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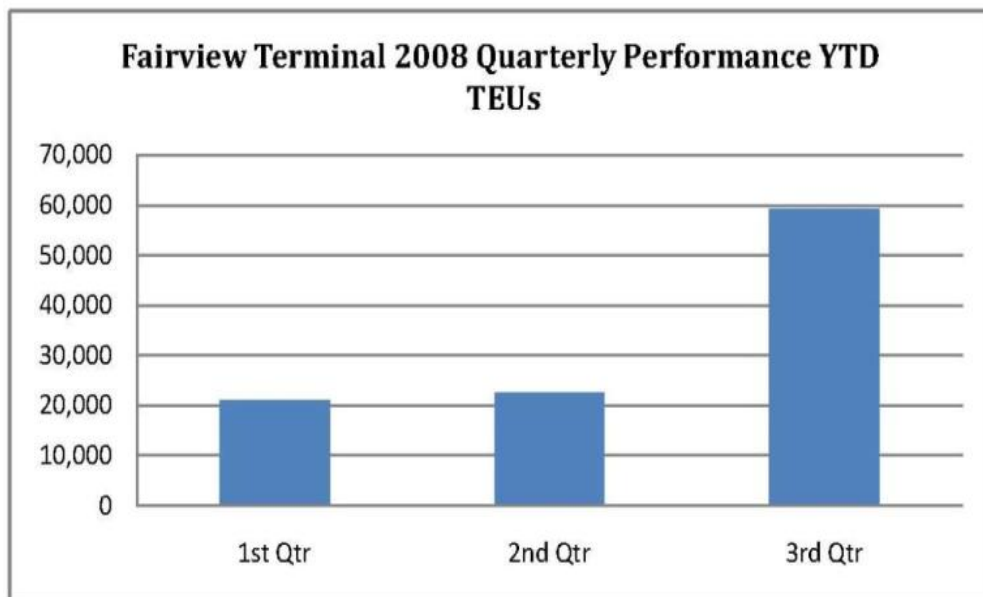
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Container Traffic Jumps 281% in 3rd versus 1st Quarter

Fairview Terminal's accumulative container throughput to the end of the third quarter 2008 totaled 102,775 TEUs (20-foot equivalent units). On a quarterly basis, container volumes increased 281% from the first three months (21,040 TEUs) to the third quarter (59,220 TEUs).

The jump in throughput is a result of the COSCO-CKYH Alliance's weekly CEN service that began calling on the port July 8 with 7,400 & 8,200 TEU vessels, as well as the continued increase of containers from the Alliance's initial PNW service.



"Our month-over-month container throughput is seeing significant growth," notes Prince Rupert Port Authority President & CEO **Don Krusel**. "This certainly speaks well of the demonstrated velocity of the entire supply chain system and shippers' satisfaction with the terminal's performance."

Highlights of the year-to-date traffic included: 50 container vessels have called on the terminal; 62,365 TEUs from Asia offloaded for North America destinations; 40,423 TEUs were loaded for export; 33.6% of containers for export were fully laden.

Port of Prince Rupert Tonnage Steady

The Port of Prince Rupert handled 7,736,935 metric tonnes of cargo to the end of the third quarter, a slight increase of 70,000 tonnes compared to the same period in 2007, despite the downturn in the global economy.

While Prince Rupert Grain traffic is down 28%, the decline was offset by the 1.03 million tonnes in containers handled at Fairview Terminal. The year end for the grain industry is July 31, when grain supply from the 2007 crop is typically low in the last quarter (May-July), while demand during the year has been high. According to the Canadian Wheat Board, end-of-year grain stocks were very low at 3.9 million tonnes, equivalent to a drought year.

Throughput at Ridley Terminals is up slightly over 2007, while raw log shipments decreased to 92,427 tonnes in 2008 compared to 134,240 tonnes to the end of September 2007.

Prince Rupert 2008 Cruise Season 'Biggest Year Ever'

The Port of Prince Rupert's cruise business experienced its best cruise season ever, welcoming 63 ships and a record 103,635 passengers, compared to 99,135 in 2007, and a 21% increase in passengers participating in shore excursion tours, from 25,621 in 2007 to 30,962 this year.

Prince Rupert has undertaken a number of initiatives to improve cruise guests experiences in the city, including projects by Tourism Prince Rupert to create a user-friendly way-finding program to cultural, heritage, shopping and other attractions, and a weekly market featuring products created throughout the northwest region.



