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**FACTS & STATS**

Port Metro Vancouver has handled:

- 20 million tonnes of forest products to September 30, 2011, for an increase of 19% over last year.
- 2.086 million TEUs to October 31, 2011, with container traffic flat YTD.
- 3.3 million tonnes of specialty crops to September 30, 2011, up 8% over last year.

Visit our website for detailed statistics on all sectors.

**IN THE NEWS**

**Last chance to register:** Join Port Metro Vancouver CEO Robin Silvester for his annual address to the Vancouver Board of Trade on Friday, November 25. Robin will share the outcomes of the 12-month scenario planning initiative "Port 2050" that reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of the Port, and its public and industry stakeholders. For more details, please [click here](#).

**Vancouver sees growth in 2011 cruise numbers:** Port Metro Vancouver recently concluded a successful 2011 Vancouver-Alaska cruise season, posting a 15 per cent increase in passengers over 2010. Between May and October 2011, the Port welcomed 663,425 passengers on 27 different vessels over 199 cruise ship calls. In addition, the use of shore power at Canada Place during the 2011 season reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 1,318 tonnes. [Read more](#).



Holland America Line's ms Volendam alongside Canada Place.

**Canada's Economic Action Plan delivers results:** the [Hon. James Moore](#), Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, and regional Minister for British Columbia, and the [Hon. Ed Fast](#), Minister of International Trade and Minister Responsible for the Asia Pacific Gateway, recently celebrated the successful conclusion of 440 infrastructure projects across British Columbia under the [Infrastructure Stimulus Fund](#), a key part of Canada's Economic Action Plan. The announcement also marked the completion of the 17 port-led and industry-funded stimulus projects. [Read more and see the list of PMV projects](#).

**The Hon. James Moore announces the successful completion of B.C.'s Infrastructure Stimulus Fund projects, including 17 Port Metro Vancouver projects.**





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**Port extends Truck Traffic Pilot Program:** In an effort to mitigate the impact of container trucks accessing Port Metro Vancouver via City of Vancouver streets, PMV and the City agreed to a Truck Traffic Pilot Program that confines container trucks transiting through Vancouver to the [Major Road Network \(MRN\)](#) authorized routes. The Pilot Program, which began as a 90-day trial on August 25, 2011, has been extended until January 25, 2012 to allow additional time to determine a longer-term approach to the movement of drayage container trucks through the City. [Read more.](#)



**Silvester profiles the Vancouver Gateway at the World Shipping Summit:** Robin Silvester, president and CEO, Port Metro Vancouver, addressed the [World Shipping \(China\) Summit](#) on November 4, in Hainan, China. Billed as the world's largest top-level shipping conference, hundreds of leaders from the international shipping industry attend the Summit annually to discuss emerging global maritime topics. In his address, Mr. Silvester discussed the progress of the Vancouver Gateway and the Port's efforts to work collaboratively with customers, port users and service providers to plan and deliver capacity and reliability. [Read Mr. Silvester's address.](#)

**Robin Silvester, Port Metro Vancouver president and CEO, addresses the 2011 World Shipping Summit.**

## SUPPLY CHAIN INITIATIVES

**Gateway terminal dwell performance:** Since March 2011, the Vancouver Gateway has recorded container terminal dwell performance consistently below the three-day dwell target. This performance has resulted in an overall improvement in the consistency and reliability of the Gateway supply chain, benefiting customers through better predictability of cargo delivery. The Port's October 2011 average on dock container dwell time was 2.4 days.

**Port Metro Vancouver's Winter Plan update:** Port Metro Vancouver is once again collaborating with key personnel from the terminals and railways to develop a Gateway Intermodal Integrated Winter Plan for the 2011-2012 winter season. The objective of this integrated plan is to focus on import rail activity within the Gateway and the approach to be taken for dealing with predictable events, recovery plans for dealing with unpredictable events, communication, and an escalation process to ensure timely response. The plan will be published during the week of December 5.

**CN's Winter Plan update:** CN is rolling out an enhanced 2011-2012 Winter Operating Plan to effectively manage the coming challenges of snow and cold across its network. Building on the success of last year's plan, CN has expanded its fleet of Distributed Power (DP) locomotives by 25 per cent compared to fall 2010 and acquired 40 more efficient, high-horsepower locomotives. DP locomotives are remotely controlled from the lead engine and are placed at various points along the train to distribute power and braking force. DP technology improves airflow for braking in cold temperatures, allowing CN to maintain efficient train lengths and solid on-time performance. CN is also deploying strategic reserves of intermodal rail cars and additional equipment and employee resources at key locations to protect service and ensure 24/7 customer support.



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**CP's Winter Plan update:** [Canadian Pacific](#) is well prepared for winter operations, the company has recently advised customers and investors. CP has taken steps to fortify its operation with contingent resources. CP will have 61 of 91 new locomotives ordered in operation by the end of this year, which should improve efficiency even in blustery weather, with the remainder being delivered in the first quarter of 2012. Older units will be kept in warm storage so they are available if required for surge capacity or for weather-related incidents. CP is adding staff, strategically located at critical points in the rail network. It will also increase the number of snow plows, switch heaters and snow fencing in target high drift areas. Additional sidings and upgrades on secondary routes provide alternatives to winter-affected routes.

[We invite your comments, concerns and suggestions](#) on how to improve the logistics planning process. Look for regular updates on Supply Chain Initiatives in upcoming Port eNewsletters.

## PROJECT UPDATES

**Low Level Road Project:** The Detailed Design phase for the [Low Level Road Project](#) has recently commenced with the completion of a competitive selection process for project-related support. [Stantec](#) and [Lucent Strategies](#) have been retained for technical design and consultation support respectively, while [MMM Group](#) will provide overall project oversight. Upcoming activities include meeting with North Shore tenants and terminals to confirm operational requirements and initiating the community engagement program.

