

Port updates

South Shore Community Liaison Committee meeting | June 18, 2020

General updates

COVID-19 response

- COVID-19 has created some challenges across the Port of Vancouver, and the full port community has been responding to ensure the health and safety of the workforce.
- The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has made health and safety adjustments across our organization, including for our office employees, our harbour patrol team and at the major infrastructure projects we are leading.
- As we talk about our local economic recovery, trade through the Port of Vancouver remains strong overall, thanks to our diversified cargo base, and we have been able to keep our construction projects moving forward.
 - We are continuing to advance more than a billion dollars' worth of infrastructure projects, with partners, across the Lower Mainland right now
 - These include the Centerm Expansion Project, and our National Trade Corridor Fund-funded gateway road and rail projects, some of which are already in construction too
 - These projects are sustaining jobs and helping drive this region's economic recovery at this pivotal time—and we're very proud to be a part of that.

Encampment on lot 5

- As a Canada Port Authority, we are responsible for facilitating Canada's trade objectives and ensuring the safety and security of the port lands we manage on behalf of Canada. We acknowledge and understand that there are complex social and public health issues involved with the tent encampment, and continue to work closely with both provincial and municipal authorities to coordinate next steps and ensure any and all actions are taken peacefully and respectfully.

Cruise season

- As a response to COVID-19, the Government of Canada has deferred the arrival of cruise ships to October 31, 2020, at the earliest.
- The safety of passengers and guests who visit Canada Place is extremely important to us. We will continue to be in discussions with our cruise line, industry, government, tourism, and destination partners to look ahead to the 2021 season.

Annual General Meeting

Invitations shared with SSCLC by email on May 8, 2020

- On Tuesday, June 9, we held our first-ever virtual annual general meeting and were well-subscribed with over 240 attendees.
- As required by the *Canada Marine Act*, we hold an AGM every year to present our audited financial statements, discuss our previous year's results, and to provide an opportunity for stakeholders and the public to ask questions of the president and chief executive officer. This year, besides discussing 2019 highlights, we looked at how our work is moving forward amidst COVID-19.
- It is great to have the chance to connect, even if virtually. Thank you to all who attended.

Community awareness campaign

- Our new [community awareness campaign ad](#) is airing until Sunday, June 21.
- The ad ran for four weeks and features port authority-led infrastructure projects, focusing on how they contribute to rebuilding the economy and creating local jobs.
- The ad was featured on television, social media, sponsored news content and online video streaming platforms.

Safe boating

- We are encouraging everyone to follow [safe boating practices](#) to ensure safety on the water:
 - Take caution around human-powered water craft and follow recommended speed restrictions
 - Safety on the water also includes following the [safe physical distancing guidance](#) from Transport Canada and health authorities when planning outings on the water

Port authority-led projects

Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project

- The Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project are being built to help meet anticipated near-term demand for containers shipped through the Port of Vancouver. The projects are expected to be complete by 2022.
- The projects include:
 - A reconfiguration and expansion of the Centerm container terminal
 - A new overpass on Centennial Road to remove road and rail conflicts
 - Changes to Waterfront Road to create a continuous port road from Canada Place to McGill Street
 - The removal of the Heatley Road overpass
 - Coordination with other tenant and port road maintenance on port lands

Project permit amendment for the Centerm Expansion Project

Details shared with SSCLC by email on April 9, 2020

- On May 11, 2020, an amendment, PER No. 15-012-03, was approved by the port authority. The amendment relates to condition 47, permitted construction hours. Condition No. 47 of Project Permit 15-012 was amended to allow for on-terminal construction works for the Centerm Expansion Project continuously (24 hours, 7 days a week) for the period from May 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020 (six months).
- The project components associated with this request include the installation of the new rail mounted gantry crane; rail construction; utility works; relocation of reefer towers; building construction works; surveys; equipment mobilization and demobilization; concrete pouring; asphalt paving, and line painting.
- The rationale for the request is to maintain the construction schedule and help minimize the impact to current terminal operations during the expansion works.
- With respect to noise concerns, these works are not anticipated to generate significant noise relative to the existing noise levels at the terminal. Louder activities will continue to be carried out during daytime hours.
- Full details about the amendment can be viewed on the port authority [website](#).

Centerm Community Fund

Details shared with SSCLC by email on January 9 and April 9, 2020

- The first application period for the Centerm Fund closed November 29. Sixteen organizations in the Downtown Eastside received funding for their projects.

