

Port Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Clean Foundation Boardroom, 90 Alderney Dr, Dartmouth
Chair: Shadman Sadab
Coordinators: Jill Chappell & Emily Richardson, Halifax Port Authority (HPA)

Attendees: Members:

1. Hisham Hamdan
2. Cathy McCarthy
3. Juanita Peters
4. Yassine Mazouze
5. Hannah Harrison
6. Camila Das Gupta
7. Sean Hanlon
8. Shadman Sadab
9. Poet Comeau
10. Jesse Sharratt

HPA:

16. Captain Allan Gray
17. Jill Chappell
18. Emily Richardson

- Regrets:** 11. Ossama Nasrallah
12. Sarah Craig
13. Laurel Dykun
14. Pamela Glode-Desrochers
15. Waye Mason

1. Welcome

- Welcome by Chair, Shadman Sadab
- Land Acknowledgement by Shadman
- Allan provided a welcome to the committee and explained the importance of the committee to the Port of Halifax's business

2. General Business

- Committee Check-In: Round table updates from members and welcoming new members to their first meeting: Jesse Sharratt, Camilla Das Gupta, Poet Comeau

3. Captain's Update

- Update from Allan on Port news and activities
- Update on Safety & Environmental Incident Report: 7 Safety Incidents; 6 near misses, 1 first aid. 0 environmental incidents.
- Year-end cargo activity: 600,000 TEU annual throughput for the first time – a collaborative effort involving PSA Halifax, CN, ILA, and key port partners.
- Allan spoke briefly about the lack of labour and the issues it is causing throughout the industry.
- Estimated 194 cruise vessels coming throughout the 2023 season – potentially 325,000 passengers. Planning continues for new cruise infrastructure in Dartmouth. Planning for the Dartmouth cruise terminal will be heavily focused on collaboration between the port, municipal government, and the community.
- NSCAD University signed a lease to consolidate their three campuses into one campus in the Halifax Seaport. They will occupy 90,000 sq/ft in sheds 22 and 23.
- An Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction study of the Seaport Area is currently underway.
- National Trade Corridors Fund. CBSA Examination Facility near Fairview Cove is ongoing. Fairview Cove Sequestration facility is no longer accepting pyritic slate. Ocean Terminals is now receiving deliveries.
 - Habitat offsetting will include installation of 260 reef balls.
 - Discussion on the possibilities for enhanced water testing for heavy metals and habitat restoration.

- Port Operations Centre is currently under construction between the PIER and Latte-Dah Coffee. It will house members of the Cruise Department and enable 24/7 monitoring and management of port operations. The Port Operations Centre will help create efficiencies for how and when vessels move in the port.
- Allan described the Noise Monitoring System and its capabilities to allow the port to track and mitigate disruptive noise on the terminals.
- Continuous Improvement Program: Halifax Port Authority staff have an avenue to submit descriptions of their ideas and how they will improve operations or performance. All submissions are reviewed and responded to.
- Cybersecurity Resilience Program: Cyber awareness training is ongoing.
- Community Investment Fund: HPA provided over \$50,000 to various not-for-profit organizations during the holiday season.
- Questions & Feedback from committee.
 - An important point was raised regarding marine crew welfare. The Port of Halifax offers an ESI incentive to vessels to reduce emissions, but there is currently no incentive for good conduct in crew welfare. Allan to investigate and report findings back to committee.

4. Decarbonization in the Port Industry

What role do Ports play in our world's decarbonization efforts?

- Legislation
- Sustainability: Health safety and wellbeing, local air quality, local noise.
 - Scope 1: The port authority, our property, our people. Scope 2: The terminal operators, their equipment, and resources. Scope 3: The shipping lines – vessels frequenting the port.
 - Several innovators within the PIER that work within the decarbonization space, working towards a lower emission future for our port.
 - Marine Container Examination Facility will be a zero-emissions facility.

What strategies are being considered by HPA?

- On April 1, 2022, the HPA joined the World Port Climate Initiative (WPCI) as an Incentive Provider with the International Association of Ports and Harbours' (IAPH) Environmental Ship Index (ESI). The HPA is now offering incentives to container and RoRo vessels that voluntarily register and meet ESI's requirements in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Trade corridor with Hamburg.

5. Brainstorming Session

Topics of interest for discussion at future meetings:

- Autoport
- Halifax Water – sewage system
- Water-based solutions to moving people around the harbour (ferry)
- Halifax-Portsmouth "sister city" relationship
- CN – the efficient and sustainable distribution of goods
- Build Nova Scotia
- Cruise in Dartmouth
- Community engagement, and community involvement within the Port
- Safety precautions within the port
- Incentive for crew well-being

6. Meeting Wrap Up/Closing

- Meeting Wrap up, remarks from Chair and/or members.
- Proposing March 23, 2023, for next meeting