

**Deltaport Third Berth Project**  
**May 29, 2008**  
**Coast Tsawwassen Inn**  
**Delta, BC**

## **OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY**

### **Introduction**

VFPA hosted a public open house in Delta at the Coast Tsawwassen Inn on May 29, 2008 to provide the community with an update on the Deltaport Third Berth Project (DP3). A total of 43 individuals attended the event, including representatives of Environment Canada (as observers), the Roberts Bank Lifeboat Society and Against Port Expansion (APE). A reporter for the Delta Optimist covered the event. VFPA staff and TSI Terminal Systems Inc. had staff available to answer questions. Six members of the Deltaport Third Berth Project Community Liaison Committee (DCLC) were also in attendance.

Information boards were on display and comment forms were offered to attendees to provide VFPA with feedback on the project. Staff and DCLC members also tracked issues raised during open house discussions on issue-tracking forms.

### **Input**

Open house participants commented frequently on environmental and traffic issues at Deltaport. While some comments were directed at construction and operational impacts of DP3, most were directed at the eventuality of Terminal 2.

### **Issues Raised**

Questions and comments were received regarding:

#### *Environmental Issues*

- Interest in DP3's environmental management activities.
- Interest in landscaping/trees planting along the causeway and Highway 17.
- Interest in data regarding killer whale habitat lost as a result of caisson placement.
- Concern for fish habitat.
- Concern for sandpipers and other shore birds.
- Desire for a study on the effects of the Project on the sandpiper population.
- Concern for potential project impacts to seals.
- Desire for replacement habitat to have been in place prior to construction.
- Appreciation for VFPA environmental management at Deltaport.
- Desire for an independent scientific review of the Adaptive Management Strategy (in addition to the Scientific Advisory Committee).

#### *Air Quality*

- Concern for impacts to air quality in Delta.
- Preference for rail transportation over trucking, because of reduced air quality impacts.

#### *Noise/Lighting*

- Concern with noise impacts resulting from construction.
- Concern with noise and lighting impacts resulting from operations.

### *Trucks and Traffic*

- Concern with traffic impacts to Delta residents.
- Concern with the traffic congestion around the Highway 17/99 intersection.
- Interest in a pedestrian overpass at the container train yard at the base of the causeway.
- Interest in an overpass at 72<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- Suggestion for a highway to follow the rail right-of-way to Highway 10 to ease congestion.
- Interest in a phone line to report trucks not using commercial lane on designated stretches of Highway 17.

### *Rail*

- Interest in the rail track expansion at the existing yard along the causeway.

### *Other Socio-economic*

- Preference for the expansion of Prince Rupert port facilities.
- Concern with the loss of farmland.
- Opposition to project rationale to support the growth of trade with Asia.
- Opposition to project justification given the rise in oil prices.

### *Consultation and Communications*

- Interest in identifying all opportunities for public input.
- Interest in more community outreach programs which involve an opportunity for public input and feedback.
- Support for VFPA community outreach activities in Delta.
- Suggestions for Open House layout and display materials.

### *Other*

- Opposition to Terminal 2.
- Concern with security for the 2010 Olympics.
- Interest in how much waterfront property is owned by VFPA.
- Interest in burying BCTC power lines along the causeway.
- Concern with loss of heritage value in Delta communities as a result of additional roadways.