

Port Community Liaison Committee – Meeting Notes

Date: November 16, 2023
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Cable Wharf
Chair: Shadman Sadab
Coordinators: Jill Chappell, Halifax Port Authority (HPA)
Attendees: Members:

1. Magali Grégoire
2. Hannah Harrison
3. Loganath Jagadeesan
4. Waye Mason
5. Yassine Mazouze
6. Brady Paul
7. Tamar Pryor-Brown
8. Shadman Sadab
9. Sean Hanlon

HPA:

1. Captain Allan Gray
2. David Thomas
3. Jill Chappell

Regrets:

4. Jesse Sharratt
5. Carolann Wright
6. Chris Bewsher
7. Pamela Glode-Desrochers

1. Welcome (5:30 - 5:45 PM)

- Land Acknowledgement
- Welcome by Chair & Committee Check-In

2. Orientation (5:45 – 6:10 PM)

- Introduction to new members> Tamar Pryor-Brown, Brady Paul, and Logan Jagadeesan.
- Port 101 presentation provided as an introduction to the Port of Halifax for new members.

3. Collaborating for Decarbonization (6:30-7:00)

- David Thomas, Executive Director of The PIER provided overview of Port Innovation, Engagement, and Research centre including recent IAPH Sustainability Award for the Port's [Data Enhancement Framework 2](#) (DEF2). DEF2 is a system for nearly real-time monitoring of carbon emissions from logistics operations.
- [Port of Halifax](#) (The PIER), [Port of Hamburg \(homePORT Hamburg\)](#), and the [Autoridad Portuaria de Valencia \(Opentop Hub\)](#) partnering toward design and setup of first network of Innovation Hubs in Ports to drive adoption of port innovation globally.

4. Port Report (6:10-6:30 PM)

- Health, Safety & Environment Report

- Expanded team, reformatting of Workplace Safety Committee to be more proactive and prevention focused. Introduction of Safety Champion of the Month, Safety/Environmental Observations, Stakeholder Engagement Committees for Landside and Waterside communities. New potable water safety program and road/traffic safety improvements.

- Cargo Activity

- Containerized cargo volume is down for Q3 - a result of overall weakness in the global economy consistent with what's happening with ports and supply chains across North America. Containerized cargo throughput is 144,328 TEU. Non-containerized tonnage is 78,559 metric tonnes. Total cargo tonnage is 1,166,253 metric tonnes.

- 2023 Cruise Statistics

- 178 Vessels, 300,843 passengers, 11 Inaugural Calls, 28 Cruise Lines
- Surpassed 5.5 million Cruise Passengers to visit Halifax since 1980

- 40% increase in cruise calls June, July, and August
- Return of the Oasis of the Seas on May 31, 2023
- Partnered with the Africville Museum to host A Walk through Africville exhibit at Pavilion 22
- 50th Anniversary Celebration with Holland America featuring Mi'kmaw ceremonial drumming

- **Real Estate**

- HPA is preparing for a major modernization of its 100-year-old Administration Building last updated more than 30 years ago. Construction is expected to begin in summer 2024.
- The modernization will increase energy efficiency, make the building more accessible for all people, and result in a safe, modern, and collaborative workspace.

- **Workforce Development**

- BHER Program: Building talent pathways for a net-zero economy focused on green talent development in priority sectors. Supporting Work Integrated Learning (WIL) solutions to green talent needs of small to medium sized organizations. Development in rural, remote, and Northern communities. Engaging underrepresented youth (Indigenous, ANS, women).
- Green Skills for a Net-Zero Economy study released highlighting green skills needed and roles industry, individuals, and government can play in building future capability.
- Green Pathways Challenge for post-secondary students to create a safe, environmentally sustainable, and accessible pathway between the Seaport District and Point Pleasant Park. Student participants submitted creative and thoughtful solutions to connect the two areas.

- **Community Engagement**

- Assembly of First Nations Lobster Dinner Gala
- Africville 40th Reunion. Attended Boat Cruise, Gala, supplied generators, sponsored Kids Day
- North American Indigenous Games HPA staff volunteers
- 13th Annual Drive for Hope Charity Golf Tournament
- Holland America Line 150th Anniversary Celebration
- We'kopekitk Site Tour
- Green Pathways Challenge at The PIER
- Mission to Seafarers Halifax Golf Tournament
- Ride for Cancer. HPA Ocean Terminators raised more than \$15,350.

- **Upcoming Events**

- **Ocean Industry Networking Event**
- **Smart Digital Ports North America 2023**
- **Toast Of the Season**
- **Merry Makers Market at The Seaport**

5. **Meeting Wrap Up/Closing (7:15 – 7:30 PM)**

- Meeting Wrap Up. Remarks from Chair and/or members.
- Next meeting January 18, 2024, Location TBA