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**[PPR Six Months 2009 Results](#)**

**Cargo Volumes Rebound to Match 2008 Performance**

Cargo volumes through the Port of Prince Rupert rebounded in the second quarter 2009 to reach the half year mark on par with the first six months of 2008. All port terminals moved a combined 5.42 million metric tonnes to June 30, 2009, compared to 5.44 million tonnes during the first half 2008. Tonnage throughput for the first quarter 2009 was 2.38 million, down 24.5 per cent to the 3.07 million tonnes handled in the first quarter 2008.

Containers and grain led the surge in traffic, while log exports and chemicals also experienced significant growth. Coal volumes continued a negative trend, although coking coal, petroleum coke and wood pellets showed some positive gains. For more information, visit:

[http://www.rupertport.com/pdf/quarterly\\_reports/2nd-quarter.pdf](http://www.rupertport.com/pdf/quarterly_reports/2nd-quarter.pdf)

**Fairview Container Terminal Traffic up Substantially**

The Fairview Container Terminal handled 97,616 TEUs (20 foot equivalent units) during the first six months of 2009, a 124 per cent increase over the 43,555 TEUs that moved through the terminal during the same period in 2008. Second quarter 2009 traffic was up 151 per cent, to 56,573 TEUs compared to 22,515 TEUs for April-June in 2008.



"The Prince Rupert Port Authority and our partners greatly appreciate the growing confidence of shippers demonstrated by their increasing utilization of the Prince Rupert Gateway," says PRPA President & CEO **Don Krusel**. "Our commitment is to continue to improve upon the reliability and speed of our integrated sea, terminal and rail services that have attracted our customers here."

The increased traffic through the Prince Rupert Gateway also represents a strong balance of both import and export volumes, notes Mr. Krusel. Backhaul accounted for nearly 40 per cent of all throughput, 38,880 TEUs compared to 20,024 TEUs in 2008, demonstrating the growing importance and utilization of Prince Rupert and the northwest trade corridor by North American producers and shippers.

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**Fairview Terminal 2009 Mid Year Performance (TEUs)**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Imports	58,695	23,532	149%
Exports	38,880	20,024	94%
<b>Total</b>	<b>97,575</b>	<b>43,556</b>	<b>124%</b>

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**Wheat Pushes up Prince Rupert Grain Volumes**

Prince Rupert Grain handled 2.9 million tonnes in the first half of 2009, a 32.8% increase over the same period in 2008. Wheat was the largest contributor, jumping from 1.6 to 2.7 million tonnes, followed by canola, which was up 31.7 per cent. However, barley was down 88.1 per cent to 52,225 tonnes. The high wheat throughput is reflective of a bumper 2008 crop year and global demand. Western Canadian farmers produced 36.7 million tonnes in 2008, compared to the five-year average of 33.9 million tonnes.



New Crop Canadian harvesting will begin over the next several weeks. "There is great concern about the size and quality of this year's overall crop due to the lack of adequate moisture throughout the growing season," notes PRG President **Jeff Burghardt**. "There is strong potential for throughput levels to be lower this coming fall compared to levels that Prince Rupert Grain has attained in recent years."

### **RTI Hit by Depressed Global Coal Demand**

Ridley Terminals Inc. second quarter 2009 throughput was slightly higher than the first quarter, but volumes of 1.41 million metric tonnes for the first six months were still down 48.6 per cent compared to the 2.74 million tonnes handled in the first half of 2008. Coal was down 59.1 per cent, from 2.52 million tonnes to 1.03 million tonnes. This is a direct result of the current economic downturn, which has seen significant cutbacks in steel production by up to 50 per cent below 2008 levels. However, RTI saw increases in its other cargo including: coking coal, up 146.6 per cent to 173,628 tonnes; petroleum coke, up 38.4 per cent to 128,058 tonnes; and wood pellets, up 36.3 percent to 75,500 tonnes.

### **Prince Rupert Innovation Expedites Container Examinations**

Two Prince Rupert Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) officers have been recognized for their innovation that has dramatically reduced to mere hours the intermodal dwell times and process efficiencies of CBSA-inspected containers.

Prince Rupert, as well as other Canadian ports, was facing a growing backlog of containers waiting for examination that had unsafe levels of toxic fumigants. According to new Health Canada standards, CBSA officers cannot examine marine containers until they had been adequately ventilated. CBSA officers Scott Hardy and Anthony Hague designed and constructed a new ventilation tool -

dubbed the Hardy Doors - which allows air to circulate quickly and efficiently through the container while protecting the goods from weather. The officers were recently recognized with a Public Service Award of Excellence, the highest award a public servant can receive, by the Government of Canada.



The Honourable Kevin G. Lynch (left), Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet, and Luc Portelance (right), CBSA Executive Vice-President, presents Public Service Awards of Excellence to Prince Rupert CBSA officers Scott Hardy and Anthony Hague.

"Our officers' innovation solved a problem that was significantly impeding the processing of containers selected for examination and, at the same time, they have made an important contribution to providing a safe working environment for their co-workers," says **Trevor Baird**, CBSA's Chief of Operations in Prince Rupert.