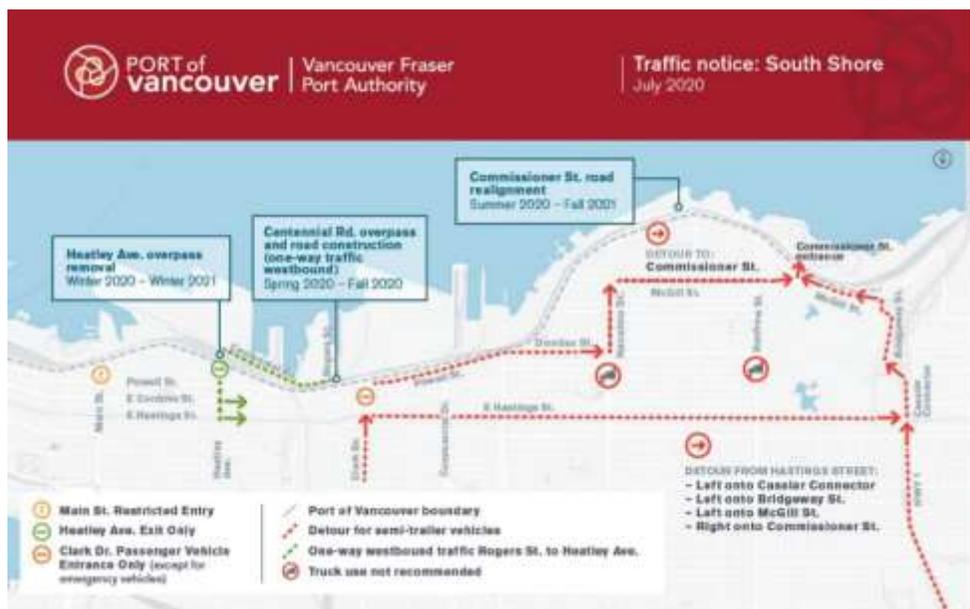
- The second application intake period opened on January 7, 2020. In light of the COVID-19 situation and recognizing the impacts it has had on many, we extended the application deadline from April 3 to May 1, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Eleven applications in the Downtown Eastside received funding for their projects.
- The third and last intake period for Centerm Fund applications: January 5, 2021 to April 22, 2021. For more information about the Centerm Fund, visit portvancouver.com/centerm-fund

South Shore Access Project

- The Clark Drive overpass is open to port pass holders (vehicles only – no commercial vehicles). The overpass remains closed to inbound commercial vehicles (starting November 2019 until winter 2021) in preparation for the upcoming Centennial Road overpass project. All commercial and passenger vehicle traffic may continue to exit Clark Drive. All semi-trailer and commercial vehicles must detour to enter at Commissioner Street at McGill Street.
- Columbia Containers grain elevator deconstruction is complete.
- Road work to realign the Commissioner Street anticipated to begin in the fall.

Traffic detours on the south shore during Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project

- Starting on July 12, 2020 we will be changing traffic patterns on port roads to give us enough space to build the new Centennial Road overpass, while allowing trains to continue to run. For the next six months, all port traffic travelling west of Rogers Sugar will be required to exit the port via the Heatley overpass. This includes truck traffic from Centerm.
- Residents and businesses along Hastings Street, Powell Street, Dundas Street, Nanaimo Street and McGill Street are likely to notice an increase in truck traffic for the duration of this work.
- To help manage traffic impacts in the area, we will be:
 - Adjusting traffic signal timing on Heatley Avenue to reduce truck congestion
 - Removing southbound parking at Heatley Avenue (lane south of Powell Street to Cordova Street, and lane south of Cordova Street to Hastings Street) to allow trucks to turn
 - Installing signage to ensure truck drivers follow appropriate truck routes
 - Using traffic control personnel to manage traffic
- All container trucks at the Port of Vancouver must take part of our ongoing truck licensing system, which requires they meet stringent environmental requirements to reduce air emissions.



Columbia Containers Ltd. shoreline protection rehabilitation

- Advisian, on behalf of Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, is expected to submit a PER application for the Columbia Containers Shoreline Protection and Rehabilitation project.
- The port authority would lead the project to conduct improvements to approximately 600 metres of existing shoreline protection infrastructure along the foreshore of the Columbia Container Ltd. leased property, at 2319 Commissioner Street.
- Due to works being dependent on tides, extended work hours, and related noise mitigation measures, are expected to be part of the application.
- Construction is anticipated to last between mid-August 2020 and the end of February, 2021.

