

**Attendees:** Rowe, Peter - North Vancouver - City  
Ted Haight – White Rock  
Brian Gary – Pitt Meadows  
John Marino – Vancouver City  
Russ Carmichael – Maple Ridge  
Kevin Ramsay – Vancouver City  
Jeff Welsh - Surrey

**Chair:** Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm

**Presentation:** Kevin Ramsay – Tour of Vancouver City’s LEED (gold) certified Works Yard Facility

**Next Meeting Locations:**

November 17, 2005 – Langley Township  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – North Vancouver, District

**Discussions:** 311 Call Centre system – Kevin provided a brief explanation on the 311 concept and the work he is doing for Vancouver City who is looking at implementing this type of system

**Round table:**

- Ted (White Rock) – working on budgets, have experienced significant price increases for contract work (RCMP cell block) and supplies which is impacting budgets
- Peter (North Vancouver City) – still pushing ahead with Hansen as asset management system replacement.. North Van has been impacted by port tax appeals which has resulted in cut backs to budgets and future work. Peter has been approved as BCPWA director for 2006
- Brian (Pitt Meadows) – City Hall expansion has started, working on capital plan, has had some project bids come in at almost double the estimated budget due to “hot” construction market. Had to bite the bullet to get additional funds.  
Questioned installation of water meters and what other municipalities were doing, also inspections of contract work on municipal infrastructure, who does it ?  
Was able to attend APWA conference in Minneapolis, well worth attending (over 8000 attendees), not many from Lower Mainland
- Russ (Maple Ridge) – HR working at leadership training / cross functional teams. Was able to set a construction crew for the summer months and promote a union employee to management for duration of construction, had good success.

Reviewing gas / fleet costs in an effort to reduce costs, looking at 40 vehicles used just for “transportation” trying to replace with more fuel efficient vehicles (hybrids, Echo, etc) and trying to car pool. Looking at vehicle allowance policy changes to encourage more fuel efficient vehicles

- John (Vancouver) – very busy in streets – plan to be paving into December and then starting up again in January. More work than they can handle, starting to “ramp up” for 2010.
- Kevin (Vancouver) – Vancouver will be expected to fit municipal work on RAV line into an already overloaded schedule, planning underway to re-develop south east False Creek, will mean significant changes in the area. BCPWA has scheduled a Leadership Training session for Nov 2& 3. Trying to promote training / certification of Public Works employees to help in succession planning. Vancouver was not able to fill all their superintendent I positions from within Operations, indicates a lack of training, BCPWA wants to work to fill that void.

Kevin asked for volunteers on education committee, Russ, Peter & Jeff said they would work with Kevin, if you are interested, please let Kevin know Kevin selected as Vancouver City’s Public Works representative for 2010 Olympics – congratulations – lots of work to do to prepare, but some perks too.

- Jeff (Surrey – sporting a nice sling as a result of motorcycle accident and surgery) – Surrey City hall expansion half complete. Still working on setting an office for satellite yard.

**ACTIONS:** If you want to work with Kevin on education committee, please let Kevin know

**Next Meeting:** Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 – Township of Langley  
Topic - TBA

Details on location of meeting will sent prior to meeting

**Thanks:** Kevin Ramsey – for tour of Vancouver City Works Yard, providing meeting venue and excellent lunch.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:50pm