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Victoria Esquimalt Harbour Society Members Meeting

September 13th, 2016, 5:15pm at Ogden Point, Pier B, Dallas Rd

MEMBERS PRESENT:

VEHS directors: Bernie Talbot, Dee Govang, Ryan Burles, Brian Henry, John Sanderson, Jon Sector

VEHS representatives on GVHA Board:

Other members: Leslie Welsh, Don Prittie, Kim Young

GUESTS PRESENT: Ian Robertson (CEO GVHA); Dave Cowen (Chair GVHA)

REGRETS: Hannah Horn, Pete Hartman

NOTE-TAKER: Trish Suzanne

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks – Bernie Talbot

Meeting called to order at 5:20 pm

2. Presentation #1: Ian Robertson, (CEO GVHA) and Dave Cowen (CHAIR GVHA) - UPDATE ON GVHA ACTIVITIES INCLUDING OGDEN POINT

Looking back at last fiscal year – 2015/16 financials – Dave Cowen

- A much better performance of cruise shuttle service- \$143,000 in additional revenue;
- Labour savings due to re-organization;
- Relocation of GVHA office; and,
- Deferred R&M to FY 2016-17 – not strong enough business case – Fuel dock Reno's to steamship terminal.

GVHA's Accountability Framework

- Working at better ways to engage with public;
- Are seeking better ways to do public consultation – to be brought up at next AGM;
- We have a profile checklist to measure up candidates to the GVHA Board against a matrix

CEO report - Ian Robertson

CEO's vision of Ogden Pt:

- Clear focus on GVHA's roles particularly in the marine, industrial and tourism sectors.
- Completion of Master Plan for Ogden Pt. deep sea terminal – home point for a cruise line by 2020.

Fisherman's Wharf Facilities Plan implementation - will be issuing an RFI to seek private sector interest and investment.

GVHA has reduced their expenses by 23%.

Focus on Esquimalt and Songhees Nations – First Nations Economic Development Committee.

28 project initiatives.



2015-16 Cruise – GVHA 101

- Ogden Point is the busiest cruise ship port-of-call in Canada responsible for 56% of GVHA’s annual revenue.
- 2015 season saw 227 cruise ships – this year about the same.
- Estimate 247 cruise ships in 2017 season.
- 5% increase in average time spent in port; 23% increase in daytime calls & 50,000 more passenger than in 2014.
- Cruise creates 880 direct and indirect jobs in the region.
- Each ship carries \$400,000 in direct spending in region.
- Revenue from all cruise activity is \$1.79M.
- Are seeing an increase in cruise ships taking Asian tourists to Alaska.

2015/16 Key priority – Ogden Point Master Plan

- Looking to achieve the greatest amount of flexibility possible;
- New terminal at Pier B;
- Large area identified for light marine commercial/ industrial;
- Public Open House on October 4;
- Anticipated completion of plan in 2016;
- Rezoning & development beginning in 2017; and,
- Plan to provide 25-year road map for revitalization of Ogden Point.

Discussion

Question about shore power

Response

- Didn’t make a strong business case;
- Length of time in port too short;
- Requires Federal involvement;
- New technology happening; some of the costs have come down;
- Cruise engines don’t totally shut down because of brownout.

Question about Hotel

Response

- Envisage a small (100-150 room) hotel;
- A way to connect hotel w/terminal;
- Maybe better use as a marine educational centre;
- Will not be turned into residential use;
- GVHA is looking at all possibilities. Needs to collect a healthy rent to support other infrastructure projects over the long term.

Question about current work going on in the Harbour (working harbour)

Response

- MOU between City of Victoria and GVHA to talk about the value of Victoria Harbour.



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- Would like to see a covenant that no residential development will occur at Ogden Point.

Response

- GVHA would be reluctant to lock this in.

- Feedback from the VEHS and the public is not to have a hotel, so why is it still in the plan?

Response

- We have to look at all the best uses for the site.

Question about SO₂ scrubbers on ships

Response

- CEO brings it up at GVHA and City Hall meetings at every opportunity.
- Allowable range is 0 – 35. On a 5-cruise day it is .3.
- Particulate matter cannot be monitored.

Some of the issues are outside of the jurisdiction of the GVHA and should be directed at City Hall. All eight member agencies of GVHA have a stake. We have to work together for what's right for the Harbour.

3. Update on VEHS governance – VEHS Board & Executive – Dee Govang

- Update on VEHS governance – introduction to the VEHS Board & Executive
- Governance goal – be much more strategic board and put our policies out there.
- MUTTART Foundation materials used to guide board development

4. GVHA AGM Resolutions – Les Welsh

Proposed changes to the GVHA bylaws, to be discussed and voted on at the GVHA AGM on September 20:

- Electronic meetings allowed – can participate by teleconference or skype.
- Provide for public consultation sessions in the form of a special time for let's talk (coffee meeting). Looking to improve open discussion.
- Public portion at board meeting to be eliminated – public forum instead.
- Secret ballot – if two board members ask for it, then it would happen

Representation from the member agencies allows for a mix of talents and expertise.



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5. Questions for the GVHA AGM

- When is GVHA going to move forward with not using the name “Authority” as they do not have authority over to Harbour except for their own properties?

6. Communication Update – Brian Henry

- Finding our niche to live up to our mission as a voice for the Victoria Harbour.
- Brochure/website/draft newsletter to share with board members before it goes out.
- We are only funded by our members – need to increase membership.
- Do not want to be in the shadow of GVHA.

7. Other Business/ Announcements

- John Sanderson suggested - Take Victoria City Councillors on a tour of the harbour.
- Sept 20th, 5pm, GVHA AGM, followed by Community Conversation meeting on the OP Master Plan. Pier B, Ogden Point.
- Oct 11th, 5:15pm, VEHS special general meeting to select three candidates to the GVHA Board, Songhees Rm, City Hall (Pandora entrance).
- Nov 8, 5:15pm, VEHS regular member meeting. Antechamber, City Council.

Leslie Welsh moved to adjourn meeting at 7:00pm.

Next member meeting: Tuesday, October 11th, 5:15 pm. Ogden Point Pier B.