

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Community –

On behalf of the Port of Coupeville, it is with great pleasure that I present the 2018 Port of Coupeville Comprehensive Scheme. This new Scheme was born out of dedication from local community members. It is a product of hours, days, weeks and months of public feedback, creative meetings, and strategic thought. I want to thank the Citizen Advisory Council on their dedication to see this project to end.

Bruce Bottolfson	Chris Burns	Jason Joiner	John Mishaseck
Kristen Griffin	Lynda Eccles	Molly Hughes	Pat Powell
Pat Robinson	Ron Nelson	Sami Postma	Sarah Steen
Vickie Chambers	Mark Goodman	Kristina Gallant	

I would also like to thank the public who participated in two open sessions to provide input and feedback. And lastly, to the Port Commissioners who worked tirelessly to help interpret public input, refine and ultimately contribute to the finished Scheme.

Commissioner John Mishasek Commissioner William Bell Commissioner Bob Monroig

This plan is not only a bold step in the economic growth of the communities we serve, but a dedication to preservation and revitalization of the historic assets we have been trusted to protect. Whidbey Island is a special place. We are blessed to be able to live and thrive here. We feel a deep sense of responsibility to maintain its character, sense of community, history and vitality for generations to come.

This is a period of rebirth for the Port of Coupeville. We have endured financial and operational challenges in the past, but we have a renewed sense of who we are. We are dedicating our resources to protect and revitalize our historic Wharf and Greenbank Farm. We are increasing our efficiencies on both the administrative and maintenance fronts, and conducting our business in the most transparent ways possible. We cherish working with our community members, local organizations, and other Ports – we know we cannot do this alone.

Though there will be challenges in executing this Comprehensive Scheme, with challenges come opportunities. Working together, we can better understand a broader economic context, strengthen our existing properties, and explore new opportunities for our communal well-being.

Thank you for your support and interest in our Comprehensive Scheme. I look forward to working with and for you.

Sincerely,

Chris Michalopoulos

Executive Director, Port of Coupeville