



# Annual general meeting – June 2023

Judy Rogers, chair, board of directors

## Chair's remarks

Good afternoon, everyone!

It's a pleasure to be here, along with my fellow board members, for the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's 2023 annual general meeting, and to speak on behalf of the board.

For everyone's context today, I'll provide a brief overview of the port authority and our governance structure.

Starting with who we are, as a Canada Port Authority, we are federally mandated to enable Canada's trade through the Port of Vancouver, while protecting the environment and considering local communities.

Building on that, we have set a vision for the Port of Vancouver to be the world's most sustainable port. To us, that means a port that delivers economic prosperity through trade, maintains a healthy environment; and enables thriving communities.

Turning to governance, the port authority has a board of 11 directors. The makeup of the board and appointing bodies is set out in the *Canada Marine Act*. Eight board members are appointed by the federal government, with seven of those appointments made with input from port users; one member is appointed by the Province of B.C.; one member is appointed, collectively, by the prairie provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba; and one member is appointed, collectively, by the 16 municipalities that border the port's jurisdiction.

The board is made up of skilled and experienced professionals with a wide range of relevant expertise and perspectives—and you can learn more about them on our website. Let me take a moment to introduce our board members:

- Jim Belsheim, who was appointed by the federal government on the recommendation of the port user group;
- Bruce Chan, who was appointed by the federal government on the recommendation of the port user group and is chair of our audit and risk management committee;
- Mike Corrigan, who was appointed by the federal government on the recommendation of the port user group and is chair of the major capital projects committee;
- Chief Clarence Louie, who was appointed by the federal government on the recommendation of the port user group;
- Catherine McLay, who was appointed by the federal government on the recommendation of the port user group and is chair of the human resources, compensation and safety committee;
- Joanne McLeod, who was appointed by the federal government on the recommendation of the port user group and is vice-chair of the board;
- Craig Munroe, who was appointed directly by the federal government;
- Ken Georgetti, who was appointed by the Province of British Columbia;

- Brant Randles, who was appointed by the Government of Saskatchewan on behalf of the prairie provinces; and finally,
- Darrell Mussatto, who was appointed by the 16 municipalities within the port authority's jurisdiction, and who is chair of the governance and external relations committee.

On behalf of our board of directors, thanks to everyone for joining us for the port authority's 2023 AGM, where we'll be reporting out on port performance and the port authority's work in 2022.

What I hope you'll take away today is that last year, despite a complex trade landscape, this port community collectively achieved important wins that are advancing a strong, sustainable future for the Port of Vancouver.

I'd add that we are continuing to build on that momentum in 2023. In April, we welcomed the news that the federal government has approved the port authority-led Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project for a new container terminal in Delta, following a rigorous environmental review process that lasted nearly a decade. This federal approval is a tremendous step forward for this project, and for this gateway's ability to meet Canada's growing trade needs in the years to come.

As we consider what's been achieved over the last year and what's ahead for the port, I'd like to thank industry, the workforce across the port, and the full port community for your hard work that has upheld this port's resilience through another challenging year.

Thank you to the port's customers for the trust that you continue to place in all of us at the Port of Vancouver.

Thank you to government partners, communities and Indigenous groups that we collaborate with for helping shape a sustainable future for the port.

Thank you to everyone across the port who has been involved in Port Forward. For those that may not be familiar with it, Port Forward is a scenario-planning initiative that we've undertaken, in collaboration with diverse representatives across the port community and beyond, to better understand forces of change affecting the gateway and how they may shape its future.

Thank you to port authority employees for all your work to deliver on our federal mandate, on behalf of Canadians.

Finally, thank you to Robin for 14 years of exceptional service to this organization as president and CEO. Through Robin's time leading the port authority, international trade through the port has grown by about 40%. With the federal approval of Roberts Bank Terminal 2, Robin will be leaving the port authority—he'll comment about that in his remarks—and the board will oversee a leadership transition. On behalf of the board, I'd like to offer our sincere gratitude to Robin for his skilled and dedicated leadership of this organization, and everything he has done to strengthen this gateway for the future—it's been an honour to work together for Canada.

Thank you.