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A newsletter from the Prince Rupert Port

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Container Terminal Tendering Underway

With demolition of the existing terminal buildings almost complete, the container terminal at Prince Rupert's Fairview location is ready for construction. The tender for the wharf construction, the first part of the terminal conversion, will be awarded in October. Construction begins at the end of this year with an 18 meter extension of the wharf into deeper water. This will allow the dock to accommodate the largest of vessels now on the drawing board, as it will extend to 16.75 meters (55 feet) at low tide. Tendering for the civil contract begins in October and consists of all the construction behind the wharf, including new buildings. That construction is scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2006.



Fairview Terminal Demolition Progress

Container Terminal Creating Opportunities Across Region



Courtesy of CN

CN Heads Towards Prince Rupert

At least two announcements highlight the economic impact of the Prince Rupert container terminal across the region. On July 12, 2005 the Alberta government announced the donation of \$2.75 million of land to the county of Grand Prairie to start the development of an intermodal container facility. Local newspapers have reported that WayFare Identifiers Ltd., a security equipment manufacturer, may set up a production facility in Terrace to build aluminum security systems for containers. These and other spin offs highlight the regional nature of the economic benefits of the container facility in Prince Rupert

Gap Analysis Reveals Bright Prospects for Future

The Prince Rupert Port Authority, together with the Prince Rupert Economic Development Corporation, commissioned a study that found that Phase I of the new Fairview Container Terminal construction and operation will create 585 person years of construction jobs, more than 150 full time terminal positions, a multitude of job increases at existing

business, and the creation of new businesses. All told, throughout the two phases of the project, the study forecasts the creation of 1,000 jobs annually, either directly involved in terminal operations or providing services to the terminal, such as tug and refrigeration services. New businesses include container stuffing, container storage and repair, and bonded warehousing.

Cruise Ship Mercury Makes 11-hour Calls In Prince Rupert

The cruise ship Mercury, Celebrity Cruises' 2,000 passenger ship, will stop twice Prince Rupert for 11 hour port calls. This is the first time the ship will provide guests with an opportunity to explore and experience Prince Rupert since Celebrity Cruises began calling in 2004. The port calls are part of a new British Columbia cruise program introduced by Celebrity Cruises in 2005 and include three, four, and five day cruise itineraries featuring ports such as Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo, and Prince Rupert. Some of the itineraries will feature cruising British Columbia's spectacular Inside Passage, an experience that has contributed to the growth and success of the Alaska cruise program.



Mercury Stops in Prince Rupert

Odd Eidsvik Re-appointed to Board of Directors



Mr. Brian Mitchell, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Prince Rupert Port Authority is pleased to announce the re-appointment of Mr. Odd Eidsvik for a three year term. The re-appointment is effective as of September 5, 2005. Mr. Eidsvik, F.C.A. is the principal of Eidsvik & Associates, a Chartered Accountant firm with operations in Prince Rupert and Richmond, BC. Mr. Eidsvik has worked in the accounting, auditing and taxation fields for over 45 years. Mr. Eidsvik currently serves the Board as Chair of the Audit committee.

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