## Good Community Relations = Good Business



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Million Metric Tonnes Annually 4<sup>th</sup> Busiest Cruise Port in Canada

29 Years in Cruise & 2.5 M cruise guests over 1000 cruise calls

Canada's 3rd Largest Port by Volume

Surrounded by 127,000 residents Relationships with 100+ Stakeholders

More than 800 Ships Each year



Infrastructure Project Underway



#### **Terminals**





#### 2004 - 2010

AL FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2004

Saint John

WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

#### New security rules give port 'no choice' but to bar path from water

■ Large tent will serve as cruise ship terminal for visitors this summer

BY MAC TRUEMAN

When Harbour Passage extends into the city's South End several years from now, it will look different from the meandering, waterside garden the mild built, the only space left for straight strip is built, the only space left for straight strip is built, the only space left for straight strip is built, the only space left for straight strip is built, the only space left for straight strip is built, the only space left for straight strip is built, the only space left for straight strip is built, the only space left for straight strip is built, the only space left for straight strip is built, the only space left for straight strip is built, the only space left for straight strip is built, the only space left for straight strip is built, the only space left for straight strip is built, the only space left for straight strip is built, the only space left for straight strip is built, the only space left for straight strip is built, the only space left for straight strip is space left for straight straight strip is space left for straight st

manager of the Waterfront Develop-ment Partnership.
New international security stan-dards for seaports will likely give the port no choice but to bar the scenic trail from running along the actual piers near the cruise terminal, Capt. Soppitt said.
The cricinal proposal for Harbour

placed on this section of Harbour Passage can't be known for certain until March, when Transport Canada is expected to pass new security regulations for seaports, in response to new requirements of the International Maritime Organization, he said

"We have to comply with whatever comes out."

The port already has a consultant The port already has a consultant drawing up a security plan for the Port of Saint John compliant with the new International Ship and Port Facility

Security Code.

Before it can be determined how southern Harbour Passage will

southern Harbour Passage will affected by the future cruise terminal, expected to open in 2005, the port must finish designing the building. But with the old Pugsley A-B shed torn down, the port must first turn its attention first to preparing the site as a makeshift cruise facility for next year, Cent Soopitt said.

going to be quite attractive."

Exactly what restrictions will be minal this summer, and another tent

Port staff are still figuring out the

big ships are here.
"This is a big season for us. It's got

to go smoothly."

The first step will be in driving piles to reinforce the pier for a giant gangway large enough to accommodate the Voyager of the Seas, the largest cruise ship in the world, which is est cruse snip in the worth, which is scheduled to make several visits here next year. The port must also design and build all underground services to the new facility before paving the

The terminal must be built near Water Street, to make room for gangway system large enough for the Voyager, he said.

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Brunswick News nabs awards







3 Guiding Themes



"Stakeholders want, expect, and are entitled to be included in the strategic direction of the Port."





"The Port is an asset that facilitates economic activity for a wide range of direct and indirect users."

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- One-on-one meetings with stakeholders
- InclusionModelDeveloped(Stakeholders)
- Community
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   (Community
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"The Port and those affected by it need to move forward in a manner that presents a more focused and unified community voice for renewal"



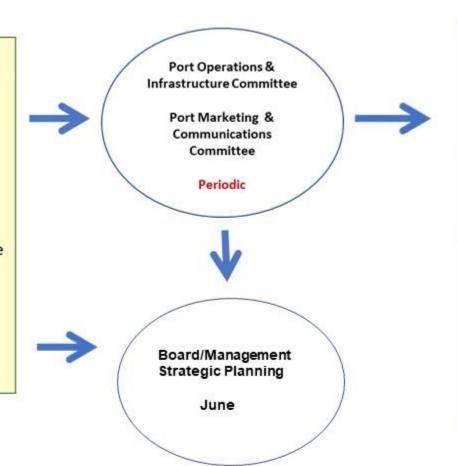
#### Port Stakeholder Inclusion Model 2017

#### Wider Stakeholder Forum

Once annually a meeting of all stakeholders.

This meeting will occur leading into the strategic planning/business planning cycle.

April 12 (2017)



Mid-cycle Update to Stakeholders

Report to stakeholders on goals and objectives established for the next year based on strategic planning process.

> November (TBA)











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- Roll out of capital asset management plan
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#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES FROM THE CANADA MARINE ACT:** REMAIN FINANCIALLY STRATEGICALLY SIGNIFICANT PROVIDE A LINK TO RAIL & HAVE A DIVERSE SELF-SUFFICIENT TO CANADA'S TRADE HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE CARGO BASE PRIORITY STRATEGIC STRATEGIES INITIATIVES **OUTCOMES** Leverage land use & infrastructure. Modernize and enhance our · Yearly goals set by the Board of Directors to ensure a strong multi-purpose infrastructure on Maximize financial return on assets. financial position the West Side. Sustainability through a diverse cargo base. **Business Development:** · Improve the safety, security and environmental stewardship of . To acheve 150,000 TEUs Identify & access new trade & markets. our lands and waterways . Cruise: To return to Enhance our operational and financial efficiency through technology. Optimize our waterway through 200,000 passengers Continue to engage our stakeholders through the Inclusion Mode technology · Other cargo: To attract three · Continue to promote our social responsibility through new bulk / brea kbulk shippers Engage our Port Stakeholders on community and government engagement · Venues: To have the venues a regular basis. rented 200 times / year INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY Position the port as a Management of the proposed West Side Modernization Project community leader. Maximize revenue streams to Management of the annual Capital Projects Budget reinvest in port infrastructure. Maintain and update our Capital Asset Management Plan Enhancements to cruise/tourism experience Become a national distribution point through our connections to rail and TRADE & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT highway infrastructure. Cargo Facilitate trade opportunities with respect to container / Invest in technologies that enhance bulk / break bulk / project cargo opportunities Capital Asset Mgmt Plan operational efficiency, safety and Perform activities to promote and facilitate rail competitiveness protection of the environment, **Business Development Plan** · Promote and monitor private sector oil and gas developments consistent with user requirements within port boundaries Operational Plan and public expectations. Cruise Land Use Plan Perform activities to facilitate cruise development opportunities Continue to build the profile of the port Marketing & Communications Plan in our region, province and the world **Venues and Property Development** Human Resources Plan to demonstrate the key role we play in · Increase revenue from our facilities through rental, leasing Canada's transportation system. and business partnership opportunities









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- Social media thrust
- Initial conversations with government on infrastructure priorities
- Re-aligned donations/ sponsorship





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### Community Engagement & Investment

Sponsorship/ Donations

More than 2/3
of contributions
focus on
children and
youth in priority
neighbourhoods

Paired with venues in-kind contributions to charitites and not-for-profits events **Community Day** 

Connecting port stakeholders & surrounding community

Event has raised more than \$85,000 for a target charity from our focus area **Harbour Lights** 

20 years

13 food banks

More than \$2.5 M raised

**Education** 

Students reached since 2014

Approx 800-1000/year











July 28, 2016

- Government, stakeholder, community relations in full activity mode
- Introduced gr 3-8 education program
- Public launch of plan for \$205 Modernization Project (Jan)
- Jan-July strong push for awareness
- July (initial public government commitment)

- July 12: (full government commitment)
- July 28: Public signing of 35year lease with terminal lessee, DP World



October 29, 2016



## Key take aways

- It will not happen overnight—it's the 'long game'
- Requires a team
- Requires buy in at Board/Commission & Executive level
- There will be hiccups—stay focused on your goal
- It is perpetual—there is no end game





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