



## Port updates

East Vancouver Port Lands and Liaison Committee meeting | April 20, 2022

### General updates

#### Business update

##### Port of Vancouver performance: 2021 year-end statistics

Despite the pandemic and global supply chain challenges, as well as extreme weather events in B.C., 2021 cargo volumes through the port increased by 1% from 145 to 146 million metric tonnes over 2020. For full details, see the media release below and on our website [here](#).

- 2021 total port volume 0% higher than 2020
  - 1% lower than 2018, the last record
- 2021 bulk grain volume 10% lower than 2020 however, still the second highest annual volume
  - 2020 was the last record
- 2021 container/TEU volumes 6% higher than 2020, setting a new yearly record
  - 8% higher than 2019

#### 2022 cruise season

- With cruise returning in Canada after two years, we were very pleased to have the first cruise ship to Vancouver for the 2022 cruise season on April 7, 2022. Over 300 cruise calls are scheduled for the remainder of the season. In 2019, the Port of Vancouver scheduled 288 calls.
- As always, and within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the safety of local communities, and that of passengers and guests who visit Canada Place, remains our top priority. We continue to follow the direction of Transport Canada, the lead agency responsible for regulations and safety policies for the cruise industry. The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is also working closely with industry, port communities across Canada through the Association of Canadian Port Authorities, and all levels of government to prepare for the upcoming cruise season.
- **Restrictions on discharge of scrubber wash water take effect:** As of March 1, 2022, new restrictions on the discharge of scrubber wash water at the Port of Vancouver are in effect. For more information:
  - [Port Information Guide](#)
  - [Notice of Amendment: Port Information Guide](#)
  - [Consideration report](#) [PDF]

#### Rolling truck age program update

- From April 11 to 29, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is seeking comments about a revised implementation plan for the Rolling Truck Age Program.
- As we communicated in a [letter to TLS participants](#), associations, and other industry stakeholders on January 14, 2022, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has deferred the implementation of the Rolling Truck Age Program, originally planned for February 1, 2022, for a period of no less than 90 days. During this time, we have been engaging with industry and community stakeholders to seek input to help inform a revised implementation plan for the program.
- We are undertaking this engagement in response to concerns that some truck owners have expressed regarding the implementation timeline for the program, and a letter from Transport Minister Omar

Alghabra asking the port authority to consider a short delay to the implementation date, and to provide a further opportunity for feedback regarding the implementation of the program.

- During this second round of engagement, we are seeking feedback regarding a revised implementation plan, which has been developed in consideration of input provided during the first phase of engagement in February 2022.

## How to participate

*Read the discussion guide:*

[English](#) | [Punjabi](#)

*Attend an information and feedback session:*

Date	Time	Registration
Thursday, April 14, 2022	10:00-11:30 a.m.	<a href="#">Register now</a>
Wednesday, April 20, 2022	1:00-2:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Register now</a>

### *Provide written feedback*

Send an email with any comments you may have about the revised implementation plan to [rtap@portvancouver.com](mailto:rtap@portvancouver.com)

Mail your feedback to:  
Vancouver Fraser Port Authority  
Attention: Rolling Truck Age Program Engagement  
100 The Pointe, 999 Canada Place  
Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3T4

## Active vessel traffic management

### Early engagement ongoing

- In August 2021, Transport Canada announced that the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority would lead the development of a new [Active Vessel Traffic Management \(AVTM\) system](#) to optimize the gateway.
- Active vessel traffic management is the system by which we prioritize and optimize when tier 1 vessels – large vessels with limited maneuverability, move within the port authority’s jurisdiction, to ensure vessel safety and environmental protection, while also increasing the efficiency of goods movement through the port
- The port authority is designing this new collaborative system to manage marine traffic flow at the Port of Vancouver and in southern British Columbia. This work is being done in in cooperation with supply chain partners and industry stakeholders. We are also seeking input from Indigenous groups, various levels of government and community stakeholders.
- The new AVTM system is intended to strengthen marine safety, make the flow of goods more efficient, and manage environmental impacts as well as negative social impacts such as ambient noise and light pollution. It will complement safety and navigation services that the Canadian Coast Guard’s Marine Communications and Traffic Services provide.
- Sign up for program updates [here](#).

