



LUMBER RETURNS TO FAIRVIEW



West Fraser Lumber Co. Ltd has confirmed a shipment of 24,000 tonnes of lumber through Fairview Terminal destined for the eastern seaboard of the United States. The lumber began arriving by truck during the first week of June and will be loaded onto the vessel in July. This will be the first shipment of lumber through Prince Rupert's Fairview Terminal since October 2001. In the late 1980's, more than 800,000 tonnes of lumber moved through the terminal in a year. In recent years, total volume through Fairview has declined dramatically due to the closure of the local forest producer, Skeena Cellulose, a number of factors including changes in the mode of shipping used by Canadian forest product producers. Shipments through Fairview Terminal have declined to 132,000 tonnes in 2003, comprised mainly of export wood pellets and import slack wax. As a result of this severe under

utilization of the 50 acre, 3 berth facility, the Port Authority and the terminal operator, P&O Ports, have been aggressive in the pursuit of new business. Over the last several years nearly 100 separate proposals have been made to shippers for everything from steel pipe and plate to manufactured pleasure crafts. Currently, the Port Authority is well along in its plan to convert the terminal to a full service container facility by 2006.

"Fairview Terminal was, from the very beginning, a forest products terminal," said Don Krusel, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Prince Rupert Port Authority "It is a real pleasure to see lumber once again move through this excellent facility."

NEW APPOINTMENTS TO PORT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Prince Rupert Port Authority is pleased to welcome two new board members. Transport Minister Tony Valeri has announced the appointment of Mr. Walter Paszkowski as the "User-Group" nominee to the Board. In addition the British Columbia Government has appointed Dale MacLean as the Provincial Appointee to the Board. Walter Paszkowski will fill the vacancy left by outgoing director Bob Splane, whose term expired at the end of April and Dale MacLean will be replacing outgoing Gerry Bruno whose term also expired at the end of April.



Mr. Paszkowski has had a long and distinguished political career as part of the Alberta Government. He was first elected to the provincial assembly in 1989, and has served as Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development and Minister responsible for the Land Compensation Board. In 1997, he was appointed Minister of Transportation and Utilities and Minister responsible for Public Safety Services, and was appointed Minister of Municipal Affairs in 1999. Mr. Paszkowski retired from Alberta's provincial legislature in March 2001.

Mr. MacLean is currently the Executive Vice President of Taymor Industries in Vancouver. Prior to that, he held senior marketing and logistics positions with two major Canadian rail carriers with responsibilities related to the movement of intermodal containers. Brian Mitchell, Chairman of the Prince Rupert Port Authority said, "On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Prince Rupert Port Authority, I am very pleased in welcoming Mr. Paszkowski and Mr. MacLean to the port team. Their combined experience in such areas as rural development, transportation logistics, and marketing will be of great benefit to the port as we move forward with the development of our container initiative."



PREMIERS CAMPBELL AND KLEIN SUPPORT THE PORT OF PRINCE RUPERT

Alberta's Premier Ralph Klein and British Columbia's Premier Gordon Campbell met for a joint cabinet meeting in Prince Rupert on May 25-26. The meeting took place in Prince Rupert because of the interest of both Premiers in better utilizing the Northwest Transportation Corridor through the Port of Prince Rupert.

Following the two days of meetings, Premier Gordon Campbell stated "Alberta clearly shares our passion for the North, our passion for the Northern Corridor.... Alberta understands how valuable Prince Rupert can be as an outlet for goods and services produced."

Alberta Premier Ralph Klein remarked, "Our goal is to ensure that goods and resources from Northern Alberta get to markets around the world faster and cheaper, and I have to say – knowing something about this area – that this is a perfect port from which to ship goods and products to the Far East."



Both the Premiers see a positive future in the development of the Northwest Corridor as a major gateway for Northern Alberta and BC products to international markets. The Port of Prince Rupert is actively pursuing plans to transform its Fairview Terminal into a major container gateway by 2006. The British Columbia Government has already committed \$17.2 million toward the container development. The development of the container port will be a significant job creator in Northern BC and according to Don Krusel, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Prince Rupert Port Authority, "the container terminal will have a greater impact on the economy of Northern BC than the 2010 Winter Olympics will have on the Greater Vancouver region."

KRUSEL ELECTED TO WESTAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Don Krusel, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Prince Rupert Port Authority, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Western Transportation Advisory Council (WESTAC) as well as its Executive Committee. WESTAC is a Western Canadian non-profit association of major transportation organizations represented by senior business, labour and government decision makers. It promotes transportation as a critical sector supporting trade, jobs, and our high standard of living. The Board of Directors is chaired by the Honourable Ron Lemieux, Minister of Transportation and Government Services for the Province of Manitoba. The Prince Rupert Port Authority has been an active member of WESTAC since its inception in 1973. Other members of WESTAC from the Prince Rupert port community include: Prince Rupert Grain, Ridley Terminals, City of Prince Rupert, and the Canadian National Railway.

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