



Port updates

South Shore Community Liaison Committee meeting | December 9, 2021

General updates

Supply chain impacts in BC

- First off, our thoughts and concerns are with all those who have been directly impacted by this emergency and we are tremendously appreciative of all the work being done by everyone responding to it.
- The port has been directly affected, and rail service was halted for 8 days—but both major railways have been able to restore some service to the port. Truck operations at all four container terminals remain steady.
- That's a tremendous accomplishment on the part of the railways and emergency crews—on behalf of the port authority, I'd like to offer our sincere kudos and appreciation
- Seeing Canada's trade moving again so quickly, after the scale of impacts we've seen from recent flooding is testament to the incredible capabilities of the companies and individuals who work within the supply chain and the port system every day
- There is no doubt that this challenging situation will exacerbate the supply chain problems already being experienced and while we cannot speculate on what the impact will be, in the short term at least, it will be significant.
- **Economic impact:** At this point, it's too early to know what the full picture of the economic impact will be. However, one dollar in three of Canada's trade beyond North America moves through the Vancouver gateway so any disruption to port operations is impactful.
- We are posting daily port operations updates to our [website](#).

ZIM Kingston Update

- The ZIM Kingston shifted to Nanaimo anchorage on Friday, December 2. On December 9 it will be shifting to DP World Duke Point. The owners have received CBSA approval to discharge and dispose of the container damage. They are currently facilitating special services to salvage items and re-pack the other containers.

Port authority-led/funded projects

Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project

portvancouver.com/centermexpansion

The Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project are being built to help meet Canada's growing trade demand for goods shipped in containers. The projects have been underway since June 2019 and are expected to be complete by 2022.

Anticipated timeline:

- Summer 2020 – Construction begins for Centennial Road overpass
- June 2021 – Centennial Road overpass complete
- July 2021 – Removal of the Heatley Avenue overpass began
- 2023 – Project complete

Project permit updates

- The Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project received a project permit from the port authority in April 2018
- The current project permit will expire on April 30, 2022, and the project just received approval to extend the validity of the project permit for one year, from April 30, 2022 until April 30, 2023
- While the construction of all components are progressing well in the midst of a global Covid-19 pandemic, the project completion date is now expected to be April 2023
- This permit amendment will allow the project flexibility to complete some construction activities and address construction deficiencies before the project can be deemed complete
- As part of the port authority's permit amendment review process for this permit amendment, a notice was posted on the Impact Assessment Agency website and a 30-day public comment period was held from October 15 to November 14, 2021. The public had an opportunity to provide feedback on the permit amendment request during the public comment period.

Construction updates since previous meeting on September 28, 2021

- [November 2021 project update newsletter available on the website](#)
- North yard reconfiguration work is ongoing. Working on eastern end of terminal to prepare for the truck gate commission which is anticipated to begin in December
- Rubber tire gantry runway extensions underway with the western expansion passing the 70% completion mark. Handover is likely going to take place in January 2022
- Work on the rail beam for the new electric rail-mounted gantry cranes completed in early July to accommodate the arrival of the new rail-mounted gantry cranes (RMG)
- Rail-mounted gantry crane commissioning will likely be completed in February 2022
- Quay cranes were delivered to the terminal on September 7, 2021. Commissioning will likely be completed in January 2022
- DP World is continuing with interior fit out work inside the new container operations facility
- The Centennial Road overpass opened to truck traffic in summer 2021. Construction to the east, west and under the new overpass will continue for many months, and traffic impacts to trucks and vehicles on port roads can be expected during that time.
- Roundabout at the Stewart Street / Clark Drive intersection now active
- The Heatley Avenue overpass demolition began in July 2021. Demolition to happen in stages, and will be complete in 2022
 - Overpass permanently closed to all vehicle traffic in August 2021
 - The entire overpass will be demolished by spring 2022
 - During the first two stages of stage of demolition, pedestrian, and cyclist access will be maintained on the overpass in order to allow for port pass holders to access port lands
 - The overpass will close to all traffic (pedestrian and cyclists) in February 2022
 - Stage 1 of the demolition now complete
 - Demolition not set to begin again until the new truck gates are operational (~March 2022). Once truck gates are operational, then demolition can continue along with demolition of the old truck gates
- Truck gates:
 - Work ongoing – getting prepared to hand the area over to the Terminal Operator early December so that they can begin commissioning with their European crew
 - Structural steel work for the new truck gates near completion, roof underway on truck canopy. Guardhouse plumbing and electrical is underway. Pre-in and pre-out gates utilities underway
- Current project permit amended, and project permit now expires on April 30, 2023

Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project

portvancouver.com/projects/road-and-rail/commissioner-street-road-and-rail-improvements-project

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Anticipated timeline:

- March 2021 – January 2022 – Road realignment period
- April – October 2021 – Extended work hours (approval pending)
- January 2022 – Early 2024 – Rail improvement works led by CP and currently undergoing our review process

