

**Chemtrade Logistics-ERCO Worldwide-Univar Solutions-GFL Environmental  
North Shore Community Advisory Panel (CAP)  
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES  
Kenneth Gordon Maplewood School, 420 Seymour River Pl, North Vancouver**

**Meeting 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
February 17, 2026**

**Attendance**

Alvin Loh, Chemtrade Logistics  
Ashley Leow, ERCO Worldwide  
Jatinder Dahri, ERCO Worldwide  
Neil Saldanha, GFL Environmental  
Brad Wilder, Univar Solutions  
Elmira Nazar, Blueridge Community  
Association  
Griff Marshall, Resident  
Bruce Crowe, Inter River Community  
Association  
Stuart Porter-Hogan, Maplewood Area  
Community Association (MACC)  
Dave Mair, Resident  
Keanan Kipp, Resident  
Jarrett Davis, HTEC

**Regrets**

Corrie Kost, NV Can  
Trey Bell, Lower Lynn Community  
Association  
Sean Poole, Valor Fireplaces

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

CAP members introduced themselves and welcomed new attendees.

The facilitator thanked Ashley Leow from ERCO Worldwide for helping to implement a technical set up with high quality sound for people wanting to attend online.

**2. Review of November meeting minutes**

Members reviewed the November CAP meeting minutes. No edits to the original draft sent out after the meeting were noted. The facilitator will finalize the November meeting minutes and send them to DNV to post on their CAP information webpage.

### **3. Univar Solutions presentation on New Methanol Refueling Project**

Brad Wilder explained that bunkering refers to refueling a vessel rather than loading product for transport.

Univar Solutions is partnering with KOTUG Canada to provide dual-fuel methanol escort tugs as part of a Trans Mountain operation. Existing site infrastructure supports the proposed activity.

Brad described methanol as an alternative marine fuel with lower sulfur and nitrogen oxide emissions compared to conventional fuels. He noted that there is established technology for methanol-fueled vessels and large-scale methanol production globally.

Univar's participation is based on its existing infrastructure, experience handling similar chemicals such as ethanol, marine and transload experience, and established supply chains.

To support bunkering operations, Univar has acquired additional equipment, including storage tanks, transfer piping, pumps, vapor recovery systems, and a floating pad. Vapours generated during loading would be returned to the storage tank to minimize emissions.

Brad clarified that bunkering would occur approximately every five days, involving roughly two vessels per week.

He provided an estimated timeline of the project, with construction anticipated to begin in August 2026.

Further details are available in the attached presentation.

#### **CAP Member Questions**

**1. Will methanol and ethanol be stored in the same location?**

Brad indicated that the system has been designed so that each fuel is stored separately and cannot be transferred into the wrong storage.

**2. Are regulations different for ethanol and methanol?**

Brad stated that ethanol is subject to higher regulatory requirements. He explained that this is related to its broader use and classification as a security-sensitive material.

**3. What is the long-term plan if the project is successful?**

Brad indicated that additional vessels could potentially use methanol in the future. He noted that bunkering approvals are vessel-specific.

**4. Are there safety concerns?**

Brad noted that methanol is toxic, which is why workers use appropriate personal protective equipment. He stated that methanol is water soluble and biodegradable in the event of a release and referenced safety studies related to environmental impact.

#### **4. NSEM Update**

NSEM was not in attendance at the meeting and no update was received.

#### **5. Reports from the Companies**

##### **a) Chemtrade Logistics.**

Alvin Loh reported that Chemtrade had exceeded the 1-year mark with no employee or contractor injuries, significant for the site.

Work is continuing on renewal of the plant's air permit, which they anticipate will be completed by the end of the quarter. The process has been delayed due to confusion about two sources of burning, which led the reviewing authority to believe a higher quantity of fumes was being released. The total amount of fumes remains the same, but they are emitted from two separate sources.

In terms of Security, they are looking at scenarios for a disturbance and how they would get people in and out of the facility if the bridge is blocked.

Alvin said the public hearing is scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and will send the information to the CAP facilitator about the process to speak.

Please see the Appendix for the full Chemtrade Logistics report.

