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Good morning,

Please see Delta's comments below. If there are any questions, please contact me.

GCT Deltaport Expansion – Berth Four Project

City of Delta Comments on Joint Guidelines and Joint Assessment Plan

Draft Joint Guidelines

1. Which components of the environment, health, social, cultural or economic conditions are important to you and your community and why are they important?

As a local government representing diverse community interests and values, the City of Delta is interested in all components of the environment, health, social, cultural or economic conditions that could be impacted by the project, both adverse and beneficial impacts. The environment, health, social, cultural and economic conditions are critically important to the residents of the Delta community. In particular, the City of Delta is concerned about the road and rail traffic impacts, the marine emergency response capacity in the vicinity of Roberts Bank and port security issues as it relates to organized crime.

2. What locations are of importance to you and your community, why are they important, and how could they be impacted by the project?

All areas of Delta that are potentially impacted by this project are important. This includes the residential community of Delta closest to the proposed project, which is Tsawwassen, which could be impacted directly by noise, light and emissions of criteria air contaminants from the project. We are also very interested in the broader direct environmental impacts related to the project within the intercauseway areas and Salish Sea. Regional impacts related to traffic, utilities, air quality, flood protection/dykes, and the protection of agricultural land are also critically important to the community.

3. What should the spatial boundaries be for the assessment of impacts resulting from physical activities associated with the project, such as marine shipping incidental to the project, and road and rail activities?

The geographic extent of the assessment must encompass, as a minimum, the entire municipality of Delta and the effects of marine shipping as far as they could potentially impact the Delta coastline.

Draft Joint Assessment Plan

1. What communication and participation tools would facilitate your participation?

A variety of communication tools and opportunities for participation should be used to ensure that information reaches as many Delta residents as possible, including those who may not have access to or prefer not to use the internet. In addition, there should be opportunities for workshops with Delta staff and Delta Council, if requested. It would be beneficial if some of the open houses/in-person information sessions were hosted at the current Deltaport container terminal to allow both members of the community and Delta staff the opportunity to view the project site in-person.

As a port tenant, GCT could potentially use the Port of Vancouver Community Office, located in Ladner, as a convenient place to advertise participation opportunities and for people to go to view information about the DP4 project. Local residents know they can go to this location for all things port-related. In addition, there are libraries in Ladner, Tsawwassen and North Delta where copies of the Impact Statement could be made available for public viewing.

The table of Roles and Responsibilities (pages 7-9 of the draft Joint Assessment Plan) includes federal, provincial and indigenous participants, but does not specifically mention the role of local or regional governments in the process. Given that municipalities, especially the host community, experience directly many of the impacts of these large infrastructure developments, and have to be heavily involved with the mitigation of some of those impacts, the roles of local governments should be separated out from the category of "other participants". The only mention of local governments is in reference to the Technical Advisory Committee.

2. Identify any challenges that you or your community are facing that would prevent you from taking part in the project's public participation opportunities. Examples of challenges include, but are not limited to those, of a linguistic, social, economic, or technical nature.

The increasing number of environmental assessment processes involving projects located in Delta is placing significant demands on staff time and resources to attend information meetings, review technical reports, provide feedback to regulatory agencies, and keep elected officials up to date. Eligibility for participant funding should be extended to include municipal governments that would be directly impacted by projects undergoing environmental assessments.

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