

## Citizens' Advisory Panel

**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2013  
**Time:** 7:30 – 8:30 AM  
**Place:** Victoria City Hall – Committee Room 1

## MEETING NOTES

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### Attendance

**Members:** Jim Kerr, Don Prittie, Iain Russell, Margaret Lucas, Ken Kelly  
**Staff:** Ken Jarvela, Dwayne Kalynchuk, Katie Hamilton, Bridget Frewer, Doug Demarzo, Terri Askham, Sherri Andrews (recording secretary)

### 1. Agenda and Call to Order

Ken thanked everyone for coming and called the meeting to order at 7:35 am. There being no additions to the Agenda, it was adopted as circulated.

### 2. Approval of CAP Minutes

Copies of the notes for the meeting held June 11, 2013 were distributed to the Panel for the purpose of having them approved; the absence of any comments, the minutes will be adopted as distributed.

### 3. Project Update

- Construction

Ken provided the panel with a quarterly update via a powerpoint presentation, copies were distributed. The presentation included an overview of the work that has started in the past few months including the construction of temporary platforms. The next few months will see the installation of the bascule pier piles, installation of the cofferdam; the start of construction of the west abutment and the fabrication of the bascule span which is due to arrive from China late 2014. Crews will also be working to upgrade sewage, water and storm utility pipes along Store and Wharf Streets as well as Esquimalt and Harbour Roads.

- Communications

Katie gave an update on recent public engagement activities noting that the staff presence at the Chinatown markets was well received and beneficial.

Community and downtown associations have indicated that due to the regular updates they don't see an immediate need for an information session. She noted that the project's "e-news" readership increases by 30 new subscribers each month.

## 4. Engineering Optimization

It was noted that the design optimizations were reviewed by the consultants, including Sebastien Ricard of Wilkinson Eyre:

1. Bascule Pier – reduction in size
2. Hydraulic mechanical system
3. Rest Pier – simplified geometry
4. Simplified truss sections
5. Concrete approach spans rather than steel
6. Concrete Multi-use Trail Overpass rather than steel

The panel expressed concern with the optimizations and the architectural design of the bridge.

It was recalled that the Council approved procurement process was designed to ensure that the project could be completed within the budget, and the optimizations are a result of that process. The new renderings of the bridge are expected to be complete by the end of October and they will be shared with the panel.

## 5. Public Art

Terri provided a brief overview noting that this public art piece is intended for the triangular shaped piece of land on the eastern approach to the bridge. She highlighted the three stage jury selection process; noting that the Call for Expression of Interest will be sent out nationally this Fall. She also reported that two CAP members have been selected to serve on the selection panel, those being Sid Chow and Richard Linzey.

### New Public Green Space

Doug provided an overview of the new public green space on the s-curve lands (Victoria West side of the bridge). An engagement plan will be developed by either winter 2013 or spring 2014 to involve the community with the design. While it is too early to say what the final project will look like, the following conditions will guide the green space development:

- Maintaining a 3:1 grade or less
- Preserving the railway corridor
- Road access to the Delta Hotel and green space
- Pathway connections to the bridge
- Retaining a remnant plaza space on the old abutment
- Downtown Core Area Plan identifies the s-curve lands as a waterfront outlook

## 6. New Business

- Next meeting – It was agreed that it would be worthwhile to convene another meeting with the full complement of the CAP in the near future in order to:
  - Review the membership
  - Review the Terms of Reference
  - Reconnect regarding the process

Appreciation was extended to the CAP for their continued involvement and enthusiasm in the project, adding their candid comments are always welcome and of much benefit.

Staff will look into a meeting date for early October and will contact the membership accordingly.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 am.