**South Shore Corridor Project:** Project definition for the [South Shore Corridor Project](#) is substantially complete. To date, Port Metro Vancouver has held individual meetings with key Port stakeholders, community groups and the [City of Vancouver](#) to solicit input. The Port will continue to work directly with stakeholders to develop construction phasing and traffic management plans over the coming months. A public open house has been scheduled for December 3.

**Container Capacity Improvement Program:** Port Metro Vancouver is conducting public consultation regarding the Deltaport Terminal, Road and Rail Improvement Project (DTRRIP) between November 21 and December 16. As an upgrade to existing infrastructure, Port Metro Vancouver has identified the project as the most efficient and cost-effective way to increase container capacity on the West Coast. Opportunities for input from communities, stakeholders and the public will be provided through a number of multi-stakeholder meetings, open houses and an online feedback form. [Learn more.](#)

## TRADE AND BUSINESS

**Bigger ship expands B.C. potash trade globally:** The *U-Sea Colonsay*, a new, larger [Canpotex](#) potash ship, recently made its maiden voyage to [Neptune Terminals](#), expanding Canpotex's capacity to export more potash to Asia and other international markets, creating more jobs in North Vancouver. [Read more.](#)

(L-R) Jim Belsheim, President, Neptune Terminals, Scott Rudderham, Vice President Operations, Canpotex Ltd., Hon. Blair Lekstrom, B.C.'s Minister of Transportation, and Andrew Saxton, MP North Vancouver & Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury Board, tour the *U-Sea Colonsay* at Neptune Terminals.





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On November 16, the semi-submersible heavy transport vessel *Zhen Hua 29* discharged 14 barges while at anchorage in Burrard Inlet.

**Notice of fee amendments:** In accordance with Section 51 of the *Canada Marine Act*, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Board of Directors has approved **fee amendments** that will take effect on January 1, 2012. Persons interested in providing comments on the subject of the proposed fee amendments may do so **by email** prior to January 1, 2012.

**Environmental Achievement Award:** Port Metro Vancouver and the Ports of **Seattle** and **Tacoma** have been honoured with an Environmental Achievement Award by the **Pacific Northwest International Section** of the Air & Water Management Association. The three Ports received the award in recognition of their partnership to reduce port-related diesel particulate matter and greenhouse gas emissions in the Georgia Basin-Puget Sound airshed, through the **North West Port's Clean Air Strategy**. [Learn more.](#)



Port Metro Vancouver employees participate in a Command Post Exercise to test readiness in the event of a MARSEC level increase.

**Exercise Exercise Exercise:** Last month, Port Metro Vancouver, **Deltaport** and **Westshore Terminals** participated in a Command Post Exercise to test communication and command readiness in the event of a **Transport Canada Marine Security (MARSEC)** level increase. The exercise put the PMV operations centre employees and management through the test of multiple scenarios leading to a MARSEC Level 2 situation. The exercise was undertaken as phase one of a two-phase plan; the second phase will be a "live play" exercise in 2012, involving first responders, regulatory agencies, port stakeholders and clients testing responses to a simulated MARSEC level increase experienced in real time.

**Canadian Pacific salutes fallen soldiers:** Each year, **Canadian Pacific** hosts a Remembrance Day and Veterans' Day ceremony at its corporate headquarters in Calgary, next to a special monument honouring all CP employees who fought for Canada and the United States. At 11 a.m. local time on November 11, CP brought all trains across Canada and the United States to a halt, observing two minutes of silence followed by one long train whistle blast in honour of those who have served their country in war. [Read more.](#)



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**Terminal wins international award:** Port Moody's Pacific Coast Terminals has been awarded the International Bulk Journal's Environmental Protection Award for their leadership in reducing air emissions and improving marine ecosystems and habitat surrounding the terminal. [Read more.](#)

**Meet Brad Old:** Brad is the newest member of Port Metro Vancouver's Trade Development team. As Trade Development Coordinator, Brad coordinates the development of the Port's marketing plan, contributes to the corporate planning and business development processes, prepares presentation materials, analyzes market information and handles customer inquiries. Brad's 'behind the scenes' work is essential in supporting the Port's customer service team. Brad joined the Port in 2006 as a Port Operations Specialist (Security) and in 2010 he became an Operations Coordinator. That same year, Brad was selected to represent the Port at the Olympic Marine Operations Centre. In September of this year, Brad graduated with his Bachelor of Commerce from Royal Roads University. Prior to joining PMV, he spent eight years in service as an Officer in the Australian Army and also holds an Advanced Diploma of Armoured Operations, a Diploma of Personnel and Operations Management and an Advanced Diploma of Indonesian Language.



**This month at Canada's largest port:** The Russian Federation Navy missile cruiser *Varyag* and tanker *Irkut* visited Vancouver this month, berthing at Canada Place from November 8-11. The *Varyag* is 187 metres long, weighs in at 11,370 tonnes and carries a crew of 515. The *Irkut* is slightly smaller at 130 metres and 11,140 tonnes with a crew of 62. Russian sailors participated in Remembrance Day events at the Pioneer Square Cenotaph and spent time socializing with members of the Canadian navy.

**The Russian cruiser *Varyag* enters Burrard Inlet.**

### QUICK LINKS:

- View the [Container Services Berth Window Schedule](#), last updated October 26, 2011.
- Access the Port's [eNewsletter archive](#).
- Stay up-to-date with the [Port's latest projects](#).
- Email [Customer Service](#) for Trade or Business Development inquiries.
- Visit the [Opportunities](#) section of our website for [career information](#) and answers to [frequently asked questions](#).

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