



## Port update

Port Community Liaison Committee – Delta meeting | June 16, 2022

### Business update

#### April 2022 year-to-date

- April YTD 2022 total port volume 10% lower than April YTD 2021
  - Container/TEU volumes continued to be heavily impacted by the slow recovery from the flood/landslide event that occurred in November and carried into December
- April YTD 2022 bulk grain volume 59% lower than April YTD 2021
  - Lower volumes were due to a low yield crop year impacted by drought
- April YTD 2022 container/TEU volumes 8% lower than April YTD 2021
  - Container volumes were heavily impacted by a slow recovery from the flood/landslide event and a cold snap
- The 2022 cruise season launched on April 10 with the inaugural visit of the Holland America Line ship, *Koningsdam*, to the Canada Place cruise terminal. The 2022 season expects more than 300 cruise ship calls and more than 60% of them are expected to be shore power enabled.

### General updates

#### Cruise-led green corridor

- In May, we announced an initiative in collaboration with the Port of Seattle, City and Borough of Juneau, leading global cruise lines, the Global Maritime Forum, Blue Sky Maritime Coalition, and Washington Maritime Blue to explore the feasibility of the world's first cruise-led 'green corridor.'
- A green corridor is a maritime route where zero greenhouse gas emission solutions are demonstrated and supported. Green corridors create the technological, economic, and regulatory feasibility needed for zero greenhouse gas emission ships to succeed.
- The collaborative effort is aimed at exploring the feasibility of a green corridor that could accelerate the deployment of zero greenhouse gas emission ships and operations between Alaska, British Columbia, and Washington State.
- Read the full announcement on our website [here](#).



#### Port authority-led ECHO Program launches expanded measures to support recovery of southern resident killer whales

- On June 1, the port authority-led [Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation \(ECHO\) Program](#) launched its sixth season of large-scale underwater noise reduction initiatives to support the recovery of southern resident killer whales

- Launched in 2014, the ECHO Program is a world-leading program to better understand and reduce the impacts of commercial shipping on at-risk whales off BC's southern coast. For the last six years, the program has implemented voluntary measures to reduce underwater noise in southern resident killer whale critical habitat, in collaboration with government agencies, the marine transportation industry, Indigenous communities, and environmental groups.
- This year, the ECHO Program is coordinating three large-scale measures to reduce underwater noise across nearly 80 nautical miles of the Salish Sea, with the goal of creating a quieter underwater environment for whales to hunt, navigate, and communicate in. New in 2022, the program has expanded its ship slowdown at Swiftsure Bank to include both the inbound and outbound shipping lanes, which overlap with a known southern resident killer whale foraging area. These expanded measures across both Canadian and U.S. waters could not have been achieved without the collaboration of many from across Indigenous communities, government agencies, the marine transportation industry, and environmental groups in Canada and the U.S.
- For more information:
  - [ECHO Program](#)
  - [Map of ECHO Program's seasonal voluntary measures](#)
  - [List of participating marine transportation organizations](#)
  - View the full announcement [here](#)

## Port authority announces winners of Blue Circle Awards for environmental stewardship

- The port authority's Blue Circle Awards recognize shipping companies and terminal operators that go above and beyond to reduce emissions and conserve energy through the port authority's [EcoAction](#) and [Energy Action](#) programs
- Eleven shipping lines and four coastal marine operators were recognized for outstanding efforts to conserve energy and reduce emissions at the Port of Vancouver.
- Since 2007, the EcoAction program has provided discounts of up to 47% off harbour dues for shipping lines that take measures to reduce their environmental footprint. To date, the EcoAction program has encouraged shipping lines to make investments that reduce greenhouse gases, air contaminants, and underwater noise. In 2021, more than 650 vessels were awarded an EcoAction discount for meeting criteria such as being shore power-equipped, using noise-quieting technologies, and receiving third-party environmental designations.
- Read the full announcement [here](#).



## 2022 Vancouver Fraser Port Authority annual general meeting

- Our annual general meeting (AGM) took place on May 31, 2022.
- As required by the *Canada Marine Act*, we hold an AGM every year to present our audited financial statements (you can read them [here](#)), discuss our previous year's results, and to provide an opportunity for stakeholders and the public to ask questions.

## Canada Together at Canada Place

- Canada Place is owned and operated by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. We are returning to an in-person event for July 1 at Canada Place.
- Now named Canada Together, the event has been planned with representatives from the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. From programming to the name and theme itself, the details of the day were carefully considered to create a welcoming experience for all people who live in this country.
- The gathering will feature a full day of festivities, great food, family fun, and performances. [Visit our website](#) for updates, and please free to share with your networks!

