

## **BOUNDARY BAY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

### **AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**1. General Meeting Agenda:** "A quorum is (5) full group members and/or directors"

**2. Guest Speaker:** Peter Duffey: Tsawwassen First Nation Treaty Process

**3. Minutes:** General Meeting of September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**4. Business arising from the minutes:**

**5. Member and Associate Groups:**

- (a) Delta Naturalists
- (b) B.C. Great Blue Heron Society
- (c) White Rock Surrey Naturalists
- (d) Friends of Semiahmoo Bay
- (e) Little Campbell Watershed Society
- (f) Western Canada Wilderness Committee – Surrey Branch
- (g) Vancouver Natural History Society
- (h) Federation of B.C. Naturalists
- (i) Delta Residents for a Healthy Community
- (j) Burns Bog Conservation Society
- (k) B.C. Wetlands Society
- (l) APE – Against Port Expansion (19-20)

**6. Old Business:**

- (a) Deltaport Third Berth Project Environmental Assessment Review (5-18;21)
  - i) West Coast Environmental Law – Grant under Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund
  - ii) B.C. Council of Women Resolution
  - iii) Delta Council Motion
- (b) Agricultural Land Reserve
- (c) Greenhouses and Lighting (22-23)
- (d) South Fraser Perimeter Road
- (e) Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust (24-25)

**7. New Business:**

- (a) Dredging of the Fraser
- (b) BBCC AGM – proposed date, Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**8. Correspondence and Information:**

- (a) Meeting: November 23 – Centennial Park Leisure Centre, 14600 North Bluff Road, White Rock; 4:30 to 7:00 re: Proposed underground/underwater power cable plan through Surrey into White Rock and then out through extensive mud flats of Semiahmoo Bay. The meeting will be with Seabreeze Power Environmental Consultants. (27)
- (b) Correspondence In: #25 GVRD Air Quality Management Plan

**Next Meeting** - Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 7:00 PM, in the Community Police Station

**BOUNDARY BAY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**CORRESPONDENCE: September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005 to November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

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**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

1. 1. GVRD, Sept.14 – letter sent by fax in support of Bylaw 1028, an update of Electoral District “A” and “Agriculture” zoning of Barnston Island.
2. West Coast Environmental Law – Sept.24, 2005 – Application for grant under Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund
3. West Coast Environmental Law – Oct. 19, 2005 – Letter of appreciation for EDRF grant of \$4,352.50 for 48 hours to be spent on a legal opinion.

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

1. BCEN News – Sept. 13 – email re: RCEN National Council Elections
2. Little Campbell Watershed Society – Sept. 13 –email re: Meeting Sept. 14
3. Green Club, Joseph Lin, Sept. 14 – email Greater Vancouver Green Culture Programs
4. Green Club, Joseph Lin, Sept. 17 – email – Greater Vancouver Special Events
5. Sierra Club – Sept. 17 email – newsletter
6. Delta Heritage Air Park – August 24, - seeking support of BBCC for funding
7. Office of the Prime Minister, dated Sept. 13 – acknowledging BBCC letter of August 20, 2005
8. B.C. Ministry of Finance – Reminder and form for Annual Report (\$25)
9. Sierra Legal Defence Fund – September Newsletter
10. West Coast Environmental Law – Oct. 18 -letter of approval of grant for \$4352.50
11. West Coast Environmental Law – Oct 12 – Newsletter
12. David Emerson, Minister of Industry – Oct. 5 – acknowledging BBCC letter of July 20, 2005
13. Western Canada Wilderness Committee – invitation to 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Nov. 4
14. Marmot Recovery Foundation – fundraising letter
15. Western Canada Wilderness Committee Xmas catalogue
16. Sierra Legal Defence Fund – fundraising letter
17. Envision – Sept. statement: Chequing: \$2,046.82 Term: \$1,318.04
18. Federation of B.C Naturalists – Fall Newsletter
19. Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust – Audited Financial Statements
20. Western Canada Wilderness Committee – newspaper on Salmon Farming
21. Copy of Invoice#28772 – Bill - \$273.60 for Banner “Deltaport Construction = Roberts Bank Destruction.
22. Nov. 7 – email from Margaret Cuthbert – re: power line through Semiahmoo Bay
23. Envision - Oct. statement: Chequing: \$1,946.99 Term: \$1,318.04
24. Western Canada Wilderness Committee: Calendars and Catalogue
25. Nov. 8 - Nov. 8 – email from Laurie Bates-Frymel, Air Quality Planner at the GVRD – announcing that the GVRD Board adopted the Air Quality Management Plan on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>.

