

PROJECT UPDATE



1) Tug basin, home to Seaspan's tug operations and Roberts Bank Lifeboat
2) New berth face 3) Terminal area for container storage.

Each container* that arrives at Port Metro Vancouver contributes approximately \$4200 to the Canadian economy. Container imports include consumer products such as mandarin oranges, electronics, clothing and furniture. Container exports include Canadian products such as pulp, specialty lumber, malt, lentils and barley.

*container refers to a standard forty-foot shipping container or two TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units)

One Year Until Opening

The countdown to the opening of the Deltaport Third Berth Project (DP3) is on, with completion scheduled for fall 2009.

The new tug basin is complete and Seaspan is now operating tugs from the new location. The tug basin will also be the future home of the Roberts Bank Lifeboat Society's new vessel *Roberts Bank Lifeboat*.

The marine works portion of the project is still in progress and TSI Terminal Systems Inc. (TSI), the terminal operator, has awarded a contract for the first phase of the terminal work, which includes the installation of underground utilities.

Port Metro Vancouver and TSI plan to build a temporary barge berth to continue moving construction-related material to the site by water to keep as many project-related trucks as possible off local roads. To date, for the marine

works portion of the project, the Port has been able to eliminate more than 600,000 truck trips on local roads by barging construction materials to the site.

Highway 17 improvements were completed in September. In total, the Port invested more than \$3 million on Highway 17 improvements that will mitigate additional truck trips anticipated as part of DP3.

In March 2009, BC Rail Company will begin work on the two additional rail sidings within their existing right-of-way.

Habitat compensation projects are also underway with salt marsh enhancement, rock reef and off-site compensation projects. In total, the Port will invest more than \$25 million in environmental mitigation and enhancement projects to improve local marine environment and wildlife habitat.



New Home for Roberts Bank Lifeboat

The Roberts Bank Lifeboat Society purchased a new vessel in January 2008 from Invergordon, Scotland. The vessel, relaunched as *Roberts Bank Lifeboat*, was shipped to Canada in April 2008 and has been moored at Westham Island where it underwent a complete retrofit and sea trials. The *Roberts Bank Lifeboat* is expected to move to its new home at the DP3 tug basin in 2009.

ENVIRONMENT



Members of Jacques Whitford Consulting team monitoring the construction area at DP3 for signs of marine mammals.

Marine Mammal Monitoring Program

Port Metro Vancouver has developed a Marine Mammal Monitoring program as part of DP3 and is committed to working with the marine community to implement actions that will reduce the potential for harmful effects to killer whales and other marine mammals, both during and after the completion of DP3.

As part of the program, the Port commissions marine biologists to conduct regular surveys that document marine mammal habitat use near Roberts Bank. Results are compared

with pre-construction surveys and additional marine mammal information from other sources. The information gathered is shared with agencies and organizations to contribute to the long-term survival of killer whales and other marine mammals by reducing potential human-induced effects.

During project construction, if killer whales are observed within the construction zone of influence, construction activities are halted until the whales move outside the zone.

COMMUNITY



Ribbon cutting event to celebrate the purchase of Seven Seas Fishing Company property in Ladner. From left to right: Councillor Hawksworth; Councillor Campbell; Mayor Lois Jackson; Captain Gordon Houston, President and CEO, Port Metro Vancouver; Councillor Engelland; and Heras Family.

Investing in Your Community

Port Metro Vancouver was pleased to contribute \$2 million to the Corporation of Delta for the acquisition of the Seven Seas Fishing Company property in Ladner. On October 2, 2008, the Corporation of Delta hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the purchase of the property that will secure public access to Ladner's historic waterfront.

"The Port is pleased to provide Delta with these funds to assist in its long-term plans for improving Ladner Harbour," said Captain Gordon Houston, President and Chief Executive

Officer, Port Metro Vancouver. "It is an important element in the preservation of Ladner's marine heritage and demonstrates our commitment to support and enhance the well-being of the communities in which we operate."

Since 1997, Port Metro Vancouver has contributed almost \$9 million to the community of Delta to fund major projects including parks, arts and seniors centres and community projects.

2007 ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY ANNUAL REPORT

The 2007 Adaptive Management Strategy (AMS) Annual Report was released in July 2008. The report was prepared by a multi-discipline environmental science and engineering team consisting of Hemmera, Northwest Hydraulic Consultants and Precision Identification Biological Consultants and was reviewed by the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), an independent panel of scientists.

Based on the results of the first year of monitoring for the DP3 AMS program, to date DP3 construction activities do not appear to have contributed to significant negative ecosystem trends

in the inter-causeway area. The report is available at online at portmetrovancover.com.

The AMS is one of several significant environmental programs being undertaken as part of DP3. This science-based approach to monitoring and managing the Roberts Bank ecosystem will allow for early detection of changes in the inter-causeway ecosystem to prevent or mitigate potential significant negative ecosystem trends attributable to the DP3 Project. The AMS was developed in conjunction with and approved by Environment Canada.

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

Port Metro Vancouver will host a public information session to provide the community with an update on the Deltaport Third Berth Project (DP3).

Tuesday, December 2, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Tsawwassen Golf and Country Club
1595 - 52nd Street, Delta, BC

Port Metro Vancouver staff will be available to answer questions related to the Deltaport Third Berth Project. Members of the Deltaport Third Berth Project Community Liaison Committee (DCLC) will also be in attendance.

Deltaport Third Berth Project Community Liaison Committee

The Deltaport Third Berth Project Community Liaison Committee (DCLC) consists of 17 individuals representing residents, community associations and local businesses in Delta, along with port stakeholders. The purpose of the committee is to work with the Port during the construction and first year operation of the third berth to identify community concerns and develop potential solutions to address those concerns. For more information or to contact the committee, please visit the DCLC website at delta3berthinfo.org.



New Name, New Look

On January 1, 2008, after nearly one-hundred-and-fifty years of existing separately, the Fraser River Port Authority, North Fraser Port Authority and Vancouver Port Authority combined to become the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, now known as Port Metro Vancouver. For more information, visit our new website at portmetrovancover.com.



"LADNER HARBOUR FISHBOATS" | GLENN MORGAN | SOUTH DELTA BC

Delivering good to our communities.

The Port has contributed almost \$9 million to the community of Delta since 1997, including \$2 million for the purchase of the Seven Seas Fishing Company property in Ladner. This property will provide waterfront access for us all to enjoy as part of the revitalization of Ladner Harbour.

Throughout history, the spirit of a port has been chronicled by community artists. That tradition has been rekindled by our local artists with outstanding results. View them at portmetrovancover.com



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