The continuous improvements in the shore excursion program are resonating with more passengers, who spent nearly \$2.4 million in the city on tours and excursions in 2008, up 32.4% from 2007 and 267% in 2006. In addition, it is estimated that the total economic impact of the cruise industry in Prince Rupert exceeded \$10 million in 2008. For more information, visit: [2008 Cruise Season Results](#).

COSCO Upgrades CEN Service - Increases TEU Capacity

The arrival of the 7,455 TEU COSCO SHENZHEN on October 13 signaled the beginning of the change out of most of the smaller container ships in the COSCO/CKYH Alliance's China Express North (CEN) service in favour of larger vessels. The upgrades from 5,446 TEU to mostly 7,455 TEU ships will increase the five-vessel capacity of the CEN service, which began calling on Prince Rupert in July, by an additional 1,200 TEUs.



"All things are working well in our favour in shipping through Prince Rupert," says COSCO Canada Executive Vice President **Dave Bedwell**. "The Fairview container terminal and CN's connecting rail service are offering our shippers a superior level of fluidity, cost effectiveness and speed that is enhancing their competitiveness and bottom line."

Western Canada Exports Gathering Steam

The continuing ramp up of container traffic through the Port of Prince Rupert has expanded to include growing cargo volumes from Western Canada to Asia. The CKYH Alliance has begun to move containers of forest products from CN's intermodal and distribution centre in Prince George and petrochemicals from Edmonton, capitalizing on the abundant natural resources and vibrant oil and gas industry.

"CKYH Alliance shipping lines are working with customers to take advantage of valuable commodities produced in Western Canada that may have markets in Asia and to better utilize the empty containers returning to Asia," explains COSCO Canada Executive Vice President **Dave Bedwell**. "This includes each of our CKYH shipping lines working very diligently with CN and Prince George regional customers to facilitate their goods getting to market through the use of CN's PG Intermodal and Distribution Centre." "The new transportation corridor is not just about moving more cargo through Prince Rupert," says PRPA President & CEO **Don Krusel**. "It's also about transforming the economy of northern British Columbia by creating new business opportunities to service the new Fairview Container Terminal and by manufacturers capitalizing on the more efficient and cost-effective, high-speed supply chain to export their products to Asia."

The Alliance is comprised of [Hanjin](#), [YANG MING](#), [COSCO](#), and ["K" Line](#). For more information on the CN Prince George intermodal and distribution centre terminal, visit [CN](#).

CN's BC Northern Corridor Safety Program Achieves National Recognition

CN's Dangerous Goods Team's demonstrated efforts to improve rail safety and reliability along the northern railway corridor connected to the Port of Prince Rupert have been recognized with the 2008 Safety Award by the Railway Association of Canada, which represents 55 freight and passenger railways.



After consulting with community leaders, CN developed and delivered a two-day online emergency response training program to 120 municipal responders from 36 communities along the rail corridor. The training is designed to improve communication and coordination between CN and emergency responders in the field and ensure they have the tools and resources to effectively and quickly manage incidents. "The project is a smart way to invest in the safe, secure transport of dangerous goods by rail," says RAC President and CEO **Cliff MacKay**. "It fosters open communications and builds partnerships with local communities resulting in better emergency preparedness and planning."

New Oil Recovery Vessel Enhances Emergency Response Capabilities

The Port of Prince Rupert's Emergency Response Program has enhanced capabilities to quickly and effectively manage fuel spills on the North Coast with the deployment by Western Canada Marine Response Corporation/ Burrard Clean Operations of its new \$1.3 million oil spill response vessel to Prince Rupert Harbour.



WCMRC/BCO President **Kevin Gardner** says his company, a Transport Canada certified Response Organization, decided to open a Prince Rupert office and purchase and deploy the Eagle Bay there to "stay ahead of the curve" in light of the developments in the region, including the planned expansion of the container business and growth in other North Coast marine traffic.

Gary Paulson, PRPA director Operations & Security, says "the addition of the Eagle Bay is an important addition to our arsenal of resources available to mitigate potential environmental impacts of any marine

incidents along the North Coast."

The Eagle Bay has twin engines with 1,320 horsepower, a top speed of 26 knots and can handle rough seas including two-to-three metre waves. For more information, visit: [Burrard Clean](#).

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