



## Port updates

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### Business update

#### 2022 mid-year trade results

- On September 22, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority released the 2022 mid-year statistics for goods and passengers moving through the Port of Vancouver.
- Overall cargo declined 11% to 68.3 million from 76.4 million metric tonnes (MMT) compared to the same period last year, reflecting impacts of a poor Canadian grain harvest, congestion caused by 2021 flooding in B.C., and global and national supply-chain challenges.
- More information: [2022 mid-year cargo statistics](#)
  - Overall cargo down 11% to 68.3 MMT compared to mid-year 2021
  - Container quantities decreased 7% to 1.8 million TEUs. Import quantities decreased 4% to 951,122 TEUs. Export quantities decreased 11% to 852,356 TEUs
  - Breakbulk cargo decreased 3% to 9.6 MMT. Log and wood pulp volumes decreased 7% and 8% respectively, while basic metals increased 18% compared to 2020
  - Bulk dry cargo decreased 11%. Coal, potash and sulphur volumes increased 23%, 1% and 20% respectively, while grain volumes are down 60%
  - Bulk liquid tonnage down 0.1%. Petroleum products volumes increased 16% and canola oil volumes decreased 62%
  - Cruise vessel calls increased 10%, while the number of passengers is down 35% compared to the first half of 2019

### General updates

#### New mural at Canada Place

- A new mural—featuring artwork by local Tsleil-Waututh artist Ocean Hyland ([@dropletfromthesalishsea](#))—was installed recently on the west promenade of Canada Place.
- The new mural, titled *The winds and the waters will always call us home*, was part of the Vancouver Mural Festival and will be in place for a minimum of two years.



#### Rolling Truck Age Program update

- In discussion with Transport Canada, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority will defer implementation of the Rolling Truck Age Program by a final six months to April 3, 2023. Transport Canada indicated that a final adjustment to the program schedule would provide additional flexibility to better enable operators to comply with the program's requirements.
- Approximately 80% of the 1,800 container trucks serving the Port of Vancouver are already compliant with the Rolling Truck Age Program. While less than a dozen trucks would have been impacted on September 15, the port authority continues to hear concerns from a small segment of the drayage trucking sector regarding access to compliant trucks.

- Although the port authority has identified that a sufficient number of compliant trucks are currently available in B.C., it is offering this final extension to support a last cohort of trucking companies and owner-operators coming into compliance with these important standards that support clean air for local communities.
- We thank the many trucking companies and owner-operators who have already brought their trucks into compliance with the program, supporting the communities they drive through every day.
- Once the Rolling Truck Age Program is implemented in 2023, it will significantly reduce harmful air emissions from trucking activities in the region, supporting the region's air quality and residents' health. For more information about the program, visit <https://www.portvancouver.com/truck-rail/truck/truck-licensing-system/>.

### World Maritime Day at Canada Place

- An event to celebrate World Maritime Day was organized by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and was held at Canada Place on October 1. The free event featured live music and other performances, and fun activities that celebrate life in a port city.
- World Maritime Day was established by the International Maritime Organization, with celebrations held internationally to recognize the importance of shipping safety, maritime security, and the marine environment. The theme for this year was “New technologies for greener shipping.”



### North Shore Wastewater Treatment Facility site visit

- In July, the committee toured the construction site of the new North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant. Sign up to receive project updates from Metro Vancouver [here](#).



### Connecting students to the Port of Vancouver

- Did you know? We offer free educational field trip experiences for grade four to six students at the Port of Vancouver Discovery Centre, both in person and virtual. Learn more on our website [here](#) – and please feel free to share with the teachers in your network.

## Tenant-led/other projects

### Seaspan Vancouver Drydock Waterlot Expansion

#### Permit under review – Category C

- Public engagement activities took place over the summer of 2021.
- Based on feedback from the public, the port authority requested that the applicant perform supplementary public engagement focused on proposed mitigations.
- The application was placed on hold from December 2021 until July 2022 while Seaspan prepared for the supplementary engagement process.
- The supplementary public engagement period on the proposed mitigations commenced June 23, and completed on September 14, 2022.
- The applicant will produce an engagement summary and consideration report shortly.

