



Port update

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Business update

2022 mid-year trade results

- On September 22, the port authority released the 2022 mid-year statistics for goods and passengers moving through the Port of Vancouver.
- Overall cargo declined 11% to 68.3 million from 76.4 million metric tonnes (MMT) compared to the same period last year, reflecting impacts of a poor Canadian grain harvest, congestion caused by 2021 flooding in B.C., and global and national supply chain challenges.
- More information: [2022 mid-year cargo statistics](#)
 - Overall cargo down 11% to 68.3 MMT compared to mid-year 2021
 - Container quantities decreased 7% to 1.8 million TEUs. Import quantities decreased 4% to 951,122 TEUs. Export quantities decreased 11% to 852,356 TEUs.
 - Breakbulk cargo decreased 3% to 9.6 MMT. Log and wood pulp volumes decreased 7% and 8% respectively, while basic metals increased 18% compared to 2020
 - Bulk dry cargo decreased 11%. Coal, potash and sulphur volumes increased 23%, 1% and 20% respectively, while grain volumes are down 60%.
 - Bulk liquid tonnage down 0.1%. Petroleum products volumes increased 16% and canola oil volumes decreased 62%
 - Cruise vessel calls increased 10%, while the number of passengers is down 35% compared to the first half of 2019

General updates

Rolling Truck Age Program update

- In discussion with Transport Canada, the port authority will defer implementation of the Rolling Truck Age Program by a final six months to April 3, 2023. This program phases out older container trucks serving the port, for the benefit of the region's air quality and local communities' health.
- The Rolling Truck Age Program will improve air quality and support cleaner, healthier communities in Metro Vancouver, while also helping to build a more reliable, stable, safe, and socially responsible truck fleet serving the Port of Vancouver.
- Following additional engagement with TLS participants, associations, and other industry stakeholders in early 2022, the port authority shifted from a 10-year rolling truck age to a 12-year rolling truck age, which will still achieve program objectives and benefits while balancing feedback and commercial interests of industry.

Update on Federal Court of Canada judicial review

- On July 26, 2022, the Federal Court of Canada rejected GCT Canada Limited Partnership (GCT)'s claims of bias against the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority in pursuing the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 (RBT2) Project.
- Read the port authority's statement [here](#).
- For additional details, see the full text of the [Federal Court of Canada's decision](#), which includes a discussion of the history of the litigation.

World Maritime Day at Canada Place

- An event to celebrate World Maritime Day was organized by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and was held at Canada Place on October 1. The event featured live music and other performances, and fun activities that celebrate life in a port city. Several thousand people attended.
- World Maritime Day was established by the International Maritime Organization, with celebrations held internationally to recognize the importance of shipping safety, maritime security, and the marine environment. The theme for this year was “New technologies for greener shipping.”



Canada Place Mural

A new mural featuring artwork by local Tseil-Waututh artist Ocean Hyland was installed recently on the west promenade of Canada Place.

Titled *The winds and the waters will always call us home*, the mural was part of the [Vancouver Mural Festival](#) and will be in place for a minimum of two years. In the mural, "the moon sits high in the sky, and the Coast Salish eye mimics the sun that oversees the work done in our world. All life is connected: as the moon travels the sky, the tides flow, the wind blows, rain falls, the orcas are fed, and our people are happy—this reciprocal relationship ensures the well-being of us all," said artist Ocean Hyland ([@dropletfromthesalishsea](#)).



Port authority extends complimentary Wi-Fi access to support seafarers at the Port of Vancouver

In recognition of the International Marine Organization (IMO)'s 'Day of the Seafarer' on June 25, the port authority announced that it has extended its commitment to provide complimentary Wi-Fi to seafarers within the Port of Vancouver's jurisdiction until 2024.

Seafarers play an essential role at the Port of Vancouver and globally, ensuring the safe and efficient transport of cargo and everyday goods. Seafarers are typically on board a ship 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and are separated from their family and friends for long periods of time. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, many seafarers have been separated from loved ones for long periods, due to travel and other restrictions. Wi-Fi is not usually available on all ships for personal use, and if available, is expensive, which adds to the challenges seafarers have experienced during the pandemic.