A CAP member asked if Mayor Little was positive in the council meeting. Alvin responded yes, the questions asked were relevant and they were able to respond.

A CAP member asked about the load coming in per day and Alvin responded there were 5 railcars per day.

##### **b) ERCO Worldwide**

Ashley Leow reported that ERCO's goal is to eliminate effluent by 2030. He clarified that this meant effluent would be processed and reused internally.

The plant sent out information regarding safety and what to do in case of an emergency on February 9<sup>th</sup>. This was sent to a radius of 1km, a total of 925 mail outs.

The electronic flyer is attached.

Please see the Appendix for the full ERCO Logistics report.

##### **c) Univar Solutions**

Brad Wilder reported that there was a reportable incident on January 1 when a surveyor was injured during cargo sampling. The third-party contractor got his foot trapped and broke two bones. The

investigation revealed various factors that caused the incident, including the fact that the ship did not have the security box in the right spot. This is something Univar can request a change on but doesn't have ultimate control over.

Please see the Appendix for the full Univar Solutions report.

#### **d) GFL Environmental**

Neil Saldanha reported that the refinery has started up their new LUWA (#3) which has increased their Used Motor Oil Feed capacity for the facility by 20%.

Regarding Incidents and Near Misses, he reported on tools and equipment falling from height and explained that this can cause head trauma even when someone is wearing a helmet.

A CAP member asked if the tools were already part of the earthquake preparedness materials. Neil explained that the decks are 20-30 feet high with metal grating with holes in between. Tools can be forgotten during cleaning and can fall through the holes, so this requires more housekeeping than earthquake preparedness.

During inspections by Transport Canada, no major issues were found and there was a best practice recommendation on removing the bottom cap when loading railcars to ensure the bottom valve is never leaking. This has now become part of the SOP and Checklist.

Please see the GFL Environmental report in the Appendix.

### **5. Presentation Topics for April and June meetings**

The facilitator noted that earlier this year several potential presentation topics were identified by CAP members. Based on limited survey response and alignment with the CAP mandate, she proposed scheduling Tsleil-Waututh Nation Emergency Management and the Port presentation for April and June. The other options were housing/densification with the Mayor, Chemtrade, and CN Rail safety. No concerns were raised about these presentation choices.

### **6. Other Updates**

Stuart Porter-Hogan from the Maplewood Community Area Association shared that 14 David Suzuki butterfly gardens had been installed in the Maplewood area. They had good results with a hummingbird and 4 species of butterflies appearing.

Elmira from the Blueridge Community Association mentioned that they would be having their AGM in May. She also mentioned that there was a NVCan meeting tomorrow open to the public that would be sharing the NV draft budget for 2026-2030. She will share the details with the facilitator to send out to CAP members.

Jarrett Davis from HTEC noted they were busy with the transportation study which would equip them to operate across North America. He confirmed that nothing had changed since their presentation to CAP members.

## **7. Meeting Close**

The meeting ended at 7:45pm.

The next meeting will be held on 28 April 2026 at Kenneth Gordon Maplewood School at 6:30pm. The original date has been changed as it conflicts with planned plant shutdowns.

## Community Advisory Panel (CAP)

### Chemtrade Update: February 17, 2026

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#### Safety

- Pleased to report no employee or contractor injuries so far in 2026.
- Excellent progress on various areas of focus in driving our 2026 safety performance objectives. Focus is on developing Safety plan for 2026 TA

#### Environment

- Work continues on our comprehensive rewrite of our effluent permit to meet the new Burrard Inlet Water Quality Guidelines. Continue progress this year.
- Continue work on renewal of our air permit. Notification of the Permit to the public was on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Continue to progress this year.

#### Process Safety

- On going engineering work on potential safety/capital enhancements as shared previously.

#### Transportation

- AAR audit was completed and no findings were identified
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#### Security

- Nothing new to report.