"We strongly feel that the unique partnerships we have in Prince Rupert and this level of dedication to addressing challenges and helping each other succeed is one of the Port of Prince Rupert's competitive advantages," adds PRPA Director Operations & Security **Gary Paulson**. "We commend Scott Hardy and Anthony Hague for both their initiative and made-in-Prince Rupert innovation, which reinforces to shippers the benefits of moving their goods through our port."

### **PRPA Updates Local Communities on Port Progress and Plans**

The Prince Rupert Port Authority held its annual public meeting on June 25 to update the community and local stakeholders on the port's performance to date progress on projects and initiatives, and future plans.

"Despite the economic slowdown and inherent challenges, the Port of Prince Rupert has continued to build its international reputation - and business - as a strategic and globally-competitive port, and attractive investment opportunity," PRPA Board Chair **Dale MacLean** told the audience. "We are continuing to build a diversified and sustainable gateway... positioning the Port of Prince Rupert and the northwest transportation corridor to capitalize on an array of opportunities when the



current economic recession ends and Asia-North America trade grows toward post recession levels."

The chair's remarks and Port presentation can be viewed at:

<http://www.rupertport.com/presentations>

### Fairview Terminal Phase 2 Public Consultation Period Completed

The Fairview Container Terminal Phase 2 expansion has moved a step forward with the June 26 completion of the 30-day public comment period for the environmental scope of assessment document for the project. The 30-day period, which included public open houses and First Nations community meetings, provided the public with the opportunity to comment on the draft scope of assessment document and ensure their relevant concerns are considered in the environmental assessment (EA) process.

"The 30-day public comment period is a critical milestone in the environmental assessment process for the Phase 2 expansion," says PRPA Vice President Project Development **Lorne Keller**. "The public meetings went well and the pertinent comments received will be considered in the environmental assessment process."

The Port initiated the Phase 2 EA process in August 2006. According to the current work plan, the EA is anticipated to be finalized and permits issued in late 2010. The Port anticipates being in a position to begin construction in late 2010 and complete it around early 2014. The expansion, which will increase Fairview Terminal's design capacity from 500,000 to two million TEUs, includes extending the existing wharf structure, expanding the on-shore terminal and improving the associated rail infrastructure.

### Prince Rupert Port Authority Hosting 2009 ACPA Conference

The Port of Prince Rupert will be showcasing its new international trade gateway as host of the 51st Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Association of Canadian Port Authorities August 24 - 26.



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"We are really looking forward to our annual conference being hosted by Canada's newest container port in Prince Rupert," commented **Gaetan Boivin**, ACPA Chair and President & CEO of the Trois-Rivieres Port Authority, adding this year's theme, Canada's Ports and Global Supply Chains, is appropriate given Prince Rupert's unique position in the Pacific Gateway and its growing international business.

"The Prince Rupert Port Authority is honoured to be selected as host for this year's ACPA conference," says PRPA President & CEO **Don Krusel**. "We believe that Prince Rupert's growth as a global port and gateway for a new transpacific trade corridor provides an appropriate setting for the conference's focus on the importance of Canada's major ports to both national and regional economies."

The conference will include sessions discussing the Panama Canal expansion, how automated terminals are transforming the way ports do business, merits of free trade zones, supply chain costs and benefits, and the growing cruise business.

## Quickload a Growing Local Link in Shippers' Supply Chains

Quickload Transload Services is adding value to shippers' supply chains by improving flexibility to manage where and how freight is inventoried and handled in Prince Rupert. Quickload facilities are located in close proximity to the Fairview Container Terminal and rail connections, from which the company provides a full suite of handling services including container stuffing, transloading and warehousing.

Quickload President **Matt Holland** says the company is growing with the port and handling an increasing volume of both incoming and outgoing cargo. "A key distinguishing characteristic for Quickload's inbound transloading service is speed of response, and our outbound freight focus is high service levels and innovative solutions for shippers."



Quickload's business has been growing, including container stuffing such as aluminum.

To date, much of the inbound transloading has been for retail customers requiring national distribution, while outbound cargo has consisted of regional cargo such as aluminum and forest products. For more information, email [operations@quickloadcef.com](mailto:operations@quickloadcef.com) or call (250) 627-5623.

## [PRPA Board of Directors Changes](#)

### Bud Smith Leaves Port Board for RTI Chair Position

**Stuart (Bud) Smith** has resigned his PRPA director position to accept a Government of Canada appointment as interim Chair of the Board of Directors for Ridley Terminals Inc., effective immediately.

"Bud Smith has made a significant contribution to the growth and expansion of the Port of Prince Rupert during his tenure on the Prince Rupert Port Authority Board of Directors," said **Dale MacLean**, Prince Rupert Port Authority Chair. "My colleagues and I extend our congratulations to Mr. Smith. We share the highest level of confidence that Mr. Smith's vision, experience and leadership will enable Ridley Terminals Inc. to re-establish its working relationships with shippers to provide a strategic and competitive gateway for Canadian bulk exports."



Mr. Smith was appointed to a three-year term on the PRPA Board of Directors in April, 2007.

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