### Anticipated timeline

#### *Engagement Process*

- Industry engagement: 2021 – ongoing

- **Early engagement** with Indigenous groups, municipalities and community stakeholders: Winter – Spring 2022
- **Ongoing engagement** with Indigenous groups, municipalities and community stakeholders: Spring/summer – Fall 2022

#### *Implementation Process*

- Development of vision for new collaborative system: Winter – Summer 2022
- Development of technology development: Winter 2022 – Winter 2023
- Continued engagement: Winter – Fall 2022
- Implementation of the AVTM system in Traffic Control Zone 2 (Second Narrows): Fall 2022 – Winter 2023

## **Port authority-led/funded projects**

### **Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project**

[portvancouver.com/centermexpansion](http://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 early 2023.

#### **Anticipated timeline:**

- Summer 2020 – Construction begins for Centennial Road overpass
- July 2021 – Centennial Road overpass complete
- August 2021 – Permanent closure of the Heatley Avenue overpass to vehicles in preparation for removal
- April 2022 – Permanent closure to pedestrians and cyclists of the Heatley Avenue overpass in preparation for removal
- April 2022 – Summer 2022 – Demolition of the Heatley Avenue overpass
- April 2022 – Initial terminal capacity increase complete
- May 2022 – Waterfront road extension complete
- Summer 2022 – Intermodal yard works complete
- Winter 2022 – On-terminal construction complete
- Early 2023 – Project construction complete

#### **Status update:**

- April 2022 project update newsletter
- North yard reconfiguration work is progressing well and is still ongoing
- Rubber-tire gantry (RTG) runway extensions underway in the western expansion, and 90% of western expansion was handed over to DPW in early February 2022
  - Work in the eastern expansion area ongoing (Eastern expansion extensions are underway)
- Rail-mounted gantry (RMG) crane commissioning completion anticipated for March 2022
  - Commissioning on RMG 1, 2 and 3 is now complete
  - RMG 4 and 5 almost complete
  - With the construction of track 5 underway, RMGs are now servicing the Intermodal Yard, replacing the old RTGs

- New container operations facility fit out in final stages; DPW has moved into the new facility. Anticipate to use the new building for terminal operations in April 2022
- 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 summer 2022
  - The overpass will close to all remaining traffic (pedestrian and cyclists) on April 18, 2022 (date updated from March 25, 2022)
  - Demolition not set to begin again until the new truck gates are operational (~April 2022). Once truck gates are operational, then demolition can continue along with demolition of the old truck gates
  - Application for extended work hours (for the demolition works) submitted to PER and is under review
    - Public comment period closed on March 14, 2022
    - Survey closed on March 14, 2022
    - Public engagement and consultation summary report with PER for review
- Truck gates:
  - Handed the area over to DP World in early December 2021
  - Truck gates are in operation since April 2022
- Current project permit amended and project permit expires on April 30, 2023
- Ongoing conversation with Park Board around location of the security perimeter fence installation at CRAB Park. No location confirmed at this time.

## Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project

[portvancouver.com/projects/road-and-rail/commissioner-street-road-and-rail-improvements-project](https://portvancouver.com/projects/road-and-rail/commissioner-street-road-and-rail-improvements-project)

### Anticipated timeline:

- March 2021 – January 2022 – Road realignment period
- March 2022 – Early 2024 – Rail improvement works led by CP

