



## Port update

### Port Community Liaison Committee – Delta meeting | March 8, 2022

#### Business update

##### December 2021 year-to-date

- 2021 total port volume 0% higher than 2020
  - 1% lower than 2018, the last record
- 2021 bulk grain volume 10% lower than 2020 however, still the second highest annual volume
  - 2020 was the last record
- 2021 container/TEU volumes 6% higher than 2020, setting a new yearly record
  - 8% higher than 2019

##### 2022 cruise season

- The date of the first cruise ship to call on Vancouver for the 2022 cruise season is April 7; more than 300 cruise calls are scheduled for the season. In 2019, the Port of Vancouver scheduled 288 calls.
- Regarding health and safety, we continue to follow the direction of Transport Canada, the lead agency responsible for regulations and safety policies for the cruise industry. The port authority is working closely with industry, port communities across Canada through the Association of Canadian Port Authorities, and all levels of government to prepare for the upcoming cruise season.

##### Richmond container storage facility

- Following the severe flooding event in the region in mid-November, the federal government [announced](#) it would contribute \$4.1 million under the National Trade Corridors Fund toward a port authority-led project to prepare an undeveloped 40-acre parcel of federal port land for the handling and storage of empty containers.
- The port authority's project team swiftly advanced the project and part of the site has been operational since January. The site is expected to be fully operational by early March. Media release is [here](#).

##### Active vessel traffic management

- In August 2021, Transport Canada announced that the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority would lead the development of an active vessel traffic management system (AVTM) to optimize the gateway. Active vessel traffic management is the system by which we prioritize and optimize when tier 1 vessels—large vessels with limited maneuverability—move within the port authority's jurisdiction.
- The new system is intended to strengthen marine safety, make the flow of goods more efficient, and manage environmental impacts as well as negative social impacts such as ambient noise and light pollution. It will complement safety and navigation services that the Canadian Coast Guard's Marine Communications and Traffic Services provide.
- Engagement with industry, Indigenous groups, municipalities and community stakeholders will occur until the fall.
- The system will be implemented by winter 2023. More information about the program is on our website [here](#).
- *The committee will receive a presentation about this initiative at the June meeting.*

## Rolling truck age program

- The port authority has deferred the implementation of the Rolling Truck Age Program, originally planned for February 1, 2022, for a period of no less than 90 days. During this time, we will engage with industry and community stakeholders to seek input to help inform a revised implementation plan for the program.
- We are undertaking this engagement in response to concerns from some truck owners. We also acknowledge a letter from Transport Minister Omar Alghabra asking the port authority to consider a short delay to the implementation date, and to provide a further opportunity for feedback regarding the implementation of the program.
- Engagement for this process is February 7 to 25. The engagement discussion guide is [here](#).
- Details about the program are [here](#).

## Updates of projects on federal lands in port authority jurisdiction

The port authority oversees the use of federally-owned port lands and water, leasing their use to terminal operators and other tenants. We are also responsible for [land use planning](#) for federal lands in the port's jurisdiction. As laid out in the *Canada Marine Act*, our oversight includes conducting reviews and issuing permits for work, projects, and events proposed within our jurisdiction. More info is available [here](#). The projects listed below are currently in the port authority's project and environmental review (PER) process. Although there are numerous projects under review, these ones are included because they are located in Delta, are near Delta and/or deemed of interest to this committee.

### Roberts Bank Terminal 2

- Roberts Bank Terminal 2 is a proposed new marine container terminal at Roberts Bank in Delta.
- If approved and built, Roberts Bank Terminal 2 would play a critical role in supporting Canadian exporters and consumers of goods who increasingly want to trade with economies around the world.
- The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) is inviting the public and Indigenous groups to comment on our response to the federal government's August 2020 information request and on the draft conditions for the project.
- When the public comment period ends on March 15, IAAC will take the feedback they receive to develop final conditions, then the minister of environment and climate change will determine whether there is enough information on the project for the federal government to make a decision.
- We are hopeful that a decision will be made as quickly as possible, so we can make sure that the project is built in time to support Canadian importers and exporters who rely on the Port of Vancouver to get their goods to and from foreign markets.
- In the meantime, we continue to prepare for procurement, a *Fisheries Act* Authorization, and other required permits to quickly advance the project once a decision is made.