**BOUNDARY BAY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes – General Meeting, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

Attendees: Mary Taitt, Marilyn King, Wilma MacDonald, Gillian Anderson, Jeremy McCall, Susan Jones

1. **General Meeting Agenda:** Additions: 5. (b) include Barnston Island (e) Delta Heritage Air Park. Adoption moved by Jeremy, seconded by Gillian. Carried.
2. **Minutes:** Receipt of Minutes of August 9, 2005, moved by Marilyn, seconded by Wilma. Corrections: Add Gillian to the list of attendees. Under VNHS, re: Summer Camp amend to read "Big Bar Ranch near Marble Range Provincial Park." Under Burns Bog Society amend scientific committee to "management committee" Carried.
3. **Business Arising from the Minutes:** The Chair queried if BBCC needed to look at last meeting's agenda to see if there were some items that had not been discussed. As those items had been information only, there was no need to bring them forward. Susan agreed to send Liz Walker's email address to Mary so she could contact her about "Ours to Preserve" update and reprint.
4. **Member and Associated Groups:**
  - (a) **Delta Naturalists** - Marilyn reported that Gwen Odermatt from Langley gave a great talk and slide presentation on her butterfly garden.  
There was discussion about maintenance of the nest boxes in the Ladner Marsh. B.C. Wetlands Society usually organizes an annual cleanup and inspection.  
  
B.C. Great Blue Heron Society: - White Rock Surrey Naturalists:  
Friends of Semiahmoo Bay: Little Campbell Watershed Society: Western Canada Wilderness Committee – Surrey Branch: - no reports
  - (g) **Vancouver Natural History Society:** - Meeting Sept.14 to discuss Stanley Park wildlife management issues. There is a 1992 plan. In July Peter Wood, a resident naturalist, raised a number of issues.
  - (h) **Delta Residents for a Healthy Community** – no report
  - (i) **Burns Bog Conservation Society:** - discussion of the Sept 11, Burns Bog fire. Some beaver dams were removed by Delta. Adjacent landowners were threatening to sue for flooding. Apparently Delta staff said the management committee knew about the removal of beaver dams. There is disagreement about this. BBCC needs to get involved in the management committee.
  - (j) **B.C. Wetlands Society:** - no report
  - (k) **APE – Against Port Expansion:** - This group is planning a rally downtown outside the offices of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Environment Canada which are in the same building on Burrard St. Gillian explained that the group continues to circulate petitions and get people to write letters. There was discussion about finding a celebrity to speak up for Roberts Bank. Where is the David Suzuki Foundation???
  - (l) **Sierra Club:** - no report

**5. Old Business:**

(a) Deltaport Third Berth Project Environmental Assessment Review

The group discussed a letter from Stephane Dion, federal Minister of Environment, to the Federation of B.C. Naturalists. The FBCN is planning to meet with Paul Kluckner, Regional Director of Environmental Conservation, Pacific and Yukon Region.

The FBCN is also meeting with Barry Penner, B.C. Minister of Environment, on Thursday. They will discuss a Pacific Estuary Conservation Program.

(b) Agricultural Land Reserve – Barnston Island. The GVRD is holding a public hearing for Bylaw 1028 which will zone Barnston Island as agriculture. It is in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

**MOTION:** Moved by Marilyn and seconded by Wilma that BBCC write a letter in support of the Bylaw. Carried.

(c) GVRD Air Quality Management Plan – no update

(d) South Fraser Perimeter Road – there was no time for discussion

(e) Delta Heritage Air Park – discussion over appeal from the Pacific Parklands Foundation to support an application to the Vancity EnviroFund to contribute towards the costs of replacing a hedgerow at the Delta Heritage Air Park. It turns out the Pacific Parklands Foundation is set up and funded by the GVRD. They try and make it look independent but it isn't. The plan is to get grants that usually go to other non-profit groups. Members agreed that BBCC would not support this group or project. Members agreed that the GVRD should pay for the hedgerow.

**6. New Business:**

(a) Dredging of the Fraser River – members were referred to newspaper articles. There was no time for discussion.

**7. Correspondence and Information:** - no correspondence was raised for discussion.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.**

## **BOUNDARY BAY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

### **AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**1. General Meeting Agenda:** "A quorum is (5) full group members and/or directors"

**2. Minutes:** General Meeting of August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**3. Business arising from the minutes:**

**4. Member and Associated Groups:**

- (a) Delta Naturalists
- (b) B.C. Great Blue Heron Society
- (c) White Rock Surrey Naturalists
- (d) Friends of Semiahmoo
- (e) Little Campbell Watershed Society
- (f) Western Canada Wilderness Committee – Surrey Branch
- (g) Vancouver Natural History
- (h) Delta Residents for a Healthy Community
- (i) Burns Bog Conservation Society
- (j) B.C. Wetlands Society
- (k) APE – Against Port Expansion

**5. Old Business:**

- (a) Deltaport Third Berth Project Environmental Assessment Review (5-24)
- (b) Agricultural Land Reserve (25-27)
- (c) GVRD – Air Quality Management Plan (28)
- (d) South Fraser Perimeter Road (29-31)

**6. New Business:**

- (a) Dredging of the Fraser (36-38)

**7. Correspondence and Information:**

**Next Meeting - Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 7:00 PM, in the Community Police Station**

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**BOUNDARY BAY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**CORRESPONDENCE: August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005 to September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

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**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

