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**Port welcomes new CEO:**

On March 16, Port Metro Vancouver welcomes Robin Silvester, the port authority's incoming President and CEO. Read the Port's news release.

**IN THE NEWS**

**BCMEA/ILWU Local 514 contract negotiations update:** ILWU Local 514 held a ratification vote on February 24 on the tentative agreement reached with the BCMEA on February 13. The Union has advised that the ballots will be sealed and opened on Friday March 6, when they will be counted and the result communicated. Local 514 are receiving mail-in ballots from various locations across the Province up to March 5. Results will be posted on [portmetrovancover.com](http://portmetrovancover.com) and the [BCMEA](#) website.

**Truck Licensing System environmental requirements extend to 2017:** Port Metro Vancouver will introduce new environmental requirements to its mandatory Truck Licensing System (TLS) effective April 1, 2009 and extending to 2017. Beginning April 1, trucks 1993 and older not already in the TLS will be prohibited. Trucks 1993 and older already in the TLS will no longer be allowed without an approved age exception. Trucks 10 years and older must be tested and pass the Port's opacity requirements. For complete information please visit the [Pacific Gateway Portal](#).

**Enhancements to the container trucking Dispute Resolution Program began on February 1:** Port Metro Vancouver and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure implemented enhancements to the container truck licensing dispute resolution program beginning February 1. Key program enhancements in the areas of audits, sanctions and penalties will enhance the effectiveness of the dispute resolution program. [Click here](#) for more details about the enhancements.

**EJ&E transaction approved:** CN has completed its acquisition of the principal lines of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E). CN will begin a measured, step-by-step integration of the acquired EJ&E lines that operate over 198 main line miles of track encircling the City of Chicago. What does this mean for CN customers at Port Metro Vancouver? The EJ&E purchase will make it much easier for freight discharged at Vancouver to be delivered in Chicago and to connect through Chicago to other destinations. For the full story or to learn more about CN, please visit [CN's website](#).

**SUPPLY CHAIN INITIATIVES**

**Rail Service Review:** Transport Canada is proceeding with its review of rail service across Canada based on the final terms of reference it issued in August. You may access the Rail Service Review terms of reference on the [Transport Canada website](#). Port Metro Vancouver fully supports this review and is taking an active role in the process. Rail service is critically important to the performance of the supply chain and the continued growth and success of the Port as a North American trade gateway and economic generator. Rail is also a key component of our ongoing supply chain initiative aimed at enhancing service reliability and accountability among all Port service providers. The goal of Port Metro Vancouver's submission will be to provide the federal government with an independent fact-based examination of rail service that focuses on recommendations to improve the overall performance of the supply chain servicing the Port's customers. The quality of the Port's submission will depend, in large part, upon the data and information that other organizations contribute. The Port's submission will document a composite port supply chain perspective consisting of common themes and not report individual shipper concerns. If your organization is interested in participating in Port Metro Vancouver's submission, please contact us at [Customer Service](#). All input will be kept confidential.





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## PROJECT UPDATES

**Deltaport Third Berth (DP3) update:** Removal of approximately 38,000 m<sup>3</sup> of surplus preload material was completed on January 22. Current construction activity includes filling and densification of the area behind the caissons. Approximately 65% of the underground services have been installed. The substation upgrade is proceeding, which includes new switchgear and the installation of a 12kV transformer to power three new 85 LT Quad Cranes. The tieback anchors for the north end sheet pile wall have been completed and that area is also being filled and densified. Scheduled for completion in autumn 2009, DP3 will increase capacity at the Deltaport container terminal by up to 600,000 TEU by adding a third berth and 20 hectares of container storage facilities to the existing two-berth container terminal. [Click here](#) to stay up-to-date with the Port's latest projects.

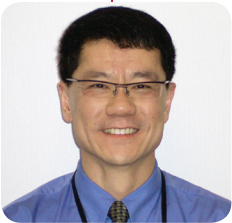
**Canada Place shore power project status:** The Canada Place shore power project is on schedule to be completed by the beginning of the 2009 cruise season. Shore power is a highly effective way to reduce marine diesel air emissions by enabling ships to shut down their engines and connect to BC Hydro's electrical grid in order to provide necessary power while docked. Construction and installation on the Canada Place shore power facilities and equipment began February 9: the concrete pad for the entrance service switchgear has been poured and formed; the delivery of service switchgear and substation equipment is scheduled for early and mid-March; asphalt removal has been completed to accommodate the west substation and the area is under preparation for concrete pad forming. The Canada Place cruise ship shore power installation is the first use of this technology in Canada and represents a \$9 million cooperative initiative among Transport Canada, Western Economic Diversification Canada, the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Port Metro Vancouver, Holland America Line, Princess Cruises and BC Hydro. [Read our news release.](#)

## TRADE AND BUSINESS

**Customer Service Profile Alix Li:** Port Metro Vancouver is pleased to introduce **Alix Li, Account Services Manager**. Alix is responsible for managing customer account relationships, stakeholder engagement, business improvement processes and marketing program development with a focus on the container sector. Prior to joining Port Metro Vancouver, Alix served for two years as Manager, Air Cargo Marketing at the Vancouver Airport Authority. Alix has previous experience working at the Vancouver Port Authority, the Royal Bank of Canada (Asia) in the Republic of Singapore, and at Canada Ports Corporation in Ottawa. Alix earned a Bachelor of Arts with a joint major in Economics and Comparative Development Studies from Trent University and a Master of Arts in Economics from Queen's University. The Port is pleased to welcome Alix back. To contact Alix, please email [Customer Service](#).

