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## **Victoria Esquimalt Harbour Society Member's Meeting**

City of Victoria, Songhees Nation Room, 1 Centennial Square

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 5:15PM

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### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**VEHS directors:** Hannah Horn, Bernie Talbot (ILWU Local 508), Ryan Burles (Blackball Ferry Line)

**VEHS members:** Ian Robertson , Dave Cowen, and Brian Cant (GVHA), Margo Goodhand and David Leff (Fisherman's Wharf Cty Assoc), Dave Mietla, (3GA Marine), Don Prittie (Canoe Cove Marina), Mike Fournier (Ralmax), Jane Vermeulen (Township of Esquimalt), John Sanderson (Burnside Gorge Community Association), Doug Crowder (Ralmax), Doug Bancroft (Canadian Scientific Submersible Facility), Brian Henry (Ocean River Sports), Leslie Welsh, Mark Braithwaite, David Hancock

**GUESTS:** Milton Barnes and James Whitney (Mercury Marine),

**REGRETS:** Nick Banks (Prince of Whales), Bruce Hale (Finest at Sea), Jonathon Sector, Barry Hobbis (Victoria Harbour Ferry)

**NOTE TAKER:** Trish Suzanne

### **Hannah Horn Called to Order at 5:15 pm. Introductions**

#### **Approval of agenda and minutes of Nov 13 2-18 member meeting**

David Leverton, Exec Director, Maritime Museum of BC will speak on February 12 on the future plans for MMBC . Added to the agenda an update to the Harbour Economic Study..

Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Doug Crowder moved, Ryan Burles seconded. All in favour. Carried

Hannah noted amendments in the Nov 13 minutes to notes on the WCMRC presentation. Motion to approve the November 13, 2018 minutes as amended. Ryan Burles moved, Bernie Talbot seconded. All in favour. Carried

**1. Presentation: Ian Robertson and Dave Cowen, GVHA  
Bi-annual presentation to VEHS as a member agency**

**Ian Robertson (GVHA CEO)**

The top three highlights in 2018 were

- The arrival of the Norwegian Bliss on June 1, 2018. The Sister Ship Norwegian Joy will be arriving in 2019.
- Joint GVHA/City of Victoria collaboration around the repair of Ships Point. This is a great example of the collaboration on sharing the cost and responsibility. GVHA has overall management of the project.
- GVHA marinas were certified clean marine 5 anchor rating, which is the highest rating given

Financial summary: Revenue ahead of budget and expenses slightly under budget. Will exceed the projected target for net surplus.

Challenges on the horizon are around infrastructure - the causeway and Ships Point will need some significant work in the future. GVHA will have to spend \$25M on lower causeway upgrades over the next 15 – 20years and \$24M on Ships Point in 10 years.

GVHA is in the final stages of finalizing the three-year business plan - will seek Board approval in February.

Current strategic initiatives are:

- *Ogden Point Master Plan* – will complete and execute over the next three years. Ogden Point homeport is a long process.
- *Fisherman's Wharf* - sustain and execute the approved plan.
- *Inner Harbour Facilities Plan* – will undertake a mini master plan of our facilities in the inner harbour.
- *Steam Ship Terminal* – work will be completed by March 2019.
- *Ships Point* – Work on the upland property is on track for completion March 2019.
- *Fisherman's Wharf Fuel dock* – working on an RFP which will be issued Apr-May 2020.
- *Ogden Point Pier B Mooring dolphin* – \$6.9 M project. \$1.9 M from Infrastructure Canada. The ship bringing the custom pipe from China in December lost its load at sea. There will be additional cost to replace the lost parts with an equivalent sourced in North America. Costs will be recovered through increased cruise infrastructure sustainability fees. Are aiming to have the project completed by May 12 when the Ovation of the Seas arrives. Will delay the fuel dock RFP while this is sorted.



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Q: Was there maritime insurance on the load lost at sea?

A: The project contractor has the insurance in connection with the carrier and loss.

Q: Should we tell the Ovation not to come?

A: We had a frank discussion with the Board. The reputational risk to Victoria is too great to not have the ship come.

*Update on the Ogden Point small engine repair facility.* The RFP process did not result in a successful applicant. GVHA will be determining the best use for the site.

*Update on Ogden Point Master Plan* – GVHA sent out RFI's to the development community. Received six back and have pared that down to three. GVHA is now undergoing an RFP process. Will get back to the Board next year with a recommended development partner.

Q: Can you explain what a development partnership is?

A: GVHA does not have the expertise to be the developer. We need to partner with a developer to develop those lands over the next 15 to 20 years.

Q: How will GVAH ensure that the developer partner will work with the different stakeholders on the marine component?

A: There may be a number of development phases with several developers. For GVHA, a key factor is the ability to work with the organization over the long-term. GVHA still will have control and oversight on property development.

### *Working Harbour Forums*

These forums are ongoing with our harbour partners. GVHA is working with the Coastguard to determine the best time to move forward with these forums in the spring of 2019.

### **Dave Cowen (GVHA Board Chair)**

The 2018 AGM marked the endpoint for a long governance review process. The Governance and Nominations Ctte is in the process of selecting four new board members. City of Victoria and CRD have proposed new directors following the municipal elections.

The Board is renewing the three-year business plan and is in the process of a 360 Evaluation of the GVHA CEO.

