both Saturday and Sunday, and overall positive feedback from vendors and customers. Small events in the new location have already occurred, with more planned.
- **Atlantic Hydrogen Alliance** – The Halifax Port Authority is actively exploring decarbonization options and opportunities. Discussions with industry and government are underway to enable this energy transition and cement the appropriate role of ports in this market.

4. **One Port City Day**

HPA provided an update on how One Port City Day went on Saturday, September 10. A discussion was had with those present to see who attended the event and feedback was collected. HPA will continue to grow and improve the event each year and collecting feedback from participants is key.

5. **Meeting Wrap Up/Closing**

Meeting ended at 7:00 p.m.

6. **Next Meeting**

Thursday, November 17, 2022. Meeting details to follow.