### Status update:

- Permit amendment request [approved](#) to extend the permit expiry date from March 31, 2022 to March 31, 2023.
  - Extension to permit requested in order to complete last remaining activity in the summer 2022 (bypass pumping was not done in December 2021 because of inclement weather). Information about the amendment request was shared with the EVPL committee on March 8, 2022.
- [Commissioner Street Rail Expansion Project](#), led by CP, is not related to the Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project
  - The CP project is currently undergoing a [Project Environmental Review](#) (PER) by the port authority
  - More information about the Commissioner Street Rail Expansion Project can be found at [cpr.ca/commissionerstreet](https://cpr.ca/commissionerstreet). Questions about the project, should be sent to [community\\_connect@cpr.ca](mailto:community_connect@cpr.ca)

## Tenant-led/other projects

### CP Rail Commissioner Street expansion – PER No.21-042

PER Category C / Yellow

#### Status update since previous meeting on October 6, 2021: *Technical review*

- Background: If approved, work is proposed to begin following the completion of the port authority-led Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment, and construction is anticipated to take nine months
- 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: As part of the PER process, the public engagement period ran from November 18 to December 22, 2021. The CP public engagement summary and consideration report was provided to the EVPL committee via email on February 9, 2022 and is available on the port authority and applicant websites. 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. The project team presented and answered questions at the EVPL meeting on October 6, 2021.
- More information on this proposed project is available on our [website](#) or on the applicant's [website](#).

### Columbia Containers Ltd. Shoreline Protection Repair – PER No. 20-061

PER Category B / Green

#### Status update since previous meeting on October 6, 2021: *Project complete*

- The second and final phase of construction occurred in summer 2021 and is now complete.
- 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](#).
- Public engagement: Construction notification was distributed to nearby residences and businesses on September 8, 2020, and on August 16, 2021.

### Saam Towage Marine - Operations Facility, 2285 Commissioner Street – PER No. 20-140

PER Category B / Green and Yellow

#### Status update since previous meeting on October 6, 2021: *Construction complete in December 2021*

## Western Canada Marine Response Corporation - Oil Spill Emergency Response Base – PER No. 16-290

PER Category C / Green

### Status update since previous meeting on October 6, 2021: *Permit amendment under review*

- Project status: Permit amendment request under review to extend the expiry date of the approved permit from November 31, 2021 to July 31, 2022. The extension is being requested due to schedule delays.
- Site prep construction is currently taking place. The port authority advised the permit holder to make slight modifications to their site layout for safety reasons. Accordingly, there have been slight changes to the location of the operations building and installation of parking on both sides, as well as the addition of another trailer which would be located just east of the proposed operation building.
- As part of the Project and Environmental Review for the proposed amendment under the *Impact Assessment Act*, the proposed project was posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry with an opportunity for public comment between February 15 and March 16, 2022.
- More information will be posted [here](#) when available.

## Sterling Shipyard Remediation and Infill Project – PER No. 20-191

PER Category C / Yellow

### Status update since previous meeting on October 6, 2021: *Application under review*

- The project includes remediation and redevelopment activities in subtidal, intertidal and upland areas of a former shipyard at 2089 to 2095 Commissioner Street in Vancouver. Contaminated sediment in the project area will be removed and replaced with clean fill. The remediated area will be infilled to raise the grade and reclaim 4,500 square meters of additional land for future industrial use. Should the proposed project be approved, construction is expected to take approximately 10 months to complete.
- Public engagement: As part of the PER process, the public engagement period ran October 25 to November 29, 2021. The public engagement summary and consideration report is available on our [website](#) and on 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.
- The project team presented and answered questions at the EVPL meeting on October 6, 2021.

## Viterra Inc. | Pacific Terminals New Revetment Slope – PER No. 20-215

PER Category B / Adjacent to EVPL area

### Status update since previous meeting on October 6, 2021: *Amendment issued*

- Viterra Canada Inc. received approval to work outside of the port authority's regular work hours (Monday-Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.) to carry out construction activities related to the project between January 14 and February 28, 2022. The project is located at 1803 Stewart Street, in Vancouver, British Columbia, on federal lands and waters managed by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.
- More information is available on our [website](#). A construction notification was also distributed to residences and businesses north of Powell St within 300 metres of the work area.

### 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](#)