1. Minister of the Environment, Stephane Dion, August 19: re: Environmental Assessment Application – Deltaport Third Berth (DP3): EC and DFO
2. Prime Minister, Paul Martin, Aug. 20: re: Environmental Assessment Application – DP3: EC and DFO
3. Office of the Auditor General, Aug. 20 – New and Additional Information re: Petition 153

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

1. Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust- July Newsletter
2. Envision – monthly statement for July: Chequing: \$2,046.47, Term: \$1,318.04
3. Sierra Legal Defence Fund – Newsletter Aug. 10, Water for Life
4. Office of the Minister of Transport – Aug. 9 - acknowledge receipt of petition 153
5. Environment Canada – August 3 – acknowledge BBCC letter – petition 153
6. Office of the Prime Minister, August 11 – receipt of July 12<sup>th</sup> letter
7. Johanne Gelinas, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development, August 15 – acknowledge BBCC letter – assigned petition file 153B
8. Office of the Minister of Industry – Aug. 17 – acknowledge receipt of BBCC letter of July 20.
9. Office of the Prime Minister, August 24 – email receipt of BBCC correspondence of August 24
10. Environment Canada – August 25 - acknowledge receipt of petition 153B
11. Geoff Regan, Minister of Fisheries, dated August 30 – acknowledge receipt of Petition 153B
12. BCEN – Aug. 19 – email – new website: <http://ecobc.org>
13. August 12 – BCEN email bulletin
14. August 15 – BCEN email re: software donation
15. BCEN – Aug. 16 – email: Announcement Listserve Committee
16. Envision, monthly statement for August: Chequing: \$2,046.65 Term: \$1,318.04
17. Sierra Club – Fall Report
18. Sierra Club – Aug. 17 – email: Bike Commuting
19. Greenpeace- Aug. 17 – email: Monthly news
20. Canadian Environmental Network – email: August Bulletin
21. Green Club – August 30 – email: Sept. Newsletter
22. Green Clug – Aug. 31 – email: Special Newsletter
23. Ian Davidson, Birdlife – Sept. 1 – email: re: Deltaport will forward information to Birdlife's Partners in Canada
24. CEN – Sept. 2 – email: Bulletin
25. BCEN – Sept. 5 – email: new website
26. Susan Rutherford, West Coast Environmental Law – Sept. 7 - email re: Deltaport proposed expansion
27. Chris Rolfe, WCEL – Sept. 9- email re: Deltaport
28. Dick Stacesmith – Sept. 12 – email to say Fraser River Coalition will discuss Deltaport at their meeting this week.

**BOUNDARY BAY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes – General Meeting, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

Attendees: Mary Taitt, Marilyn King, Tom Nichols, Jeremy McCall, and Susan Jones

1. **General Meeting Agenda:** Amendment - #6(a) to follow #4 (j). Motion to adopt amended agenda moved by Gillian, seconded by Marilyn. Carried.
2. **Minutes:** Adoption of minutes moved by Jeremy, seconded by Gillian. Carried.
3. **Business Arising from the Minutes:** None
4. **Member and Associated Groups:**
  - (a) Delta Naturalists: no report
  - (b) B.C. Great Blue Heron Society: sent a letter to Delta Council re: 131 acres of farmland beside Kirkland House
  - (c) White Rock Surrey Naturalists: no report
  - (d) Friends of Semiahmoo Bay: sent photos by email of WHSRN event
  - (e) Little Campbell Watershed Society: no update on plans for harbour expansion
  - (f) Western Canada Wilderness Committee – Surrey Branch: Parks Day August 18<sup>th</sup> to raise public awareness of lower mainland parks
  - (g) Vancouver Natural History Society: ran a successful summer camp with 60 attendees at ~~Marble Canyon~~. *Big Bar Ranch near the Marble Range P.P.*
    - donated \$500 towards Jamie Smith Scholarship for Field Studies Program
    - successful Conservation Meeting was held in Stanley Park
    - rotating Chair – new meeting time is the second Wednesday of the month.
  - (h) Delta Residents for a Healthy Community – no report
  - (i) Burns Bog Conservation Society: a meeting of the scientific committee was held on June 18<sup>th</sup> *management?*
  - (j) B.C. Wetlands Society: no report
  - (k) APE – Against Port Expansion: have been attending the Ladner Market and getting people to sign a petition. The group now has a post office box and a bank account. There are discussions about a rally in the fall.
  - (l) Sierra Club: CN should be sued over oil spills in Alberta and B.C.
5. **New Business:** At this point in the agenda, item #6 (a) was moved forward as agreed on the amended agenda.
6. **Other Business:**
  - (a) Deltaport Third Berth Project Environmental Assessment Review:

Mary distributed a draft press release. After a number of comments, it was agreed members would take another look at the press release and send recommendations to each other. Jeremy commented that Environment Canada had sent 2 letters to the process suggesting the development of a Management Plan. Susan agreed to write a letter in response to the position of Environment Canada. The letter is in contradiction to the EC letter of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005.