Community Information sessions have been successful. The next session is scheduled for March 12 at the Songhees Wellness Centre in Esquimalt. GVHA had zero complaints from the community last year. Operationally Dave believes last year was their best year for operating the buses.

David English has been brought in as special advisor to the Ogden Point Master Plan special purpose committee. The industrial development side will require some special advise, in particular. Board members receive ongoing education and improvement through analysis of board knowledge gaps. That is the strength of this organization.



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Q: Is the sewer line affecting the cruise ship industry?

A: We expect that there will be some lane closures at the start of the season and we will work with the City to minimize the impact. This year we will see 14 percent in increase in passengers. Part of GVHA's partnership with Cruise Services Victoria is that they are investing in new double decker buses, which will help.

Q: What was the criteria for small engine repair over the next three years?

A: It would not be appropriate to comment on the selection process at this meeting. There were a number of factors why a proponent was not selected. Proponents are welcome to meet with Ian one-to-one to discuss the process.

Q: A small engineer repair is important to the working harbour. At what point does it become criteria?

A: GVHA is open to individual proponents approaching them.

Q: Is a pump-out facility planned for the upgraded fuel dock?

A: If this is determined to be beneficial, GVHA will consider it.



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## 2. Presentation: Dave Mietla, VP of 3GA Marine Presentation on 3GA's work

3GA are marine engineers with a head office located in Victoria and another office in Burnaby. They were established in 2012. David Stocks is the President. Dave Mietla is the VP and Daniel McIntyre is the Director of Engineering and 12 engineering staff including two drafts people.

3GA operates with 3 sectors: (i) ferries (BC Ferries is a client) (ii) Shipyards like Point Hope and elsewhere such as Quebec (iii) smaller operators such as Maple Leaf Adventures, Suncor barges, dredges and icebreakers.

Examples of projects:

- Four new cable ferries being built in modules in Nakusp, BC.
- Small modifications to existing vessels.
- Support refits in shipyards.
- New construction vessels.
- Major conversion monitoring.
- Some work in the oilsands (ponds) floating walkways, barges, dredges.

3D Laser Scanning can provide considerable increases in accuracy and savings. It is used mainly for refit projects on ships. In a recent project, 3GA scanned eight or nine Coast Guard vessels and developed drawings. Instead of a month-long refit it turned into one week. The scanner captures everything from structure to machinery to wires.

Q: How much does the technology cost?

A: One-quarter million dollars, including training.

Q: The solar powered fuel barge – where is it being used?

A: Haida Gwaii. They tow it behind their main vessel.

### 3. VEHS Business:

#### 1. Update on harbour economic study - Doug Crowder, Chair

VEHS is in the early stages of a project to study the economy of Victoria Harbour. The geographic scope will be from the Ogden Point breakwater to the Selkirk trestle, but could be expanded if the funding is there. VEHS will create the harbour map and list of participants to inform the process and save money. This report could be updated every three to five years.

Are currently considering possible consultants. InterVISTAS is a likely candidate as they have prepared similar reports for the ports of Nanaimo, Vancouver and Prince Rupert. The four committee members (Doug Crowder, Bruce Hale, Nick Banks and Hannah Horn) have a set of tasks to follow-up on. Process and scope to be finalized with the consultant. We will also need to approach other organizations for funding support.

Q: How could the study relate to the environmental cleanup which has been done and being considered?

A: This is an economic impact study and won't involve other things. However, we have had it on the VEHS list of priorities to look at the harbour environment. The background work on the economic study can lay the groundwork for this.

#### 2. Fuel dock survey – if you have any thoughts as to what the amenities should be included at an upgraded fuel dock, please get back to Hannah or Nick

*Comment:* The floathomes at Fisherman's Wharf would like the pump out moved from Dock C – could consider locating it at the fuel dock.

#### 3. Letters to municipal councils – The VEHS Board wrote to Victoria City and Township of Esquimalt Councils congratulate them and to make them aware of VEHS and our offer to provide input on harbour matters. We have good representation from Esquimalt at meetings and are on the City of Victoria's radar.

Q: Did you talk to Mayor helps about addressing us at a meeting?

A: Not yet. Maybe the AGM would be a good venue.

#### 4. Feedback on meeting room venue for 2019 - We have access to the Songhees Nation Room and the Antechamber. What is our preference? Hannah will advise City Hall to secure the Songhees Nation Room for VEHS for 2019.

#### 5. The VEHS AGM is May 14<sup>th</sup> for anyone is interested in being a board member.



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## 4. Announcements:

- Next VEHS member meeting, Tuesday Feb 12 2019.  
Speakers:
  - Sarah Hughes, Canadian Coast Guard, Juan de Fuca emergency response planning.
  - David Leverton, Exec Director, Maritime Museum of BC, update on future plans for MMBC.
- Maritime Museum of BC information session for MMBC members, Thursday, January 17, 7 – 9pm, Begbie Lounge, Union Club, 805 Gordon St.
- Victoria Cruise Industry Alliance Job Fair, February 23, 2019
- Transport Canada posting for harbour patrollers. Minimum requirement is a Pleasure Craft Operators Card (PCOC) but other marine certification an asset. Training provided. Please contact Harbourmaster Mariah McCooley if interested.

Bernie Talbot moved to adjourn the meeting.

**Adjourned 6:55pm**