



Port Community Liaison Committee – Delta | October 12, 2023

Business update

August 2023 year-to-date

	Total Cargo	Auto	Coal	Grain	Potash	Foreign breakbulk	Container TEUs	Cruise*
YTD								
Compared to 2022	6%	28%	-3%	99%	-20%	-20%	-18%	63%

- Increases seen for autos (+28%), grain (+99%), sulphur (+9%).
- Declines in coal (-3%), potash (-20%), foreign breakbulk (-20%), container TEUs (-18%), petroleum products (-1%), chemicals (-7%), wood pellets (-24%), and canola oil (-3%).
- A two-pager overview of cargo stats from June 2022 to June 2023 is [here](#).
- The media release is [here](#).

General updates

President and CEO transition

- After 14 years as president and CEO of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, Robin Silvester's last day at the helm of the organization was Friday, June 30, 2023.
- The decision to select a new president and CEO will be made by the port authority's board of directors, who are currently leading a comprehensive search.
- As an executive search of this nature takes some time, Victor Pang, the port authority's chief financial officer, has been appointed as interim president and CEO while the board conducts its search. Victor will continue in his role as CFO during the transition.
- An announcement regarding the new president and CEO is expected in early 2024.

ILWU strike

- Strike action by 7,400 B.C. dockworkers in July 2023 resulted in significant disruptions to trade moving through the Port of Vancouver. Collective bargaining negotiations between B.C. Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU Canada) and ILWU Local 514 began on November 30, 2022. The previous agreement expired on March 31, 2023.
- On August 1, 2023, an agreement was reached that ended the labour dispute.
- The port authority's focus continues to be enabling Canadian trade. The recovery continues, with individual port terminals and cargo types recovering at differing speeds.

Work Bank and S&P Global's Container Performance Index Rating

- The World Bank and S&P Global's container performance index rated the Port of Vancouver 347 out of 348 container ports for 2022. The port was ranked similarly low for 2021, at 368 out of 370.
- The World Bank 2022 Global Container Port Index report measures a container ship's "average port hours per port call" in an attempt to compare the performance and productivity of ports around the world. The report compares different port models across different operating locations and regulatory regimes throughout the world. The Port of Vancouver has a common-user model and handles the most diversified import and export

cargo mix in North America—something that can be challenging to capture in a ranking system. The ranking is only for the Port of Vancouver's container sector.

- The port authority is responsible for enabling trade through the Port of Vancouver and can speak to overall port operations. Terminals are run by independent operators who are responsible for discussing their own operations.
- We were disappointed to see the Port of Vancouver's ranking in the World Bank 2022 Global Container Port Index report. We are looking into the ranking, including the report's methodology and sample data used, to better understand the results and are talking to shipping lines and industry partners to ensure they are getting the service they need from the Port of Vancouver.
- We are now seeing congestion ease in the container sector and would expect to see our rank improve in 2023 onwards; however, the last few years have reinforced the need to continue to invest in port infrastructure and technology to accommodate Canada's growing trade and keep supply chains moving efficiently.
- Similar to other west coast ports, strong consumer demand in 2021 and 2022 caused a surge of imports through trans-pacific trade routes including at the Port of Vancouver, which resulted in congestion. Container trade through the Port of Vancouver in 2022 was also affected by supply chain congestion in Ontario and Quebec throughout the year and overhang from extreme flooding in late 2021 in the early part of the year.

Local channel dredging

- Port authority representatives are part of a working group that continues to advocate with stakeholders and government to find a source of long-term funding and to create a long-term action plan.
- The port authority has provided all stakeholders and government representatives with a situation report to help build awareness of the issues facing long-term dredging of local channels.

Port authority-led/funded projects

Annacis Auto Terminal Optimization Project

Project website: portvancouver.com/annacisautoterminal

- An aerial video featuring rail upgrades is available on YouTube in [English](#) and [French](#)

The project includes:

- Expanding two existing terminal rail yards for an additional 61 rail car spots
- Installing additional electric vehicle charging stations
- Replacing select terminal buildings with a new vehicle processing facility

Project status:

- The vehicle processing centre (VPC) and EV chargers will be constructed in two phases.
- Onsite ground improvement work was completed in May 2023
- The second phase of construction on the vehicle processing centre and EV chargers is expected to begin in late September 2023

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

Project website: portvancouver.com/frasersurreyupgrades

Project status: construction will begin October 2023.

Project update: Construction noticed issued on October 6, 2023. Current project newsletter is [here](#).

The project includes:

- Extension of Timberland Road South as the arterial route for traffic to travel through the Fraser Surrey Port Lands
- Upgrades to the Timberland "Y" intersection to create a four-way intersection
- Railway crossing upgrades along Timberland Road to meet new federal standards
- Construction of an inbound container truck lane and vehicle access gates, managed and maintained by DP World Fraser Surrey
- Installation of overhead signage to direct vehicles

- Adding street lighting and closed-circuit television cameras, and integrating camera feeds into the port authority's operations centre

Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project

Project website: www.robertsbankterminal2.com

Project status: received environmental assessment certificate from Government of British Columbia.

