

Meeting summary notes

Port Saint John Community Liaison Committee

Meeting Details	
Date:	December 13, 2023
Time:	4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Location:	Carleton Community Center
Chair:	Jen Brown, Community Representative
Attendees:	<p>Community Representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan Wilson, West Saint John • Monty Marks, Grand Bay-Westfield <p>Port Leaseholders and Operators Representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brendon Hull, DP World <p>Municipalities, Government, Community Groups, NGOs & Business Associations Representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen Brown, Carleton Community Centre • Olivia DesRoches, Envision Saint John • Tim O'Reilly, City of Saint John • Cathy Dube, Department of Environment & Local Government, NB • Tamara Kelly, Community Rep (ONE Change – North) + Uptown resident • Dave Smith, First Nation Storytellers <p>Port Saint John (PSJ) Representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paula Copeland, VP, Engagement & Sustainability • Chisom Ezeh, Community Coordinator
Regrets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Stokes, South Central Peninsula Community Rep • Kyle Gulliver, Community Representative – Town of Quispamsis • Darcy LeBlanc, Area 506 • Andrew Fisher, JDI Transportation & Logistics • Jennifer Brun, Port of Saint John Employers Association • David Duplisea, Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce • Lin Zhang, Community Rep (North) • Michael Blackier, Saint John LNG • Lisa Caissie, City of Saint John • Roxanne MacKinnon, ACAP Saint John • Nancy Tissington, Uptown Saint John Inc. • John Jarvie, Town of Rothesay • Douglas Doney, Nutrien

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Powell, Crosby • Mary LeSage, PULSE
Previous meeting date:	October 24, 2023

Agenda Items	Discussion/Action Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Highlight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting started at the Port Saint John Employers Association building where committee members had the opportunity to operate the crane simulators used for employee training. • The team also visited the Saint John Seafarers' Mission where they learned about the work the mission is doing for seafarers coming into Saint John <p>After the tours, the committee had a sit-down where everyone presented things happening in their environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Saint John representative expressed residents' concern about the impact of truck and train traffic which is perceived to be related to the port expansion, noting that the City of Saint John has received complaints about increased traffic and noise. • It was also noted by the member from Grand Bay that rail traffic has become one of the largest concerns in the Grand Bay-Westfield area. • A West-side community member noted that the trucks related to slip infill construction going on in the West may be the culprit for the increased traffic experienced in the area and thinks the situation will improve once the enhanced modernization project is over. • Discussion ensued on the challenges of trucks stopping at the coffee shop on King Street West and the traffic issues this creates. It was noted by the City representative that the community surrounding and the businesses located there are open to working on solutions with the City. • Discussion ensued on challenges on Tilley Lane and concerns over speed of vehicle traffic on this heavily used street. • A community centre representative suggested installing speed signs in areas that don't have these yet to help reduce speed. She also mentioned that the increased traffic is normal in a growing city.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The DP World representative agreed that the truck traffic being experienced currently is largely due to the movement of rock needed to fill the slip at the container terminal. This part of the construction project will take another 12 to 18 months to complete and after that time truck traffic will greatly lessen. For container movements, this terminal is 90% serviced by rail and only 10% by truck, with a balance of trucks leaving full and arriving full (to minimize the number of trucks coming and going).• Port Saint John representative noted that while the port is moving toward its 800,000 TEUs capacity, the time to reach this target will take several years. All stakeholders still have some time to find solutions to the noise and traffic concerns and it is good to talk about this openly now.• City of Saint John representative concluded with mentioning that the city will work with relevant stakeholders (businesses and government) to find solutions to these issues but they do involve major infrastructure considerations and he would like to bring a more formal presentation to a future meeting. All agreed this would be a good idea.
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