### Westshore Terminals | New potash export cargo

Project status: permit under review

Update: The public engagement period for the proposed was November 15 to December 17, 2021. The summary of the public engagement and consideration report of how feedback was considered is on the applicant's website [here](#) and on the port authority website [here](#). The port authority will consider all feedback received from the public, stakeholders and Indigenous groups as part of the Project and Environmental Review of the proposed project

Project description:

- This application is for a building, equipment, and systems to allow the handling of 4.5 MMT of potash at Westshore Terminal.
- The project will consist of upgrades to the existing terminal to use a portion of the site for potash export, including new infrastructure to incorporate potash operations. The project will receive potash shipments by rail, off-load the potash from enclosed railcars to a new potash storage building, and transfer potash via an enclosed conveyor system to the shiploaders and onto vessels at the existing Berth 2 for export. Once the project is operational, Berth 2 will facilitate the export of both coal and potash while Berth 1 will remain dedicated to coal. The two existing coal dumpers will remain dedicated to coal. Only two of the three dumpers will operate concurrently at any one time.
- More information is on our [website](#) and on the applicant's [website](#).

## Updates on Greater Vancouver Gateway (GVG) 2030 projects

In 2018 and 2019, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority received funding from the Government of Canada through the National Trade Corridors Fund to progress multiple infrastructure projects throughout the Lower Mainland. These projects were identified through a collaborative planning process that involved TransLink, B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI), Greater Vancouver Gateway Council, and Transport Canada. As part of our mandate to facilitate Canada’s trade objectives, we are working with partners on projects that will ensure efficient road and rail networks in the region, and address the impacts of increased trade, including on safety, congestion, community access, and general livability. Although there are numerous projects underway as part of this initiative, these ones are included because of their location in or proximity to Delta.

### Annacis Auto Terminal Optimization Project

Project status: permit under review

Update: As part of the Project and Environmental Review for the proposed project under the *Impact Assessment Act*, the proposed project was posted on the [Canadian Impact Assessment Registry](#) with an opportunity for public comment between February 23 and March 24, 2022. More information on how to participate is [here](#). The port authority is conducting formal consultation activities with stakeholders and Indigenous groups as part of the Project and Environmental Review process.

Project description: The proposed Annacis Auto Terminal Optimization Project will improve the efficiency of the terminal’s operations within the existing footprint, increase its ability to handle a greater volume of automobile imports in the future, and help meet emerging climate change targets by responding to increased demand for electric vehicles. Project information is available [here](#).

### Fraser Surrey Port Lands Transportation Improvements Project (Delta/Surrey)

Project status: permit under review

Update: The project team is working on various permitting requirements with federal regulators including Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Consultation continues with stakeholders and Indigenous groups.

Project description: The port authority is proposing to undertake road and rail improvements within the Fraser Surrey Port Lands to alleviate traffic congestion and rail crossing delays, and improve the movement of goods for port tenants. The Fraser Surrey Port Lands is an industrial area situated along Highway 17 at Tannery Road, bordering the municipalities of Surrey and Delta.



### Portside/Blundell Road Improvements Project (Richmond)

Project status: under preliminary review

Update: The project team is working on various permitting requirements with federal regulators including Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Consultation continues with stakeholders and Indigenous groups.

Project description:

The port authority is upgrading roadways in the Fraser Richmond Industrial Lands. This location and its connections to major transportation routes and facilities make it an active industrial area for warehouse and transload businesses that pack and unpack shipping containers moving to and from the Port of Vancouver. This corridor has some of the most concentrated activity in the Greater Vancouver area for moving goods from marine terminals to rail lines and trucks, and then off to other destinations. The project includes:

- A new overpass on Portside Road to cross over the CN rail line and connect to Blundell Road
- Widening Blundell Road from two to four lanes, between No. 8 Road intersection and west of York Road
- A new bridge and extension on Portside Road over the No. 7 Road canal
- A new multi-use pathway along the north side of Blundell Road and south side of Portside Road



**For more information about projects happening in the Port of Vancouver:**

- [Port authority-led infrastructure projects](#)
- Other projects in the port - [Status of permit applications](#)

## Delta Community Office update

Planning is underway for this year which includes hiring a summer student. Programming ideas include hosting a summer activity passport challenge and resuming speaker series and bus tours to Roberts Bank when public health restrictions allow. To receive our e-newsletter for up-to-date event information, subscribe [here](#). The Delta Community Office is open to the public Wednesday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Updates and media releases since December PCLC meeting

Lessons learned: Building Canada’s supply-chain resilience for the long term (Globe and Mail, published February 24; PDF also attached) – Opinion piece by Robin Silvester discussing supply chain issues from the last two years as well as the industrial land crisis and the need for supply chain capacity.

New Richmond container storage facility strengthens Canada’s supply chains February 25, 2022

Port information guide update – Consideration report published February 7, 2022

Notice of engagement: Rolling Truck Age Program February 7, 2022

Port authority forms industry-based advisory panel to advance active vessel traffic management system January 31, 2022

Proposed Harris Road underpass in Pitt Meadows reaches milestone with partnering agreement December 15, 2021