



Tsawwassen Container Examination Facility (TCEF)



Why is this container examination facility being built?

To facilitate the growth of Canadian trade and in direct response to the anticipated growth in container traffic at Roberts Bank and Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) inspection targets, Port Metro Vancouver is building a new container examination facility to strengthen Canada's Pacific Gateway. The Tsawwassen Container Examination Facility (TCEF) will augment the severely constrained facility in Burnaby. The facility will be consistent with the Canada Customs Act which requires that adequate facilities be provided for the proper detention and examination of imported goods.

Where is the container examination facility being built?

TCEF is located on a 4.5ha (11.4 acre) site within the Tsawwassen First Nation industrial lands. It is adjacent to the 41B Street overpass, providing excellent access to Deltaport Way, and is 5 kilometres from Deltaport and the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project.

Who is building the facility and who will operate it?

Port Metro Vancouver will be the project manager for the construction of the facility and will work with various building contractors and designers. The early works contractors are TFN Construction/Matcon Civil Joint Venture. Construction is being paid for by the Port, with additional funding from Transport Canada. Once built, a building operator will be procured to operate and maintain the multi-use facility with the CBSA occupying half of the building.

Will the operation of the facility result in additional container traffic through my neighbourhood?

If you live near the existing container examination facility in Burnaby, a significant decrease in volume of existing and projected truck traffic from Roberts Bank, as trucks will likely go directly to this new facility. If you live in Delta, the new facility is being built on industrial land adjacent to the 41B Street overpass, providing direct access from the Deltaport Terminal along Deltaport Way. This route does not pass through residential areas.

Is the land zoned for this use?

The parcel of property upon which this facility will be built is zoned for industrial use as part of the Tsawwassen First Nation industrial lands.



What are the benefits of building this new facility at this location?

The Tsawwassen Container Examination Facility will augment the severely constrained facility in Burnaby and will initiate the new CBSA marine container examination process focusing on technology (scans) and less on manual inspections.

The facility is being built on previously disturbed industrial lands. It is adjacent to the 41B Street overpass, providing excellent access to Deltaport Way, and is 5 kilometres from Deltaport and the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project, providing additional supply chain efficiency and no disruption to residential neighbourhoods. By eliminating a significant volume of existing and projected truck traffic from Roberts Bank to the existing inspection facility in Burnaby, greenhouse gas emissions will be reduced by an average of 2,000 tonnes per year.

The TCEF project furthers Port Metro Vancouver's commitment to identifying greater opportunities for Aboriginal entrepreneurs and businesses that increase capacity within Aboriginal communities. In particular, the Port's agreement with the Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN) Construction/Matcon Civil Joint Venture for the site preparation work, and selection of the Tsawwassen First Nation industrial park as the project site are in keeping with this commitment.

Why are First Nations involved?

The project is located on Tsawwassen First Nation industrial lands. In addition, the Port will be working with the TFN Construction/Matcon Civil Joint Venture for the site preparation work.

What are the timelines?

Detailed design and permitting work is ongoing and is expected to be completed by the end of 2015. Site preparation and pre-load work began in September 2014 and is now complete. Building construction will begin in the Spring of 2016. The facility is expected to be operational in the Fall of 2017.

How much will it cost?

The Project budget is approximately \$33 million, with \$3.3 million contributed from Transport Canada.

What is the permitting process?

The project is located on Tsawwassen First Nation industrial lands. TFN will be responsible for issuing all approvals including a Preliminary Layout Approval, a Development Permit, an Environmental Permit, a Services Agreement, and a Building Permit.

Will there be any environmental impacts?

The facility will be built on previously disturbed industrial lands. No environmental impacts are anticipated. The project will result in a net benefit of reduced greenhouse gases, due to reduced container traffic travel to the Burnaby facility.