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### Prince Rupert welcomes 100th container vessel

The Fairview Container Terminal welcomed the 100th container vessel to call at the 16-month-old facility with the arrival of the 5,446-TEU (20-foot equivalent units) COSCO Hong Kong on February 14.

Prince Rupert Port Authority President & CEO **Don Krusel** says this is an important highlight for the Prince Rupert Gateway and it is fitting that the 100th vessel from the CKYH Alliance is from COSCO. The shipping line was the first to call at Fairview Terminal and has been dominant in growing traffic and working with the partners to improve Prince Rupert's competitive advantages for shippers.



"We've come a long way from four years ago when the Fairview Container Terminal was still a dream," notes Mr. Krusel. "This significant milestone reflects the collaborative efforts of our partners, CN, Maher Terminals and th

CKYH Alliance shipping lines, and our workforce to help customers achieve their supply chain business goals by consistently providing superior reliability speed and efficiency in getting their products to market. In light of the economic downturn, we appreciate that COSCO and their shippers continue to recognize the benefits and competitive advantages of moving their cargo through Prince Rupert."

For more information on the Port of Prince Rupert performance, visit <http://www.rupertport.com/>

### State-of-the-art Container Examination Facility opens

Canada's newest and most advanced Container Examination Facility (CEF) is on line and fully integrated into the seamless and timely movement of inspected containers between the Fairview Terminal and rail transit schedules.

The \$10 million state-of-the-art 40,000 square foot facility, constructed and operated by Quickload Terminals on nearby industrial-zoned Ridley Island, enables the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) to examine targeted containers quickly and efficiently.



The facility also features new Pallet VACIS x-ray machines to screen entire pallets, which is expediting inspections, and made-in-Prince Rupert venting technology to further speed up the inspection of containers for rail transit. As a result, the average dwell time from ship to rail for inspected containers is now an industry-leading four to five days. The dwell time for uninspected containers is 24-48 hours.

"Our team comprised of Maher Terminals, CBSA, Quickload and PRPA are ensuring containers identified for inspection get back into the logistics stream quickly," notes Director Operations & Security **Gary Paulson**. "With the new CEF and advanced security technology, we have significantly decreased the dwell time of inspected containers that is now the best in the industry in Canada. More importantly, the feedback from our customers has been positive and they are pleased with the efforts and efficiencies demonstrated by Prince Rupert."

The new Quickload CEF also offers 24/7 container venting, a first at Canadian ports, to minimize dwell time for containers to be inspected and reduced testing time.

## **ILWU foremen's union voting to ratify new contract**

The British Columbia Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) and International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 514 are in the final stage of a ratification vote on a new three-year contract, following a union vote on the February 24 nightshift.

While Local 514 has advised that the final tally on the union vote won't be released until Friday March 06 when mail-in ballots from across the province are all received, the Port is optimistic that the tentative settlement reached by both parties Feb. 13 will be ratified by the union.

"We are looking forward to having these contract negotiations behind us so we can collectively focus our energies on our business and our customers during these difficult economic times," says President & CEO **Don Krusel**.

"We also appreciate the support and dedication of our local workforce, who continued to provide outstanding services while negotiations were underway."

ILWU Local 514 is the foremen's union for Canadian West Coast ports, of which 11 of the 450 members work in Prince Rupert. The other ILWU locals representing 5,000 dockworkers province-wide ratified their contract earlier in 2008.

### **ASEP Program**

## **Prince Rupert Receives \$2 million for Aboriginal training and Job Opportunities**

Prince Rupert has received two million dollars from the Government of Canada's Human Resources and Skills Development (HRSDC) under the Aboriginal Skills & Employment Partnership (ASEP) to provide training and long-term employment opportunities for local Aboriginal Peoples in port-related businesses.

The ASEP funding application, which requires a commitment of matching funds from local partners, was made by the Prince Rupert Port Authority on behalf of the Lax Kw'alaams, Metlakatla and Kitkatla Indian Bands. Aboriginal peoples comprise nearly 50% of the population of Prince Rupert and surrounding communities.

"In our consultations with First Nations around port development, one of the central themes was a strong desire to obtain training and skills to facilitate aboriginal employment at the new Fairview container facility and other port businesses," explains Port Authority Manager Public Affairs **Maynard Angus**. "The Aboriginal Skills & Employment Partnership is just the type of program we need right now," says **Jerry Lawson**, Prince Rupert ASEP Society board chairperson and Lax Kw'alaams councilor. "There will be many jobs available requiring a trained work force when the Prince Rupert Port moves into the next phase of development. When these opportunities come knocking, we want our Aboriginal population to be ready for those jobs like everyone else. Other Prince Rupert ASEP partners include Maher Terminals, CN, International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 505, SMIT Marine, Prince Rupert Grain, Ridley Terminals Inc., BC Ferry Services and Naikun Wind Development.

## **Lighthouse Harbour Ministry makes seafarers feel at home in Prince Rupert**

Christmas may be gone, but it is not forgotten by the seafarers who receive visits and presents during the festive season from Prince Rupert's Lighthouse Harbour Ministry (LHM).



"The Port of Prince Rupert is continuing the age-old mariners' tradition of

welcoming visiting seafarers and offering them Christian fellowship, comfort, care packages and the amenities of home," says Director Operations & Security **Gary Paulson**.

LHM chaplains and community volunteers provide Christian fellowship year-round to seafarers who are away from home and family for months on end. LHM volunteers in Prince Rupert perform a wide range of services ranging from visiting ships and coordinating religious celebrations to baking biscuits, knitting touques and offering free transportation.

## Prince Rupert Port Authority Welcomes New Team Member

**Andrew Mayer** has joined the Prince Rupert Port Authority as **Director Commercial Affairs**, providing support for the advancement of the commercial operations of the Port. His responsibilities include providing legal advice to the organization, managing property transactions and commercial operating agreements and overseeing third-party financial/business feasibility studies and financial modeling of the commercial expansion of the Port. Mr. Mayer is an accomplished legal counsel with extensive experience in marine, environmental and transportation law, including civil, commercial, corporate, regulatory and administrative matters. In addition to a Bachelor of Law from Dalhousie University, he holds a Diploma in Shipping Marine Operations from the British Columbia Institute of Technology, Pacific Marine Training Institute and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of British Columbia.



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