

Meeting Date: May 14, 2020

Covid19 Update

We recognize that these are uncertain and challenging times for everyone. At the port authority, as we respond to the extraordinary circumstances of COVID-19, the health and safety of our employees, customers, operators and stakeholders is our top priority. We have made a number of operational adjustments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For all updates regarding COVID-19 visit: www.portvancouver.com/covid-19-updates

Deltaport Truck Staging Facility

Construction Update

- Construction continues with major asphalt paving underway. Installation and testing of digital messaging signs are ongoing with detector loops scheduled for installation in the coming weeks. Project anticipated to be complete in July 2020 (weather-dependent).

Roberts Bank Terminal 2

- On Monday, March 31 the federal review panel for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project released the Federal Review Panel Report for the project.
- We would like to thank the review panel for conducting a thorough and comprehensive review and express our appreciation to all those who participated in the environmental assessment.
- We are pleased with the review panel's findings and recommendations and believe the panel has provided us with a road map as to how, on top of our existing proposed mitigation measures, we can further mitigate project related effects. We are committed to working with government, Indigenous groups and other stakeholders.
- We acknowledge the panel's conclusions that the project would have effects on areas such as southern resident killer whales, juvenile Chinook salmon and certain Indigenous practices and interests. This is not something we take lightly—we have a federal mandate to protect the environment and consider local communities, and we want to build this project in a way that upholds that mandate and aligns with our vision to be the world's most sustainable port.
- The panel agreed with our alternatives assessment, which included an assessment of the project's location, that the project is the best possible option to meet the anticipated demand for trade with Asia, and that the purpose of the project is consistent with Canada's role as a trading nation. The benefits of the project would extend to the City of Delta, Metro Vancouver, British Columbia and Canada because of the employment, business opportunities and economic development resulting from the project.
- Now the panel's recommendations will be turned into draft conditions by the Impact Assessment Agency and will be made available for public comment sometime this year. We are committed to working with government, Indigenous groups and other stakeholders to implement the conditions provided in the decision statement, should the project be approved.
- We anticipate that the minister of environment and climate change could issue a decision on the project in the fall.

ECHO Program

- The voluntary lateral displacement in the Strait of Juan de Fuca will begin June 1, 2020. The lateral displacement involves tug and barge operators adjusting their routes to move further away from key feeding areas for southern resident killer whales.
- The monitoring period for the voluntary vessel slowdown in Haro Strait and Boundary Pass will also begin June 1, 2020, with the slowdown beginning once southern resident killer whales are confirmed to be in the area. Both initiatives are intended to reduce underwater noise for at-risk whales. More details on the 2020 initiatives will be available at portvancouver.com/echo in late May.

Land Use Plan update engagement process

- Phase 2: Engagement on the draft plan is expected to take place in late Spring 2020. More details on the next phase will be available here. <https://www.portvancouver.com/land/land-use-planning/>

Portside/Blundell Road Improvements Project

The Portside/Blundell Road Improvements Project includes:

- Construction of a new overpass on Portside Road at Blundell Road to eliminate the at-grade rail crossing
- Widening of Blundell Road from two lanes to four lanes, between the No. 8 Road intersection and just west of York Road
- Construction of a new bridge and extension of Portside Road over the No. 7 Road canal to access new area of development

Member Enquiries

None

Delta Community Office report

The Delta Community Office is currently closed until further notice due to COVID19. The team is working on a digital speaker series to connect with the community. For updates visit: www.portvancouver.com/Delta

Recent media releases

[Canada Day at Canada Place event cancelled for 2020](#)

As we continue to navigate through the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have decided it is in the best interests of our community to cancel the 2020 Canada Day at Canada Place celebration.

[The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's comments on the federal review panel report for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project](#)

We would like to thank the review panel for conducting a thorough and comprehensive review, and express our appreciation to all of the participants who were involved in the environmental assessment. We would also like to thank the panel for their acknowledgement of the professional and respectful participation by the port authority and its team during the panel process.

[Second highest annual cargo recorded in 2019 for Port of Vancouver](#)

Numbers driven by new records in potash, grain and containers

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority today released the 2019 year-end statistics for cargo and passengers moving through the Port of Vancouver. Overall, cargo through the port was 144 million metric tonnes for the year, down 2% from the 2018 record of 147 million metric tonnes but the second highest in port history. Sectors that experienced declines, including foreign petroleum products and domestic forest products, were offset by record growth in other sectors including potash, grain and containers.