## Sesapan ULC – Ship Load-out Gravel Bed and Shoreline Protection

Permit amendment issued – Category C. Construction status: Ongoing

- In May 2022, a permit amendment was issued to Seaspan ULC. The amendment approved the request to extend the expiration date for the works 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 ULC – Outfitting Pier Extension

Permit issued – Category C. Construction status: Ongoing

- 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.

## Richardson Railyard Expansion

*Permit issued – Category C. Construction status: Ongoing*

- 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.
- 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.
- More information: visit the project page on Richardson's [website](#).

## Neptune Bulk Terminals – Dumper 2 Potash Replacement

*Permit under review – Category B*

- In June 2022, Neptune submitted a project permit application to develop Dumper 2 Potash Replacement, located at 1001 Low Level Road in the City of North Vancouver.
- 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 June 16 and July 15, 2022.
- Neptune is proposing to replace one of two existing potash rail dumper receiving and conveyor systems located at the south east corner of their terminal (immediately north of Berth 3). Potash Dumper No. 2 is reaching the end of its service life and requires a replacement that will match the increased dumper capacity as Potash Dumper No. 1, which was refurbished in 2010.
- As part of the project, the dumper hopper is to be extended approximately 6 metres towards the north east for positioning and unloading of up to 3 rail cars at a time. Overall terminal throughput is not anticipated to increase as a result of the project and there is no anticipated change in rail or vessel traffic.
- The total land-based footprint includes an area of approximately 2000 square metres with the majority of the excavation to a depth of 7 metres and up to a depth of 12 metres.
- Work is anticipated to commence Q1/Q2 of 2024 and is expected to occur over a period of approximately 10-15 months.

## Neptune Bulk Terminals – Transfer Ponds Upgrades

### *Permit issued – Category B*

- On May 6, 2022, a project permit was issued to Neptune Bulk Terminals to install a coalwater forcemain and upgrade the pump stations at Neptune Bulk Terminals CANADA Ltd. located at 1001 Low Level Road, North Vancouver.
- The project was approved subject to [31 number permit conditions](#) the applicant must meet to ensure the project does not result in significant adverse environmental effects.

## Darwin Construction Ltd. Building Demolition – 1440 Columbia Street

### *Permit issued – Category B*

- On September 14, 2022, Darwin Construction Ltd. was issued a project permit application to demolish an approximately 450 square metre, 2 storey (approximately 6 metres high) commercial building at 1440 Columbia Street in North Vancouver.
- The existing lease for this property expires on August 31, 2022 and the building will need to be demolished to facilitate ultimate consolidation of this land with Western Stevedoring, the neighbouring port authority tenant.
- The building currently sits slightly above the road grade and is proposed to be demolished to grade. Although excavation was not initially proposed, some is anticipated, though the volume will be minimal, including removal of the shallow foundation and materials to bring the site level.
- The works are anticipated to take approximately six weeks to complete.

## Upland Owner – New Recreational Dock

### *Permit under review – Category B*

- In August 2022, the upland owner at 4776 Eastridge Road, District of North Vancouver submitted a project permit application to develop a fixed dock and access ramp at 4776 Eastridge Road in the District of North Vancouver on federal lands and waters managed by the port authority.
- As part of the [Project and Environmental Review](#) under the *Impact Assessment Act*, the proposed project was posted on the [Canadian Impact Assessment Registry](#) with an opportunity for public comment between August 4 and September 2, 2022.
- Should the Project Permit be approved, construction would begin shortly thereafter and take approximately two months to complete.

## Waterfront Limited Partnership – Lions Gate Marine Centre Dock

### *Permit under review – Category B*

- No new updates at this time
- 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 (LGMC) fronting 60 Senator Road, 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 issued – Category B*

- On April 21, 2022, a project permit was issued to Hatch on behalf of Western Stevedoring to construct two new fabric covered shelters that will store primarily steel and project cargo at the Lynnterm East Gate Terminal at 15 Mountain Highway in North Vancouver. The project is on federal lands managed by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.
- The project was approved subject to [30 permit conditions](#) that Western Stevedoring must meet to ensure the project does not result in significant adverse environmental effects.

### **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](#)