Status update:

- Project sign installed on Commissioner Street in July 2021
- Construction began early March 2021.
- Permit amendment approved for extended work hours between June to October 2021, and November
- Permit amendment request for work in December 2021 and January 2022 under PER review
- Notification letter and November construction schedule (outlining the proposed construction activities, mitigation measures, and what to expect) distributed by mail drop to Burrardview neighbourhood
 - Schedule with specific construction activities and work hours, including general construction work, high-impact work during the day, and some low-impact activities outside of regular work hours, from Mondays to Saturdays between 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and Sundays between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
 - Detailed schedule to be posted on website once approved by PER
- [Detailed schedule on website.](#)
- Should permit amendment approved for extended work hours in December and January, email update to be sent to SSCLC and EVPL along with winter construction schedule (outlining the proposed construction activities, mitigation measures, and what to expect). Winter construction schedule to also be posted on website

Tenant-led/other projects

Proposed CP Commissioner Street Rail Expansion – PER No.21-042

Status update since previous meeting on September 28, 2021: Preliminary Review

- Project description: Anticipated construction from February 2022 to December 2022
 - CP is proposing to expand their existing railway infrastructure to improve fluidity along Commissioner Street and the adjacent Columbia Containers Terminal in the Port of Vancouver. This expansion is being undertaken as part of the Burrard Inlet Road and Rail Improvement Program, which includes the widening and realignment of Commissioner Street to the north between Nanaimo Street and Renfrew Street to accommodate the addition of railway tracks north of CP's existing mainline.
 - The proposed expansion will add two new yard tracks along CP's Cascade Subdivision south of Commissioner Street and on the north side of CP's existing "East L Yard".
 - The proposed new tracks will be situated on CP property, with sections that overlap with lands under the jurisdiction of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.
- Public engagement: a 25-business day public engagement period will be required to be led by the applicant; details will be confirmed during application review.
- CP will be hosting a public online information session on Dec 7 from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Their engagement period will run until December 22, 2021.

Columbia Containers Ltd. shoreline protection and rehabilitation project

Status update since previous meeting on September 28, 2021: *Substantially complete*

- Project status:
 - The first phase of construction is complete. The second phase started first week of September and is anticipated to be complete by first week of December 2021. Night-time works are still not anticipated.
 - Permit approved: August 12, 2020
- Project description:
 - In August 2020, a project permit was issued to the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (the Applicant) to conduct repairs to approximately 600 meters of existing shoreline protection infrastructure along the foreshore of the leased property at 2319 Commissioner Street, Vancouver, B.C. For more details, see our [website](#).
 - In-water works will be conducted during Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Least Risk window for Burrard Inlet (August 16 to February 28, inclusive).
 - Construction for the first phase started in mid-October 2020 and is anticipated to be complete by February 2021. The second phase is anticipated to start in the summer of 2021.
 - The contractor is not planning to work at night, but this is subject to change as the project progresses.
- Information for EVPL: This project is a green use under the EVPL Area Plan.
- Public engagement:
 - Construction notification was distributed to nearby residences and businesses on September 8, 2020, and on August 16, 2021.

Saam Towage - Operations Centre, 2285 Commissioner Street

Status update since previous meeting on September 28, 2021: *Construction complete*

- PER category: B
- Project status:
 - Construction is complete.
 - Project permit issued
- Project description:
 - Saam Towage are proposing to construct a standalone operations facility at their site at 2285 Commissioner Street, Vancouver. The facility would replace the temporary facilities in this same location and act as field operation offices for the marine personnel of dispatch, maintenance, and tugboat crews. More information is available on our [website](#)
- Public engagement:
 - 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 October 14 and November 12, 2020.
 - No comments were received at the close of the public comment period.
 - As required under the permit, construction notification was distributed in the area specified in the permit 10 business days prior to physical work.

Western Canada Marine Response Corporation – Oil spill emergency response base

- Project status:
 - Land-based construction re-started in June and was temporarily stopped in July to allow for stormwater infrastructure upgrades on separate project. The project is expected to be complete in fall 2021. More information about the project can be found [here](#).
 - Amendment issued on July 22, 2020
- Permit issued on May 17, 2017

Sterling Shipyard Remediation and Infill Project – PER No. 20-191 (SSLC, EVPL)

- Project description: See [website](#).
- Public engagement:
 - Between October 25 and November 29, 2021, the Applicant invited public comment on their proposed project. All public comments should be sent directly to Applicant. Please submit your feedback about the proposed project by visiting the Applicant's [engagement website](#).
 - 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 October 25 and November 23, 2021.
 - The summary of the public engagement and consideration report of how feedback was considered will be available on the [port authority's](#) and the applicant's [website](#). 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.

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](#)

For information on our current community awareness campaigns:

- [Building a zero emissions port by 2050](#) (30-second commercial)
- [Eco-Action](#) program for ships (15-second commercial)
- [Climate Smart](#) (15-second commercial)