



Port updates

North Shore Community Liaison Committee meeting | June 14, 2022

Business update

April 2022 year-to-date

- April YTD 2022 total port volume 10% lower than April YTD 2021
 - TEU volumes continued to be heavily impacted by the slow recovery from the flood/landslide event that occurred in November and carried into December
- April YTD 2022 bulk grain volume 59% lower than April YTD 2021
 - Lower volumes were due to a low yield crop year impacted by drought
- April YTD 2022 container/TEU volumes 8% lower than April YTD 2021
 - Container volumes were heavily impacted by a slow recovery from the flood/landslide event and a cold snap

General updates

Cruise-led green corridor

- In May, we announced an initiative in collaboration with the Port of Seattle, City and Borough of Juneau, leading global cruise lines, the Global Maritime Forum, Blue Sky Maritime Coalition, and Washington Maritime Blue to explore the feasibility of the world's first cruise-led 'green corridor'
- A green corridor is a maritime route where zero greenhouse gas emission solutions are demonstrated and supported. Green corridors create the technological, economic, and regulatory feasibility needed for zero greenhouse gas emission ships to succeed.
- The collaborative effort is aimed at exploring the feasibility of a green corridor that could accelerate the deployment of zero greenhouse gas emission ships and operations between Alaska, British Columbia, and Washington
- View the full announcement on our website [here](#)



Port authority-led ECHO Program launches expanded measures to support recovery of southern resident killer whales

- On June 1, the port authority-led [Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation \(ECHO\) Program](#) launched its sixth season of large-scale underwater noise reduction initiatives to support the recovery of southern resident killer whales
- Launched in 2014, the ECHO Program is a world-leading program to better understand and reduce the impacts of commercial shipping on at-risk whales off BC's southern coast. For the last six years, the program has implemented voluntary measures to reduce underwater noise in

southern resident killer whale critical habitat, in collaboration with government agencies, the marine transportation industry, Indigenous communities, and environmental groups.

- This year, the ECHO Program is coordinating three large-scale measures to reduce underwater noise across nearly 80 nautical miles of the Salish Sea, with the goal of creating a quieter underwater environment for whales to hunt, navigate, and communicate in. New in 2022, the program has expanded its ship slowdown at Swiftsure Bank to include both the inbound and outbound shipping lanes, which overlap with a known southern resident killer whale foraging area. These expanded measures across both Canadian and U.S. waters could not have been achieved without the collaboration of many from across Indigenous communities, government agencies, the marine transportation industry, and environmental groups in Canada and the U.S.
- For more information:
 - [ECHO Program](#)
 - [Map of ECHO Program's seasonal voluntary measures](#)
 - [List of participating marine transportation organizations](#)
 - View the full announcement [here](#)

Port authority announces winners of Blue Circle Awards for environmental stewardship

- The port authority's Blue Circle Awards recognize shipping companies and terminal operators that go above and beyond to reduce emissions and conserve energy through the port authority's [EcoAction](#) and [Energy Action](#) programs
- Eleven shipping lines and four coastal marine operators recognized for outstanding efforts to conserve energy and reduce emissions at the Port of Vancouver
- Since 2007, the EcoAction program has provided discounts of up to 47% off harbour dues for shipping lines that take measures to reduce their environmental footprint. To date, the EcoAction program has encouraged shipping lines to make investments that reduce greenhouse gases, air contaminants, and underwater noise. In 2021, more than 650 vessels were awarded an EcoAction discount for meeting criteria such as being shore power-equipped, using noise-quieting technologies, and receiving third-party environmental designations
- View the full announcement [here](#)



Burnaby rail corridor improvements complete, improving access to North Shore port terminals

- Last month, the port authority, CN and the City of Burnaby announced the completion of rail upgrades in Burnaby, as part of the Burnaby Rail Corridor Improvements Project
- This important project milestone will allow for more fluid rail movement to port terminals in North Vancouver. The completed rail improvements have reduced the amount of time by half that trains wait in Burnaby for the tunnel to vent
- About 65% of rail traffic through Burnaby goes to the North Shore, so these improvements will result in more trains per hour able to deliver goods to port terminals for export and will reduce train idling in Burnaby

- For more information:
 - View the full announcement [here](#)
 - Visit: [Burnaby Rail Corridor Improvements Project/Holdom Overpass | Port of Vancouver \(portvancouver.com\)](#)
 - For questions about the rail components, please email CN at contact@CN.ca

Port Forward initiative

- Ten years have passed since first incorporating long-range scenario planning into our strategic planning processes. Our new scenario initiative, Port Forward, aims to bring together representatives from diverse organizations throughout the gateway and beyond to collectively imagine our shared future
- This initiative aims to strengthen relationships with key partners and stakeholders and build alignment for our vision for the Port of Vancouver to be the world's most sustainable port
- At our June 14 NSWLC meeting, the committee will be asked to select a community member-at-large representative to participate in Port Forward engagement

