

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

Ports Monitors (POMO) Committee

December 11, 2023

Held at the SCRD Office Cedar Room located at 1975 Field Road,
Sechelt B.C. and electronically via Zoom

MEETING NOTES

PRESENT:	POMO Committee Member (Gambier Harbour)	Bruce Pollock (Chair)
	POMO Committee Member (Halkett Bay)	Rob Cocquyt
	POMO Committee Member (Hopkins Landing)	John Rogers
	POMO Committee Member (Eastbourne)	Trish Cowley
	POMO Committee Member (Port Graves)	Andrew Kennedy
	POMO Committee Member (Keats Landing)	John Richardson

ALSO PRESENT:	SCRD Director, Electoral Area B	J. Gabias (Alt. Liaison)
	SCRD Director, Electoral Area E	D. McMahon
	SCRD GM, Community Services	S. Gagnon
	SCRD, Capital Project Coordinator (Ports)	K. Koper
	SCRD Administrative Assistant/Recorder	A. Adam
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REGRETS:	SCRD Director, Electoral Area F	K. Stamford (Liaison)
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CALL TO ORDER 1:03 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Roundtable introductions of Ports Monitors (POMO) Committee members, Elected Official Liaisons, and SCRD staff members in attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

It was acknowledged that the Ports Monitors (POMO) Committee meeting was held within the traditional territory of the shíshálh and Sk̓wxwú7mesh Nations.

AGENDA

The agenda was amended to add a reflection on the contribution and passing of POMO member Joseph Wright at the end of the Roundtable. The agenda was adopted as amended.

MEETING NOTES

The Ports Monitors (POMO) Committee Meeting Notes of May 29, 2023 were received and accepted as presented.

PORTS MONITORS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS UPDATE

The General Manager, Community Services provided a verbal update regarding the status of the Ports Monitors Committee representatives and appointments.

It was noted that there are three vacant positions on the POMO Committee: Halfmoon Bay dock, Vaucroft dock and West Bay dock. Recruitment is ongoing.

Staff will bring a report to the Board for re-appointment of John Richardson and Bruce Pollock to the POMO Committee for an additional two-year term prior to the end of the current term expiring March 2024.

PORTS DIVISION UPDATE

The Capital Projects Coordinator reviewed the staff report that was attached to the agenda package as Annex B.

KEATS LANDING

The Capital Projects Coordinator provided a verbal update on Keats Landing, which has been closed to vehicular traffic for safety reasons. Staff are working with an engineer to determine what repairs are necessary and will be presenting a report to the SCRD Board on the next steps (report anticipated prior to the end of Q1 2024).

POMO members expressed their desire to see the repairs addressed as soon as possible due to the challenges and inconveniences of not having vehicular access presents. Staff were also asked to get further clarity (if possible) on load capacity for the dock, and whether or not golf carts could be permitted. It was noted that the dock is very busy in the summer.

ROUNDTABLE

Justine Gabias, SCRD Director, Electoral Area B (Vaucroft & Halfmoon Bay)

- No updates to report.
- Will continue to recruit community members.

John Richardson, POMO Committee Member (Keats Landing)

- Expressed desire to address repairs as soon as possible to reopen dock to vehicles.

Trish Cowley, POMO Committee Member (Eastbourne)

- The repairs done in the summer were much appreciated.
- Requested that staff provide as much notice as possible for closures and additional information on how long the closure is anticipated for.

Rob Cocquyt, POMO Committee Member (Halkett Bay)

- No concerns.

Andrew Kennedy, POMO Committee Member (Port Graves)

- Wharf in good condition.
- The handrail is weathering on the main wharf. Request for new boards and a fresh coat of paint.

The SCRD Ports Division reported that this is already on the list of repairs planned for Port Graves.

Bruce Pollock, POMO Committee Member (Gambier Harbour)

- All worked well this summer.
- Aware of the cross bracing to be replaced/repared.

Bruce Pollock, POMO Committee Member (West Bay)

- Aware of float to be fixed.

John Rogers, POMO Committee Member (Hopkins Landing)

- Aware of the barricade that was reinstalled on the dock.

Shelley Gagnon, General Manager, Community Services

- RFP for Hopkins Landing rebuild closes this week. This will be awarded in early 2024.

Joesph Wright Recognition

Bruce Pollock shared about the unfortunate passing of Joesph Wright, a member of the POMO Committee, and a very busy man who was involved in many things. He had great achievements as an educator. There will be a memorial at the Gambier Community Hall in the spring. He will be missed.

NEXT MEETING May 2024

ADJOURNMENT 1:45 p.m.