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## COMMITTEE REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: December 8, 2008 File: 0115 - 01  
 From: Grant McRadu, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Subject: North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT this report be received for information.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to provide information concerning the establishment of the North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee (NSWLC).

**BACKGROUND:**

During the past several years, there have been a variety of issues related to port and waterfront industrial operations on the North Shore that have been challenging to deal with due to the lack of a singular body representing the interests of the various stakeholders.

Issues have been dealt with and managed on a case specific basis in the absence of a broader context to frame discussion.

**ANALYSIS:**

There are a range of issues arising from port and waterfront industrial operations along the North Shore that include noise, air quality, traffic and goods movement, growth and development.

There is currently no singular body representing all stakeholders to facilitate discussion and communication about these issues.

In an effort to create a mechanism for dialogue and communication about port and waterfront industrial and transportation operations on the North Shore of Burrard Inlet, it is proposed that a North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee be formed.

Membership on this committee would include representatives of the three North Shore municipalities, the two First Nations, the waterfront industry, CN Rail, Port Metro Vancouver, and representatives of the community. The proposed committee would consist of approximately sixteen (16) members.

Once formed, the committee would meet bi-monthly, or as otherwise required, and would provide a forum for dialogue and information exchange on matters of mutual interest and concern about port and waterfront issues, operations and development.

The proposed committee would not usurp other regulatory functions, local government controls, or other government procedures that are in place for public safety, health and environmental protection.

Likewise, the proposed committee would not replace ongoing involvement between municipal, First Nations, industry and port representatives and the surrounding community.

### **Committee Composition and Selection Process**

Community representation on the committee would be solicited by way of a public advertisement in local newspapers inviting interested individuals to apply to participate on the committee. Notices would also be sent to those community associations most directly impacted by port and waterfront operations on the North Shore.

Community representatives would be selected by a subcommittee from among interested applicants based on criteria including knowledge and experience with port and waterfront related community issues, affiliations within the committee, and ability to communicate information back to the community.

The other stakeholders on the committee will be asked to appoint representatives according to their own selection mechanisms and interests.

### **Timing/Approval Process**

Depending on the time required to select community members on the committee, and for the other stakeholders to designate their representatives, it is expected that the first meeting of the committee could be convened as early as mid to late February.

### **Financial Impacts:**

Costs associated with the NSWLC are expected to be minimal and will be shared among the municipal; port and industry committee members.

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