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## 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

Project status: Under environmental review by the Government of Canada

Project description:

- 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.

Project update:

- On March 15, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) concluded a public comment period on the port authority's information request response and on the draft environmental conditions for the project.
- The port authority is providing a final submission to IAAC in several parts that will show how topics raised during the public comment period will be addressed.
  - On April 22, the port authority submitted part one of its two-part submission, which included feedback on the draft conditions and responses to submissions made by Indigenous groups, government, and the public during the public comment period on topics like project need, benefits, and enhanced mitigation measures to protect key species.
  - On May 13, the port authority submitted supplemental information to part one of its submission, which included a response to submissions from Indigenous groups that had not been posted to the public registry in time for consideration in the April 22 submission.
  - The port authority is working on part two of its submission, which will focus on Western sandpipers and biofilm.
- IAAC will take the feedback they received from the public comment period 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.
- In the meantime, we continue to prepare for procurement, a *Fisheries Act* Authorization, and other required permits, as well as ongoing consultation with Indigenous groups, to advance the project once a decision is made.

## Westshore Terminals | New potash export cargo

Project status: permit issued

Project update:

- On April 11, 2022, a project permit was issued to Westshore Terminals Limited Partnership.
- The project was approved subject to [50 permit conditions](#) that Westshore Terminals Limited Partnership must meet to ensure the project does not result in significant adverse environmental effects.
- Construction is anticipated to take approximately four to five years to complete, beginning in April, 2022.

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

Project update:

- On April 1, 2022, Transport Canada notified the port authority that they were providing funding for the project under the National Trade Corridors Fund. This required a new notice of intent be posted to the [Canadian Impact Assessment Registry](#), and a new 30-calendar day opportunity for public comment period between April 28 and May 27, 2022.
- The port authority will conduct 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

Project update: Project currently under review through the port authority's [Project and Environmental Review process](#)—application response is anticipated in May 2022.

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

Project update:

- From June 20 to July 22, 2022, the project team is holding a Phase Two public engagement period to share draft designs and collect feedback on traffic management during construction. An online information session is scheduled for June 28, 2022.
- Project details are [here](#). Project video will be posted soon.
- Submission of the Project and Environmental Review application for the Portside overpass component is anticipated for fall 2022.

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

This spring, the Delta Community Office team and volunteers participated in three invasive species plant pulls hosted by the City of Delta. We also organized and hosted two shoreline cleanups at the Tilbury Island jetty at the foot of Huston Road. Thank you to the volunteers who participated and who collected a total of 650 pounds of garbage and debris, which included a lot of Styrofoam, a mini-fridge, tires, fishing line and buoys, tug tow ropes and construction materials.

**Our tours are back!** The Container Trail is a free two-hour bus tour highlights the sights and sounds of Canada's trade with the world right here in Delta. The tour includes a stop at Roberts Bank to view operations at Deltaport container terminal. Info and to register, visit [here](#). And we are partnering with Westshore Terminals to provide a behind-the-scenes tour of its terminal operations throughout the summer.

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.

## Media releases since March meeting

[Port authority's Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project win the highest-ranking award from the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure June 2, 2022](#)

[Burnaby rail corridor improvements complete, improving access to North Shore port terminals May 30, 2022](#)

[2021 trade through the Port of Vancouver steady despite supply-chain, extreme weather challenges March 24, 2022](#)

## **Port Forward initiative (see agenda)**

- Ten years have passed since first incorporating long-range scenario planning into our strategic planning processes. Our new scenario initiative, Port Forward, aims to bring together representatives from diverse organizations throughout the gateway and beyond to collectively imagine our shared future.
- The port authority originally undertook a scenario planning exercise in 2010 called Port 2050
- This process accelerated, and helped crystallize, our vision for the Port of Vancouver to be the world's most sustainable port—a port that's globally successful at delivering economic prosperity through trade, maintaining a healthy environment, and enabling thriving communities
- This initiative aims to strengthen relationships with key partners and stakeholders and build alignment for our vision for the Port of Vancouver to be the world's most sustainable port.
- At our June 16 meeting, the committee will be asked to select a community representative to participate in Port Forward's engagement sessions. The commitment is to be available to attend the following:
  - Three workshops (two x 1.5 day sessions and one x 1 day session)
    - Workshop 1 – November 7 - 8 or November 14 - 15 | Location TBD
    - Workshop 2 – February 9 - 10 | Location TBD
    - Workshop 3 – April 20 or 21 | Location TBD
  - All workshop locations will be within driving distance of Vancouver
  - Participate in 'experimental learning experiences' should you be interested and available, e.g. terminal visits, boat tour, etc.