In 2021, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority [announced](#) the donation of five portable Wi-Fi units to the port chaplains with a two-year financial commitment to help seafarers easily connect with their loved ones. Once a ship is at berth the port chaplains from Mission to Seafarers, Sailors Society, Lighthouse Ministries or Stellar Maris hand deliver a portable Wi-Fi unit to the captain of the ship for the duration of their stay in Vancouver. The port authority's extension of complimentary Wi-Fi will enable seafarers to connect with their loved ones anywhere in the world via a reliable Wi-Fi network.

This complimentary Wi-Fi program is one of the ways in which the port authority is working with seafarer welfare organizations to support seafarers' mental health and wellbeing.

The IMO's Day of the Seafarer recognizes the invaluable contribution seafarers make to international trade. For more information about the Day of the Seafarer, visit the IMO's event page [here](#).

Statement regarding the passing of Tsawwassen First Nation Chief Ken Baird

On behalf of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, port authority president and CEO Robin Silvester issued the following statement regarding the August 2 passing of Tsawwassen First Nation Chief Ken Baird:

"I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Chief Ken Baird. He was a changemaker, a gracious and principled leader, and a respected partner, with whom we were privileged to collaborate for many years in our work at the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. The knowledge and vision he shared with us over the years was inspirational—most notably as we worked together to build a renewed partnership and advance reconciliation through our historic relationship agreement with Tsawwassen First Nation. On behalf of everyone at the port authority, I would like to extend our sincere condolences and respect to Chief Baird's family and the entire Tsawwassen First Nation community."

Connecting students to the Port of Vancouver

- Did you know? We offer free educational field trip experiences for grade four to six students at the Port of Vancouver Discovery Centre, both in person and virtual. Learn more on our website [here](#) – and please feel free to share with the teachers in your network.

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: The project is in the final stages of a federal environmental assessment process

Project description:

- Roberts Bank Terminal 2 is a proposed marine container terminal at Roberts Bank in Delta led by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.
- If approved, the project will be a critical link for Canada's supply chains, increasing container terminal capacity by more than 30% on Canada's west coast, supporting competition in the gateway, and strengthening reliable access to goods Canadians use every day.

Updates on Greater Vancouver Gateway (GVG) 2030 projects Annacis Auto Terminal Optimization Project

Project status: permit issued September 26, 2022

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.

About the permit:

On September 26, 2022 a project permit PER No. 21-019 was issued to Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (the Applicant) to undertake works that will allow the consolidation of two existing auto

terminal operations (Annacis Auto Terminal and Richmond Auto Terminal) to the Annacis Auto Terminal site at 820 Dock Road, Delta (on Annacis Island in the Fraser River) on federal lands managed by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. The project was approved subject to [44 permit conditions](#) the applicant must meet to ensure the project does not result in significant adverse environmental effects. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2022 and be complete in fall 2023.

The project webpage is [here](#).

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

Project status: permit issued in July 2022

Construction scheduled to begin in winter 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 held a Phase Two public engagement period to share draft designs and collect feedback on traffic management during construction.
- The project engagement site with project details, video and schedule is [here](#).



Delta Community Office update

This summer, the Delta Community Office team hosted 12 Container Trail tours and 8 tours of Westshore Terminals, engaging directly with several hundred people. Thank you to Westshore Terminals for partnering with us to allow the community to learn more about their operations.

[more >>>](#)

Paint the Port Art Show

Join us for this port-inspired art show by the South Delta Plein Air Painters who painted outdoors throughout South Delta this summer. The show will run Wednesday to Saturday for the month of October. Opening day on Wednesday, October 5 will feature artists painting en plein air (outdoors) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Throughout the month, the art show will feature artists in residence, vote for “Best in Show”, interactive port games, and more. (Credit: *MSC Loading Out* by Rod Winning)



Thank you to BC Railway for allowing plein air painters to access its property along the causeway.

Container Trail tours are scheduled for Saturday, October 15 and Friday, October 28. [Tour details and to register, click here.](#)

Port Adventure Family Tours are scheduled for Friday, October 21. [Tour details and to register, click here.](#)

To receive up-to-date event information, contact the Delta Community Office or subscribe to our e-newsletter [here.](#)