#### Plant Operations

- Exchanger for our caustic system was found to have tube failures so we took a week shutdown to replace the exchanger in late January, first week of February.
- Pre-work on going for our plant turnaround in April 13, 2026

## Other

- Submitted the rezoning application for 100 Amherst Avenue on Thursday, Sept 25.
- As part of the rezoning process, there will be two engagement opportunities for the public. - COMPLETED
  - The District of North Vancouver will be hosting a two-week virtual Public Information Meeting, from Oct 27 – Nov 7. You can access the site starting at 8:30 a.m. on Oct 27 here: [www.DNV.org/public-meeting](http://www.DNV.org/public-meeting) - Completed
  - Chemtrade will be hosting an in-person Public information Meeting on Wednesday, Oct 29, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the North Vancouver Inn and Suites, 700 Old Lillooet Road, North Vancouver. - Completed
  - The Port, First Nations, the Mayor and Council (and staff), various levels of both provincial and federal elected officials, the community, and other stakeholders are being kept apprised of all activities.
- Next Step would be the DNV public hearing which will likely be in January. – Completed in January and now the public hearing is scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- <http://www.AskChemtrade.ca> remains up and active.
- The public facility tour program continues.
- As mentioned last month held a very successful community and family day on September 6 at the site with over 350 members of the community attending.



## **ERCO Worldwide**

**ERCO Worldwide Update** - (since last CAP meeting on November 18, 2025)

### **Safety**

As of February 17, 2025, NV employees have worked 171 days since the last Recordable safety incident (August 20, 2025 Broken Finger) & 438 days since our last Lost Time Accident (Dec 6, 2024).

### **Environmental**

735 Days since our last Reportable Environmental Incident  
(City Water Release Feb 13, 2024)

### **Process Safety**

We are working on completing action items from process safety studies performed earlier in 2025. Significant progress has been made. More studies are planned for 2026.

### **Operations**

Planning is taking place for 2026. Goal setting, Capital planning, etc.

## **Responsible Care**

Some information was sent to our neighbours regarding safety and what to do in case of an emergency. This was sent out Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Leyen, P. Eng.

Plant Manager, North Vancouver



## **Univar Solutions report – February 17, 2026**

Univar Solutions reported that there have been 47 days since the last personal safety recordable, and 47 days since the last DAWC (as of end of day Feb 17, 2026).

### **Unplanned Events:**

- Pusher and railcar damage – operator backed up incorrectly and jack-knifed the pusher/railcar inflicting minor damage to railcar walkway
- Campfire in wooded area next to flammables offloading
- Surveyor injury during cargo sampling

### **Operations:**

- Rail security audit
  - No findings
  - Minor recommendations (update to our rail offload checklist)

### **Key Projects:**

- Planned tank outages for inspections
  - Regulatory inspection of tanks to ensure still structurally sound occur every 10 years. No repairs expected based on previous inspections
- Methanol tug loading construction phase
  - Pending port permitting and DFO approval
- Site remodel
  - Main building was built in 1980 and could use some love
- New site pusher to replace old 1977 model



## CAP Meeting – February 17, 2026

### Current Status / Schedule

- The refinery is currently operating at normal operation and at full capacity.
- Refinery started up our new LUWA (#3). This has improved our reliability and increased our Used Motor Oil Feed capacity for the facility.
- In parallel to the permitting process with the DNV, work has begun on the watermain upgrade for tenants on Forester Street - this work is expected to be completed in the month of February - weather permitting.

### Health, Safety and Environment

- The facility operated within permitted approvals since the last meeting.
- The facility has operated lost time injury free since the last CAP report.
- First aid incidents – None
- Incidents and Near Misses:
  - Multiple Dates - Tools and equipment falling from height. Tools left on decks or left where they can fall to grade. Site clean up conducted and where tools need to be located semi-permanently - tool containers, chains or alternatives have been put in place to avoid in the future.
  - February - Truck made contact with a fixed ladder in the plant. Minimal damage. Spotter and Driver lost contact. SOP has been updated and trained with all staff.

### Training and Audits

- Inspections were completed by both Environment Canada (EC) and Transport Canada (TC) in the month of February. No major issues were found during either inspection. For TC, there was a best practice recommendation on loading rail cars (removing bottom cap when loading) that are now part of our SOP and Checklist.
- Annual Plant air emissions testing was completed in December and was within our permitted levels.
- A Ground Water emissions testing report was issued to the BC MOE with no issues.
- A refresh of the Emergency Response Plan is complete and drills were completed in Q4 2025.