Land Use Plan

Land Use Plan amendment | Public consultation

- Over the past year, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has acquired two sites in the Lower Mainland in the District of North Vancouver and in the City of Surrey. The port authority will also be designating a previously undesignated port authority site in Delta, and will be re-designating a portion of an existing port
- We are required by the *Canada Marine Act* to add or re-designate these lands to our [Land Use Plan](#) by way of an amendment and give them a port authority land use designation.
- Public consultation on this year's amendments will take place from **June 1 to August 1, 2020**.
 - In support of the federal government's guidance to practice physical distancing, the port authority will be holding a digital public information session on June 17, 2020 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. We invite you to [register here](#) to digitally attend.
 - You may also submit feedback to our [online questionnaire](#) by August 1, 2020.
 - The full notification can viewed at: portvancouver.com/LandUsePlanAmendments.

Land Use Plan update | Engagement

- The purpose of a land use plan is to provide a framework to guide the physical development of port lands and waters over a 15 to 20 year period to 2034. The port authority is undertaking a five-year update of our land use plan. Our current plan was adopted in October 2014 following an extensive two-year planning process.
- Phase 2: Engagement on the draft plan will take place between June 19 and August 20 to comply with the 60-day public engagement requirement as set out in the *Canada Marine Act*. To comply with social distancing orders related to COVID-19, all engagement for Phase 2 will be run digitally. An engagement platform will host information and a questionnaire, and a digital 'open house' will be hosted on Wednesday, August 12, 2020.
- Phase 1 engagement ran from November 18 to December 9, 2019. This included an interactive mapping tool of proposed designation updates, background information and a survey. A Summary Report of Phase 1 engagement and the themes we heard is available on our [website](#).

Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) Program

- The port authority-led Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) Program, working in collaboration with the marine transportation industry and government partners, will be bringing back two initiatives this summer to study and reduce underwater noise in support of recovery measure for southern resident killer whales:
 - Lateral displacement involves tugboat operators adjusting their routes to move further away from key feeding areas for southern resident killer whales and is in effect as of June 1
 - The voluntary vessel slowdown in Haro Strait and Boundary Pass will begin once whales are confirmed in the area by Hydrophone data and/or trusted observers
- More details on the 2020 initiatives are available at portvancouver.com/echo

Other projects taking place in the Port of Vancouver

90 Waterfront Road: Temporary project office

- The port authority deconstructed the two-story timber-framed building at 90 Waterfront Road late last year.
- Pending approval of a PER permit, this spring the site will be used as the location of some temporary office space for staff working on the Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project. The current expectation is that these temporary offices will be in place until the project is complete in 2022.

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club: Proposed expansion project

- The applicant provided updated PER materials and the review process is now underway.
- Public consultation for the proposed project is set for June 2 to July 7, 2020. An engagement postcard has been mailed to the community, newspaper ads will be posted and social media ads will commence shortly. The applicant's website and the port authority website have been updated with the new documents.
- To comply with the social distancing requirements of COVID-19, the public engagement from this project will be fully digitally. The applicant has complied with the port authority's new [COVID-19 public engagement requirements](#). The engagement period has been increased from 20-business days to 25-business days and additional promotion has been built into their engagement plan.
- Two digital open houses will be hosted by the applicant on June 16 and June 24 respectively. Port authority staff will be in attendance.
- A engagement summary and consideration report will be prepared by the applicant after the engagement process has been completed and these documents, once approved, will be posted to the port authority website and form part of the PER review process.

Kiewit Ledcor TMEP Partnership | 2115 Commissioner Street – Temporary construction staging, barge loading

- A project permit was issued May 2018 to Kiewit Ledcor TMEP Partnership to develop Site 1 at 2115 Commissioner Street in Vancouver.
- The site is being used as a marine off-loading facility and laydown yard for the Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC project located at Westridge Marine Terminal.
- Construction stopped on site at the beginning of the fish window for Burrard Inlet (mid-March) and the site is being used. However a portion of work remains outstanding. The remaining pile driving will recommence for four weeks at the end of the Fish window (mid-August). A total of eight piles will be installed at that time. Prior to the start of construction, a note will be sent to the community.

For more information about these and other projects happening in the Port of Vancouver:

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