**Port Service Partners Market the Vancouver Gateway to Customers Overseas:** In November 2008, a group of Port Metro Vancouver service partners collaborated on a two-week trade mission in Asia to call on 15 of the Port's container shipping line customers. The joint effort included representatives from [Port Metro Vancouver](#), terminal operators [DP World](#), [TSI Terminal Systems Inc.](#) and [Fraser Surrey Docks LP](#), railways [CN](#) and [CP](#), and the British Columbia Maritime Employers Association ([BCMEA](#)). Customers appreciated the unique and effective team approach from competing transportation supply chain representatives in the Vancouver Gateway.

**Asia Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative Business and Trade Update:** Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada has led a number of customer relationship building trade missions in partnership with Canadian transportation service providers to the United States, Taiwan, Japan and Korea. Industry participants have included Port Metro Vancouver and the ports of Halifax, Montreal and Prince Rupert, and railways CN and CP. Participants have met with key logistics executives for some of the leading importers and exporters in North America and Asia to present the value proposition for using Canada's transportation network as a critical component of their global supply chain operations between Asia and North America. These meetings have also allowed the Canadian service providers to reinforce their commitment to providing beneficial cargo owners with an efficient, secure and reliable transportation network for trade between Asia and North America. Trade activities planned for 2009 will target additional shippers in the U.S., Japan and Korea. Visit the [APGCI website](#) for more information and updates.





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**Focus on Business: Labour performs 31.3 container moves per hour**

Gordie Westrand, President, ILWU Local 500, reported that on Friday, February 13, ILWU Local 500 longshore labour performed 31.3 container moves per hour over two shifts on the *Hanjin Washington* berthed at Vanterm container terminal. "The union wanted to attempt to get to 30 cans or better over two shifts," said Westrand. "We insisted on following all regular safety procedures and we took all our breaks." Longshore labour achieved the impressive display of productivity despite a 30-minute equipment malfunction at the end of one of the shifts. "We're particularly proud that we used our regular rank-and-file labour scheduled to work that day," said Westrand. "We told the guys before the shift that we're the best longshore out there and today we're going to show it - and they came through." Westrand himself remained on the *Hanjin Washington* for the entire 16 hours. Westrand acknowledged the support of the union's officers, labour and the terminal operator TSI Terminal Systems Inc. in the accomplishment, and noted, "the ship's agent was delighted." Local 500 also recently performed 30.6 container moves per hour over two shifts working the ER Perth (COSCO), also berthed at Vanterm, on February 20.

**PMV launches a new website:** Port Metro Vancouver launched [portmetrovancover.com](http://portmetrovancover.com) in January following comprehensive consultation with internal and external audiences. The new website features an interactive map with ships in port and major marine cargo terminal locations plus a web cam wall on the home page. The "Shortcuts" bar on the home page allows users to quickly access some of the most popular links. The "Port Users" section features essential information for commercial users and tenants, and PMV will continue to update and enhance the site to meet the diverse needs of customers, stakeholders and community partners. In the past 30 days, the Port's new website has received more than 22,000 hits and welcomed more than 8,000 unique visitors. In coming months, additional features will include a new subscription service, RSS feeds and an enhanced photo gallery. We invite you to explore the new website and provide your [feedback](mailto:info@portmetrovancover.com) at [info@portmetrovancover.com](mailto:info@portmetrovancover.com). We welcome your comments and suggestions.



**This Week At Canada's Largest Port:**

At 232.37 meters long, the *Morning Lisa* is the largest vehicle carrier in the world with a carrying capacity of 8,000 cars. The *Morning Lisa* unloaded vehicles destined for the Canadian auto market on February 26 at [Annacis Auto Terminal](#) on the Fraser River.

**QUICK LINKS:**

- View the [Container Services Berth Window Schedule](#).
- Lafarge Canada Inc. will construct a Ready Mix Concrete Batch Plant on a three-acre site on Commissioner Street at the foot of Victoria Drive, in the City of Vancouver. [Learn more...](#)
- Matcon Excavation & Shoring Ltd. has submitted a proposal to develop a barge loading facility on a vacant half-acre site in the 2900 block of Commissioner Street. [Learn more...](#)
- Port Metro Vancouver is developing a Recreational Waterfront Facilities Management Plan, resulting from a study that commenced in March 2008. [Learn more...](#)
- Conservation project improves Fraser River fish and intertidal habitat. [Read our news release.](#)
- Port Metro Vancouver 2008 statistics reflect bright spots despite worldwide economic conditions. [Read our news release.](#)

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