



Annual general meeting – June 2021

Judy Rogers, chair, board of directors

Good afternoon, everyone.

Like Robin, I would like to thank the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples, as well as acknowledge that there are people joining us today from many places, near and far, and thank the traditional owners and caretakers of those lands.

We were deeply saddened to learn late last week that the burial site of 215 children was found on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School.

Our thoughts are with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc community, survivors and all Indigenous peoples as they face this painful discovery and profound loss.

This is a devastating reminder of the damage and lasting impacts of the residential school system and its legacy on Indigenous peoples, and an important reminder of the responsibility we share to learn from, advocate for and reconcile with Indigenous communities.

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority stands with Indigenous peoples, individuals, families and colleagues and we continue, as the port authority, to be dedicated to lasting reconciliation in Canada.

This week, schools and organizations across the country will honour and remember the survivors.

Here at the port authority, we are lighting the sails orange and lowering our flags to half-mast.

And this evening at 7 p.m., in collaboration with shipping lines, vessels in the inner harbour are being encouraged to sound their horns as a show of support from the port community.

I would now like to ask you all to join us in a moment of silence.

Thank you.

As Robin mentioned, I'm chair of the board of directors—and it's my pleasure to be here, along with my fellow board members.

I'll provide a brief overview of the port authority; our board; and the landscape we're operating in today

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is the agency responsible for the stewardship of the lands and waters that make up the Port of Vancouver.

The port authority is federally mandated to enable Canada's trade through the Port of Vancouver, while ensuring safety, environmental protection, and consideration for communities.

What's more, we have set out a vision to make the Port of Vancouver the world's most sustainable port.

To us, a sustainable port is one that delivers economic prosperity through trade, maintains a healthy environment, and enables thriving communities.

Everything we do as a Canada Port Authority is informed by these three pillars, and Robin will speak about each of these parts of our work shortly.

Turning more specifically to the board of directors, our role is to provide oversight and strategic guidance to the port authority.

Because of our virtual format, I'll read directors' names:

Our directors are:

- Bruce Chan
- Mike Corrigan
- Ken Georgetti
- Chief Clarence Louie
- Catherine McLay
- Joanne McLeod
- Craig Munroe
- Darrell Mussatto

We've also welcomed two new board members since last year's AGM, and so it's my pleasure to introduce you to Jim Belsheim and Brant Randles.

Our 11 board members are appointed by various tiers of government, in recognition of the skills, expertise and perspective each of us bring to the port authority.

Board appointments are made by four government bodies. Eight by the federal government, seven of which are recommended by port users, one by the Province of British Columbia, one by the collective prairie provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba in rotation, and one member by the 16 municipalities that border the port's jurisdiction.

Turning to our backdrop in June of 2021, our focus is on enabling economic recovery as both the country and the world hopefully move toward the light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel.

And we're not doing this alone.

Since the beginning of this pandemic, our partners throughout the port community have been instrumental in keeping the Port of Vancouver open for business.

On behalf of the port authority, I would like to extend my thanks to all of them, including marine carriers and service providers, pilots, longshore workers, terminal operators, railway workers, trucking companies and drivers, along with many others who make up the port community.

These groups, and indeed all stakeholders and partners, have worked through very challenging circumstances to keep the port open around the clock, day in and day out, and to keep Canadians across the country supplied with essential goods.

I would also like to thank Vancouver Fraser Port Authority staff for their leadership, flexibility, responsiveness, and professionalism in maintaining the port throughout the challenges of the past year.

And with that, I'll now invite Robin back to provide his year-in-review remarks.

Thank you.