- On October 2, the Government of British Columbia approved the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 program by issuing an Environmental Assessment Certificate, along with the provincial conditions that the program must meet. This follows the federal approval received in April of this year.
- Each approval brings a set of conditions that must be met in order for the program to proceed. Federal conditions largely focus on overarching environmental preservation and wildlife protection, while provincial conditions are tailored to address provincial interests and concerns of British Columbians. Conditions related to Indigenous interests and priorities are included in both federal and provincial decision statements.
- Before construction can begin, there are other essential steps required. Some of these steps include securing permits, such as the *Species at Risk Act* compliant *Fisheries Act* Authorization approval, and collaborating closely with Indigenous groups in essential decision-making, initiating procurement processes, and preparing for a final investment decision.
- The port authority's media release is [here](#).
- The Roberts Bank Terminal 2 community fund opens for applications on October 18. \$125,000 will be given to organizations that serve and enrich the Delta community. This fund is the first intake of the \$6 million RBT2 community investment program, which was announced publicly in October 2021. More info about the program is [here](#). The online application form, criteria, timing, etc. will be posted on portvancouver.com/rbt2benefits on October 18.

Tenant-led/other projects

DP World Fraser Surrey Inc. | Canola Oil Transload Facility

Project website: [Projects - DP World Canada](#)

Project status: permit issued (PER No 22-017)

Project update: no update

Project description: DP World Fraser Surrey Inc. will redevelop a portion of its existing Fraser Surrey Terminal and Berth 10 to function as a canola oil transload facility. Redevelopment would result in a canola oil throughput capacity of approximately 1,000,000 tonnes per year. Project activities and components include:

- Canola loadout terminal at Berth 10, including construction of a concrete marine access trestle, loading platform, and a catwalk connection between Berths 9 and 10, all supported by approximately 40 piles total (approx. 35 in-water)
- Construction of ancillary loading deck and platform infrastructure, such as a marine loading arm and upgraded marine bollards and fenders
- Installation of two rail spur tracks (one replacement, one new) for rail receiving and unloading, including construction of railcar bottom offloading stations, unloading pumps, piping and control cables
- Construction of the canola storage facility comprised of:
 - Three carbon steel 15,000 metric tonne capacity storage tanks (18m high, 37m diameter)
 - Elevated tank foundations, with associated ground improvement works
 - Vessel loading pumps
 - Containment area with liners, precast walls, and foundations; and
 - New fire water loop with six hydrants

TDK Metro Terminals | Annacis Island Distribution Hub & Grain Handling Facility

Project website: [TDK Expansion Project | TDK Metro Terminals Ltd. \(tdklogistics.com\)](#)

Project status: permit application (PER No 21-098) under review

Project update: permit application on hold at the request of the applicant

Project description: In April 2023, TDK Metro Terminals submitted a project permit application to upgrade the existing TDK Logistics site (at 480 Audley Boulevard on Annacis Island) in Delta. The proposed project is on federal lands managed by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. Project activities and components include:

- Demolition of an existing warehouse building
- Reconfiguration of truck gate and container yard, including construction of gate entrance and exit buildings
- Construction of two new rail tracks at the end of the existing Southern Railway of British Columbia (SRY) spur track, to accommodate a total of 20 rail cars
- Ground improvement works using Rammed Aggregate Pier (RAP) ground densification methods, extending to a depth of approximately 15 metres
- Installation of mobile grain handling operation (using mobile grain conveyors)
- Associated miscellaneous works including utility removals and installations, removal and installation of fencing and lighting installation
- Installation of below grade canola oil transmission and recycle lines to connect storage tanks to the marine trestle
- Development of ancillary facilities including, control building, Motor Control Centre, security facility and vehicle parking
- Various associated utility installations, relocations and removals

Construction is expected to take approximately 20 months. Should the proposed project be approved, construction is expected to last 12-18 months and would take place during standard hours.

Public engagement period: Between May 18 and June 15, 2023, the Applicant invited public comment on their proposed project. The public engagement summary report is online [here](#).

Other updates

Deltaport Truck Staging Facility usage report

	Total # of users	Daily average	Highest Usage	Date of highest usage
May 2023 (May 20 th onwards)	1161	166	243	May 24, 2023
June 2023	3652	166	364	June 23, 2023
July 2023	1945	103	214	July 19, 2023
August 2023	2662	127	211	August 25, 2023
Sept 2023	3280	156	319	September 11, 2023

- On September 14, the facility was activated between 13:06 and 14:40 hours (24-hour clock) due to a system outage at Deltaport container terminal.
- As of May 26, 2023, Deltaport offers afternoon truck gates on an ad-hoc basis only. This has reduced afternoon truck traffic (1600 onwards).
- The facility was used on six occasions for commercial vehicle inspections and continues to be used for GPS servicing on container trucks every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Delta Community Office update

- Container Trail tours are scheduled regularly. Next tours are October 13 and 14, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Connecting communities with indigenous storyteller Nathan Wilson, a member of Tsawwassen First Nation, will be sharing his indigenous heritage and cultural stories on October 28, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Speaker series featuring representatives of CN Rail is on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. Presentations at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Visit portvancouver.com/delta to register or contact the Delta Community Office.