



Contract for Project Management Services Awarded

The PRPA is pleased to announce the award of the Project Management Services contract to the engineering firm, Moffatt & Nichol. Moffatt & Nichol begin on August 1, 2005, as the Project Manager for the Phase I conversion of the Fairview Terminal. Phase I will

convert the existing break bulk facility at Fairview into a 500,000 TEU container throughput terminal, at a cost of \$170 million. Moffatt & Nichol, the North American leader in the planning, design, and project management of container terminal facilities, has worked on more than

100 container terminals worldwide. Moffatt & Nichol is very familiar with the Fairview terminal conversion project, having developed the conceptual plan and layout of the Phase I conversion and Phase II expansion of the project.

Container Terminal Business Impact Positive

A recent study commissioned by the Economic Development Corporation and the Prince Rupert Port Authority showed that the development of new businesses, the need for expanded ship services, and the requirement for more skilled labour will result from the construction and operation of the Fairview Container Terminal. The study outlined the opportunities for new businesses such as bonded warehousing and container handling, storage, repair, and stuffing. The study discussed

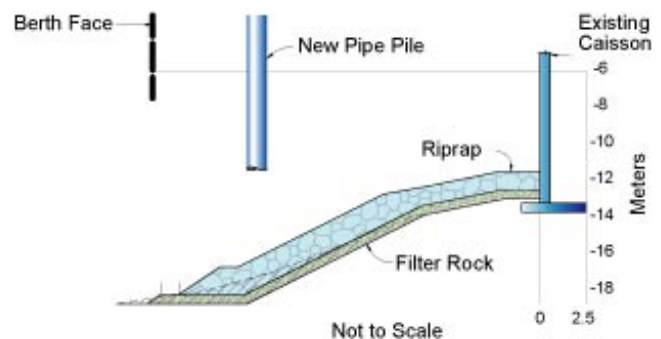
opportunities for First Nations and showed that the new facility will provide employment opportunities in areas such as longshore labour, skilled trades such as mechanics, clerical, and management staff.

The export potential created by the new container facility has already resulted in activity in the region. The Alberta Government announced the donation of land in Grande Prairie for the construction of an intermodal container facility.

This will facilitate the transportation of goods such as containerized hay cubes and alfalfa pellets from that area to Prince Rupert for shipment to Asia. PRPA Board member, and economic development officer for Grande Prairie, Walter Paszkowski said, "It's a huge opportunity not only for growth, but for shipping different types of materials without dealing with the limitations Vancouver is dealing with right now."

Fairview Expansion Positive for the Environment

An environmental assessment study completed this month concluded that; "overall, the Fairview Terminal Conversion Project will be a net positive effect to the environment and socio-economic situation in the region." The construction will create habitat for marine life. The lack of marine traffic at the dock allowed a muddy sludge to settle over the rocky surface (riprap) at the foot of the existing caisson and today, that surface shows little sign of marine life. The sludge will be removed from the riprap and that, together with the new pipe pilings, will create 4,810 square meters of new marine habitat. The pilings will create attachment habitat for marine life such as barnacles, and the sludge-free craggy surface of the riprap will provide shelter for animals such as small crabs and fish.



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Hyundai Visit to Prince Rupert a Success

Consul General Coong-joo Choi and Consul Seong-Jin Han of the Republic of Korea, Mr. H.S. Lee, District Manager for Hyundai, a large Korean shipping company, and Mr. Doug Hayden-Luck of CN met PRPA officials for discussions on a variety of business opportunities here in Prince Rupert. Mr. Choi discussed investment alternatives for Koreans in the Prince Rupert container facility and the delegation was particularly interested in the development of export industries in the region. With the interest shown in new business development by local and regional entrepreneurs wanting to take advantage of economical shipping options to Asia, the Korean delegation left with a positive impression of Prince Rupert.



Mr. Han, Mr. Hayden-Luck, Mr. Krusel, Mr. Choi, Mr. Lee

Prince Rupert Fifth Largest Canadian Cruise Destination

Prince Rupert is now the fifth largest cruise ship destination in Canada. Vancouver is still by far the largest, with 273 sailings scheduled for 2005, down slightly from 286 last year. Victoria is the next largest, with 148 visits in 2005, up from 139 in 2004. Halifax expects 105 calls in 2005, down from 115 in 2004. Quebec City will host 87 ships this year, down from 102 in 2004. Prince Rupert has squeezed past Montreal this year, with 50 visits, up from 30 last year. Montreal reports 48 visits for 2005, down from 55 last year. Prince Rupert is the only major Canadian cruise destination to show a significant increase in calls for 2005.



New Staff

Marieke Gerlach is the Port's most recent addition to its staff. Marieke joins the PRPA from the North Pacific Cannery Museum and is the PRPA's new Business Development Officer. Marieke's experience in tourism facilitates her work with the cruise passengers to ensure the smooth running of the shore excursion programs. She is

the PRPA's liaison with the Cruise Ambassadors, and is gathering data from cruise passenger exit surveys which assess cruise passenger satisfaction. Marieke reports that so far, passengers appreciate the friendly people, town cleanliness, and authentic North Coast experience they enjoy while visiting Prince Rupert.

