

ROBERTS BANK TERMINAL 2 PROJECT

DRAFT PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES

PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES

The document outlines the procedures for the public hearing to be conducted by the Review Panel established to review the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project proposed by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (the Proponent).

The purpose of the public hearing procedures is to ensure that the Panel conducts the public hearing in a manner that is thorough, timely and fair.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing is an essential part of the environmental assessment process. The Panel will give careful consideration to all written submissions and oral presentations made during the public hearing.

The objective of the public hearing is to provide the Panel the opportunity to gather and test the relevant information, and to enable it to conduct a thorough review of the potential environmental effects of the Project and marine shipping associated with the Project.

The public hearing will also provide opportunities for

fair, timely and meaningful participation by Indigenous groups, the public, governments, and the Proponent, and in particular for:

- the Proponent to explain the Project and respond to concerns and questions raised by Participants during the public hearing; and
- the Proponent and Participants to share their perspectives on the potential environmental effects of the Project and marine shipping associated with the Project.

PARTICIPATING IN THE PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing sessions are open to all members of the public wishing to observe the proceedings. No registration is required by persons wishing to observe the proceeding. Persons may also follow the hearing by accessing the written transcripts of the proceedings posted to the [Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry](#).

Persons wishing to present and/or ask questions during the public hearing are required to register as a Participant.

Participants may choose to participate in three different ways in the public hearing:

- Oral presentation only;
- Written submission only; or
- Written submission accompanied by an oral presentation.

Participants who have provided written submission only may be required to appear at the hearing.

Participant means a person who has already participated in the environmental assessment of the Project, and/or wishes to participate at the hearing as an interested party as defined by CEAA 2012. Anyone who is directly affected by the marine shipping associated with the Project or has relevant information or expertise relevant to the marine shipping associated with the Project is also considered to be a Participant.

PUBLIC HEARING SESSIONS

The Panel will provide 60 days' notice before the start of the public hearing. The notice will include a preliminary schedule, deadlines, locations and topics to be discussed at the public hearing.

The public hearing will provide for three types of sessions: General, Community and Topic-specific.

- General Sessions facilitate participation by local residents by holding sessions in communities close to the Project.

CONDUCT AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

Panel members are to be unbiased and free from any conflict of interest relative to the Project and therefore will not engage with the Proponent and other Participants in private conversations related to the Project.

No demonstrations of approval or disapproval, either of the Project or of the opinions expressed

QUESTIONING AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

Participants who make oral presentations and/or written submissions may be asked questions by the Panel, the Proponent and other Participants.

The purpose of questioning is to clarify or test the information being provided or inform the discussion in order to help the Panel better understand the factors to be considered in the environmental assessment of the Project.

MEDIA

The Panel and the Secretariat supporting the Panel will not be available for media interviews. Media inquiries regarding the Panel's activities should be directed to the Panel's communications advisor shelley.rolland-poruks@canada.ca or 613-948-1357.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON DRAFT PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES

Comments are invited on the draft hearing procedures as well as suggestions on where to hold hearing sessions. Comments are due on **October 5, 2018**.

The deadline for registration and other key dates will be included in the Hearing Procedures at the time the procedures are finalized.

- Community Sessions facilitate participation by Indigenous peoples by holding sessions in potentially-affected indigenous communities.
- Topic specific Sessions facilitate participation of experts who possess specialized knowledge or expertise to present the results of their technical review.

during the public hearing, will be permitted inside the public hearing venue. Participation must be courteous and respectful of all present.

The public hearing will be conducted in English. Participants wishing to speak in a language other than English must advise the Secretariat at the time of registering for the public hearing.

Questioning will be directed through the Panel Chair. The Panel Chair may limit or exclude questions or comments that fall outside the mandate of the Panel.

If a presenter is unable to answer a question, the Panel Chair may ask the presenter to undertake to answer the question orally or in writing at a later date.

Filming or taking photographs may be allowed in the room while the public hearing is in progress with prior approval of the Panel. Requests should be forwarded to the Panel's communication advisor in advance of the hearing session.

Questions, comments or submissions regarding the Project environmental assessment can be sent to: Cindy Parker, Panel Manager, Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project, 160 Elgin Street, 22nd Floor, Ottawa ON K1A 0H3 Telephone: 613-219-4108 or 1-866-582-1884 CEAA.PanelRBT2-CommissionRBT2.ACEE@canada.ca