Active vessel traffic management program – phase 1 engagement update

- In January 2022, the port authority began engaging with Indigenous groups, local governments, and community stakeholders about opportunities to increase port efficiency and to help better manage the effects of vessel traffic on local communities
- This initial phase of engagement focused on outreach with Indigenous groups, local governments and organizations that have previously expressed interest in vessel traffic management and anchorages, to help us design a meaningful and actionable process for engaging the broader community in the development of the AVTM system moving forward
- Phase 1 engagement is now complete and planning for future engagement opportunities is underway. We appreciate the feedback and insights shared and we look forward to connecting further on this topic at future engagement opportunities in the coming months. The Phase 1 engagement report is available [here](#). Thank you to everyone who provided input.
- For more information:
 - Read the program overview and watch the video [here](#)
 - Register for newsletter updates: portvancouver.com/marine-operations/avtm
 - View the Spring Update newsletter [here](#)
 - Email: AVTM@portvancouver.com

2022 Vancouver Fraser Port Authority annual general meeting

- Our annual general meeting (AGM) took place on May 31, 2022
- 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. Thank you to everyone who attended

Canada Together at Canada Place

- We are returning to an in-person event for July 1 at Canada Place
- Now named Canada Together, the event has been planned collaboratively with representatives from the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. From programming to the name and theme itself, the details of the day were carefully considered to create a welcoming experience for all people who live in this country
- The gathering will feature a full day of festivities, great food, family fun, and performances. [Visit our website](#) for updates, and please free to share with your networks!

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Tenant-led/other projects

Seaspan Vancouver Drydock Waterlot Expansion

Permit under review - Category C. Additional engagement period to take place (date TBC)

- No new updates at this time

Seaspan Ship Load-out Gravel Bed and Shoreline Protection

Permit amendment issued - Category C

- In May 2022, amendment [PER No. 17-407-01](#) was issued to Seaspan ULC. The amendment approved the request to extend the expiry for PER No. 17-407 – Ship Load-out Gravel Bed and Shoreline Protection, generally located at 10 Pemberton Avenue, District of North Vancouver, BC, British Columbia on federal lands and waters managed by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.
- Seaspan submitted an amendment request to extend the expiration date for the works approved under PER No. 17-407 to December 31, 2024. The permit holder requires additional time to finalize design specifications and to complete shoreline protection berm replacement. The scope of the project remains unchanged.

Seaspan Outfitting Pier Extension

Permit issued - Category C

- On October 22, 2021, a project permit was issued to Seaspan ULC to demolish, rebuild and extend an outfitting pier at the Vancouver Shipyards, located at 10 Pemberton Avenue, North Vancouver, British Columbia on federal lands and waters managed by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.
- The project was approved subject to [47 permit conditions](#) that Seaspan ULC must meet to ensure the project does not result in significant adverse environmental effects.
- Construction commenced early June 2022 and is expected to conclude in early 2024. A construction notification was issued to the community in May and can be found [here](#).

Richardson

Richardson Railyard Expansion

Permit issued - Category C

- On May 11, 2022, Richardson was issued a [project permit](#) to undertake a railyard expansion of their North Vancouver terminal located at 300 and 375 Low Level Road, on federal lands managed by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
- The project was approved subject to 47 permit conditions Richardson must meet to ensure the project does not result in significant adverse environmental effects
- Construction is expected to take approximately 20 weeks

Richardson Leg 5

Permit issued – Category B

- On March 29, 2022, a project permit was issued to Richardson International Limited to install two new spouting runs into the existing workhouse at 375 Low Level Road, on federal lands managed by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
- The project was approved subject to 25 permit conditions that Richardson International Limited must meet to ensure the project does not result in significant adverse environmental effects.

Neptune Bulk Terminals

Transfer Ponds Upgrades – Neptune

Permit under review – Category B

- No new updates at this time

Waterfront Limited Partnership - Lions Gate Marine Centre Dock

Permit under review – Category B

- In March 2022, Waterfront Limited Partnership submitted a project permit application to install a new floating dock, two mooring buoys, and extend the footprint of the existing dock to support the existing daytime upland operations of the Lions Gate Marine Centre fronting 60 Senator Rd, in North Vancouver. This project is on federal waters managed by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.
- 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 March 29 and April 27, 2022.
- The purpose of the project is to increase daytime mooring areas for small vessels that are managed by LGMC or for LGMC member use.

Western Stevedoring – Lynnterm Shed 6 Expansion

Permit under review – Category B

- No new updates at this time

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](#)