

## SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

### Ports Monitors (POMO) Committee

May 29, 2023

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

### MEETING NOTES

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	POMO Committee Member (Gambier Harbour)	Bruce Pollock (Chair)
	POMO Committee Member (Gambier Harbour/West Bay)	Joseph Wright
	POMO Committee Member (Halkett Bay)	Rob Cocquyt
	POMO Committee Member (Hopkins Landing)	John Rogers
	POMO Committee Member (Eastbourne)	Trish Cowley (in part)
	POMO Committee Member (Port Graves)	Andrew Kennedy
	POMO Community Member (Port Graves)	Talia Ferris
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	SCRD Director, Electoral Area F	K. Stamford (Liaison)
	SCRD Director, Electoral Area B	J. Gabias (Alt. Liaison)
	SCRD Director, Electoral Area D	K. Backs (in part)
	SCRD GM, Community Services	S. Gagnon
	SCRD, Capital Project Coordinator (Ports)	K. Koper
	SCRD Administrative Assistant/Recorder	S. Herrling
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<b>REGRETS:</b>	POMO Committee Member (Keats Landing)	John Richardson

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**CALL TO ORDER** 2:00 p.m.

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

**AGENDA** The agenda was amended to add Election of Chair. The agenda was adopted as amended.

### ELECTION OF CHAIR

Bruce Pollock, POMO representative for Gambier Harbour was elected the Chair of the Ports Monitors Committee for 2023.

### MEETING NOTES

The Ports Monitors (POMO) Committee Meeting Notes of December 12, 2022 were received and accepted as presented.

## **PORTS MONITORS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS UPDATE**

Shelley Gagnon, General Manager, Community Services provided a verbal update regarding the status of the Ports Monitors Committee representatives and appointments, and welcomed new members and new SCRD Board Liaisons.

It was noted that there are two vacant positions on the POMO Committee for the Halfmoon Bay dock and the Vaucroft dock. Advertisements were posted in the Coast Reporter newspaper in May 2023 and staff will continue to reach out to community contacts to fill these positions.

Staff will bring a report to the Board for re-appointment of John Rogers to the POMO Committee for an additional two-year term prior to the end of the current term expiring September 2023.

## **PORTS DIVISION UPDATE**

Kelly Koper, Capital Projects Coordinator reviewed the staff written report that was attached to the agenda package as Annex B.

## **HOPKINS LANDING**

Kelly Koper, Capital Projects Coordinator provided a verbal update on Hopkins Landing based on results of the major inspection report.

Discussion included the following points:

- The major inspection report (condition assessment) findings conclude that the Hopkins Landing port is no longer in serviceable condition, major upgrades are required at the facility and the port is considered structurally unreliable for public assembly. Closure of the dock is recommended as the first step to address immediate risk.
- Staff are preparing a report for the Board which will recommend dock closure as well as identify different options and their implications.
- Temporary signage has been posted on the dock.
- Communications will need to be brought forward as soon as possible and community groups who will be using the dock for events advised.

Comments from POMO members:

- Major impact on island residents, Hopkins Landing dock is frequently used for boat moorage.
- The Hopkins Landing dock is utilized the least for recreational activities and the most for residential use by the island residents.
- The dock is of historical value for the Sunshine Coast.
- The Langdale dock is not available for boat moorage and the gate is sometimes closed, it becomes an emergency and safety issue if the Hopkins Landing dock is not available.
- The Granthams Landing dock is not available for public use.
- Gibsons Landing Harbour has a day float that can be used; however, it is inconvenient for many residents of the islands as vehicles are parked in the BC Ferries parking lot.

It was requested that Committee representatives forward additional feedback to staff.

The Ports Monitors Advisory Committee made the following recommendation:

**Recommendation No. 1**     *Hopkins Landing Dock*

The Ports Monitors Advisory Committee recommended that immediate action be taken to ensure public safety at the Hopkins Landing dock, including expediting the dock repairs.

**ROUNDTABLE**

Rob Cocquyt, POMO Committee Member (Halkett Bay)

- Busy season is coming up.
- Contractors repainted a few weeks ago.
- The community would like to know the status of the dock renaming proposal that was previously submitted to the SCRD.

*The SCRD Ports Division will follow up with the Planning Division regarding the dock renaming proposal previously submitted and report back.*

Andrew Kennedy, POMO Committee Member (Port Graves)

- Newly appointed, no updates to report.

Joseph Wright, POMO Committee Member (Gambier Harbour/West Bay)

West Bay update:

- The dock is in good condition and the community is pleased the required repairs are going ahead.

Talia Ferris, Camp Artaban/POMO Community Contact (Port Graves)

- The dock looks great, and the community appreciates the installation of the permanent crank.

Bruce Pollock, POMO Committee Member (Gambier Harbour)

- The dock weathered the winter storms.
- Area painted for the dinghies that are used for access for the winter buoys is working well.
- Everyone seems to be respecting the short tie up periods as well as the red zones for off and on load only.

John Rogers, POMO Committee Member (Hopkins Landing)

- No updates to report.

Trish Cowley, POMO Committee Member (Eastbourne)

- No updates to report.

Shelley Gagnon, General Manager, Community Services

- Thanked Kelly Koper for her tremendous work over this past year, as well as moving forward with capital upgrades and engineering work.
- A reminder was given to contact Kelly (kelly.koper@scrd.ca) if there are ports related concerns or questions.
- Once all major inspections are completed, staff will use this information to develop a capital asset renewal plan for ports for presentation to the Board in the fall of 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT**     3:16 p.m.