



Centerm Expansion Project

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April 2020

You are receiving this email because you signed up to receive updates about the Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project.

Update on COVID-19 and the Port of Vancouver

The Port of Vancouver plays a vital economic role in Canada by connecting consumers and businesses with the global marketplace. At the port authority, as we respond to the extraordinary circumstances of COVID-19, the safety and health of our employees, customers, operators and stakeholders is our top priority. The Port of Vancouver remains open for business, and we will continue to ensure the supply of important goods through the port to enable Canadian businesses and Canadian livelihoods, right across the country.

We will also continue our work to deliver on critical trade-enabling projects such as the Centerm Expansion Project. We are committed to keeping the community up to date on this project and providing opportunities for meaningful dialogue and input throughout this project. To all our stakeholders and the communities that surround us, we wish you and your families well. We also extend our thanks to the many organizations and people who make up our port community for their continued support to keep the port functioning efficiently during this extraordinary global challenge.

A [new video](#) was recently published to our social media channels in recognition of their work to keep trade moving for Canadians and to

highlight the importance of goods movement. You'll also see it on television and through online promotion.

What to expect this month

This month, work in the water around Centerm continues.



Road work - Where to enter the port

Commissioner Street entrance

- Open to Port Pass holders driving passenger vehicles
- All semi-trailers must enter at Commissioner Street off McGill Street

Clark Drive overpass

- Open to Port Pass holders with commercial straight trucks
- Open to Port Pass holders driving passenger vehicles
- Closed to semi-trailer and container trucks until winter 2021

Heatley Avenue overpass

- Entrance for visitors without Port Passes
- Open to Port Pass holders driving passenger vehicles
- Open to all commercial straight trucks
- Closed to semi-trailers, regardless of access permissions. Please use Commissioner Street entrance

Marine work

Dredging in the eastern expansion and western expansion areas was completed in March. Infilling is happening at the northeast dyke and west end dykes 24 hours, six days a week (Monday to Saturday, with Sunday being the off-day). We anticipate that this work will be completed by the fall.

We anticipate that the work will continue to generate noise and we continue to implement noise reduction measures. Thank you for your patience while we complete this important work.

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Keep up to date with all the traffic detours for the port and road closures by downloading the [PortVan eHub app](#).

Dredging complete



Dredging work on both the eastern and western expansion of the Centerm container terminal was completed last month. Infilling is underway on the northeast corner and west of the terminal. This will allow us to install caissons, which are hollow concrete blocks that are each 20m in height. Caissons are expected to be installed this summer. Infilling in the lagoon on the eastern expansion area is on hold until work can be safely carried out with the lowest risk to fish and habitat.

Pictured: Rigs working on infilling for the caissons.

Fun fact

We reused approximately 70,000 cubic meters of material that we dredged around the terminal to infill the lagoon in the eastern expansion area.

New land in the making



At the end of March, we achieved another project milestone and “broke water” on the first of the western dykes — this means you can now see the new land. The southwest dyke is now starting to rise and both the south and west dykes will be completed by the fall.

Pictured: The southwest dyke coming out of the water.

The dykes in the western expansion area create an outline for the terminal expansion area and are built with various sized rocks.

Fun fact

The dyke in the eastern expansion area is different than the dykes in the western expansion area. This is because the dyke in the eastern expansion area closed off an area between Burrard Dock and Ballantyne Pier, and by doing so it formed a lagoon. The dykes on the west side will eventually come together by connecting to sheet pile walls and caissons to create an enclosed space.

Laying the groundwork for the new reefer towers

This month, work continues on site at the terminal. The excavation for four new “reefer towers” is now complete and soon we will start pouring the foundations for them.



These four structures will accommodate up to 120 containers (standard 40ft equivalent container size), stacked up 5 high. We anticipate that the reefer towers will be up by June.

Pictured: Getting ready to pour the concrete foundation on the site of the future reefer towers.

What's a reefer tower?

A "reefer" is a slang term used to describe a refrigerated container. These containers house temperature-sensitive cargo, such as refrigerated seafood!

Centerm Community Fund application deadline extended

In light of the COVID-19 crisis and the impacts it has had on many people, we have extended the second application intake period for the Centerm Community Fund to May 1, 2020.

Organizations in the Downtown Eastside, Strathcona, Hastings-Sunrise, and Grandview-Woodlands are invited to apply for funding for projects in their community.



This second round of funding opened on January 7, 2020. Applications can be submitted until May 1, 2020 at 4:00 p.m., and must be received during the intake period to be considered.

[Learn more and apply](#)

The fund is a subset of an overall \$2 million donation made as part of the Centerm Expansion Project. For more information [see the news release issued in July 2019](#).

Want to promote the opportunity in your community? [Download the poster](#).

Construction gallery



Pictured: Ballantyne Pier deck demolition.



Pictured: Slab demolition and sorting work at Ballantyne Pier.



Pictured: Western expansion area at dawn.

About the projects

The port authority is building the Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project to help meet anticipated near-term demand for containers shipped through the Port of Vancouver. The project includes a new overpass for Centennial Road, making Waterfront Road a continuous road along the South Shore, and a reconfiguration and expansion of the Centerm terminal.

The projects, delivered by Centennial Expansion Partners (CXP), are set to be complete by the end of 2021.

Interested in seeing the full construction schedule?
Download the construction activities and timelines PDF



Centerm: Current view



Centerm: Rendering of view following construction completion

Contact us

If you have not already done so, please sign up to receive regular updates of these projects. You can subscribe [here](#).

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For enquiries related to construction contact, CXP at 604.910.5785 or zstrand@cxp-jv.com.

For enquiries related to the projects, contact the port authority at 604.665.9563 or centerm.expansion@portvancouver.com.

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