

MINUTES of the Engagement & Priorities Committee Meeting held on **Tuesday, May 4, 2021** at 7:00 p.m. by Video Conference.

PRESENT via Video Conference

Elected Officials: Mayor B. Dingwall
Councillor M. Hayes
Councillor N. MacDonald
Councillor B. Meachen
Councillor T. Miyashita
Councillor G. O'Connell
Councillor A. Simpson

Guests: Devan Fitch, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
Dhaneva Panday, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
Joelle Westlund, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
Peter Cohen, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
Jeffrey Knight, CP Rail
Mike LoVecchio, CP Rail

Staff: M. Roberts, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Barchard, Corporate Officer
T. Barr, Deputy Corporate Officer
J. Hart, Project Manager – Major Projects
S. Maki, Director of Engineering & Operations

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

B. LATE ITEMS

None.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the agenda for the May 4, 2021 Engagement & Priorities Committee be approved.

CARRIED.

D. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the minutes of the Engagement & Priorities Committee meeting held on March 30, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED.

E. DELEGATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Committee receive for information the:

- A. Minutes of the March 11, 2021, Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting; AND
- B. Draft Minutes of the April 8, 2021, Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting; AND
- C. Draft Minutes of the April 12, 2021, Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED.

G. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES – PRINCIPLED GOVERNANCE

None.

H. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES – BALANCED ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

None.

I. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES – COMMUNITY SPIRIT & WELLBEING

None.

J. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES – TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVES**1. Road and Rail Project Update**

Joelle Westlund, Manager – Communications with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority [“VFPA”], provided an overview of the engagement process including a PowerPoint presentation which is included as Attachment 1 and forms part of the original minutes.

Peter Cohen, Manager – Infrastructure & Delivery with VFPA, continued the presentation and spoke to the history and background of the Port of Vancouver and Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, as well as an overview of the Road and Rail project.

Jeffrey Knight, CP Rail, provided an overview of the rail configuration and components.

Mike LoVecchio spoke to the results of the recent rail configuration information sessions held April 21st and April 24th, 2021. Mr. LoVecchio then shared comments relating to the top 5 (five) questions received from those sessions.

Peter Cohen concluded the presentation with an overview of the noise and vibration study, findings and potential mitigation. Mr. Cohen then shared comments relating to the most common questions heard from recent engagement sessions.

Committee members participated in a roundtable discussion.

The Chair invited questions and comments from the public. The following community members engaged in dialogue:

Steve Dhaliwal, Pitt Meadows – regarding impacts of heavy trains on nearby homes and infrastructure as well as concerns of silt and impact on health. (by telephone)

Lauren Bennewith, Pitt Meadows – regarding the importance of environmental concerns that impact overall health. (by telephone)

Tracy Meeten, Pitt Meadows – regarding the noise and vibration study and reference to current results exceeding Health Canada's guidelines. (by telephone)

Adam Keizer, Pitt Meadows – regarding appreciation for VFPA Staff providing clarity and for Council comments in support of mitigation. Would like to see action from the City to ensure proper mitigation for all of Pitt Meadows. (by telephone)

Shannon Roberts, Pitt Meadows – regarding safety concerns and increasing rail incidents, specifically in Pitt Meadows and neighbouring communities. (by telephone)

Heather Anderson, Pitt Meadows – regarding CP's safety record and existing rail operations that impact resident's health. (by telephone)

Selim Mete, Pitt Meadows – regarding existing noise impacts and the need for improved mitigation. (Attachment 2)

Kim McLeod, Pitt Meadows – regarding intentions for existing wall on north side and impacts on residential property lines. (Attachment 3)

Shari Mahar, Pitt Meadows – regarding health and safety concerns and quality of life due to poor air quality for those near the rail tracks. (Attachment 4)

Sandie Banni, Pitt Meadows – regarding the purpose of the Port Coquitlam rail yard and concern of coal dust polluting local crops. (Attachment 5)

Ella Bennewith, Pitt Meadows – regarding design planning for Kennedy Road and CP's acknowledgement of the 'pause'. (Attachment 6)

Due to time limitations, the written submissions received prior to the end of the May 4, 2021 Engagement & Priorities Committee meeting and not read aloud are included as Attachment 7 and form part of the original minutes.

Mayor Dingwall spoke to appreciation of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and CP Rail for their participation in tonight's meeting.

K. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES – CORPORATE EXCELLENCE

None.

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Signed:

Certified Correct:

Bill Dingwall, Mayor

Kate Barchard, Corporate Officer