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Porter Airlines celebrates first flights between Ottawa and Boston, New York, Thunder Bay

Porter Airlines launched three new routes between Ottawa International Airport and Boston, New York-Newark and Thunder Bay on March 27, 2023, providing convenient travel links for the region. The new routes are part of Porter's broader expansion plan in Ottawa and its commitment to the region, including new maintenance hangars that are currently under construction at YOW. These will serve as a primary maintenance facility for the airline's new E195-E2 fleet. Porter is the only airline providing year-round daily direct flights to Boston and Thunder Bay from Ottawa.

Porter Airlines celebrates first flights between Ottawa and Boston, New York, Thunder Bay, March 27, 2023, www.flyporter.ca

Canadian Airports Council Responds to 2023 Federal Budget



Source: CAC

The Canadian Airports Council (CAC) President, Monette Pasher, on March 28, 2023 issued the following statement: ... "To that end, we are encouraged by the practical, incremental policy steps taken in the 2023 federal budget to assist our sector and improve the passenger journey. The positive budget measures include more screening resources for

CATSA, plans to amend the *Customs Act* to modernize travelers' experience at the border, and proposed amendments to the *Canada Transportation Act* for data sharing and reporting. "Airports across the country welcome these new measures — they underline our vital role in the economy and will make a tangible, positive impact on the journey ahead. However, there is still more work ahead to get airports fully down the runway to recovery. The leaders of Canada's airports are looking forward to building on their long-standing partnership with the Government of Canada to achieve just that."

Canadian Airports Council Responds to 2023 Federal Budget, March 28, 2023, www.cacairports.ca

Chorus Aviation Announced the Launch of Cygnet Aviation Academy



Source:

Colin Copp, President and CEO of [Chorus Aviation Inc.](http://www.chorusaviation.com) announced on March 28, 2023 the launch of Cygnet Aviation Academy, a first-of-its-kind pilot academy in Canada providing leading-edge flight training with direct access to career opportunities. In collaboration with [CAE](http://www.cae.com), Cygnet will deliver an all-in-one program using state-of-the-art simulators and aircraft through which cadets will achieve their Integrated Airline Transport Pilot License (iATPL) and acquire an airline-specific type rating over a 20-month program.

Chorus Aviation Announced the Launch of Cygnet Aviation Academy, March 28, 2023, www.atac.ca

✈ Monthly civil aviation statistics, January 2023



Source: Statcan

Major Canadian airlines carried 6.1 million passengers on scheduled and charter services in January 2023, more than double the number of passengers in the same month of 2022, but 11.3% below the January 2019 level, before the COVID-19 pandemic. With traffic at 16.5 billion passenger-kilometres and capacity at 19.7 billion available seat-kilometres, the passenger load factor was 83.7% in January. Operating revenue earned in January exceeded the pre-pandemic level.

Monthly civil aviation statistics, January 2023, March 29, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

✈ Aircraft movement statistics: Major and select small airports, January 2023



Source: Statcan

In January 2023, Canada's major and select small airports totalled 337,385 aircraft movements. This was an increase of 20.6% from January 2022, but was 14.0% lower than January 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of movements to and from the

United States was up 65.2% year over year, while international traffic increased 45.7%. Domestic movements from Level I to III and foreign carriers were 15.4% higher than January 2022.

Aircraft movement statistics: Major and select small airports, January 2023, March 29, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

✈ Air Canada Cargo's First Flight to Liege Touches Down



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada Cargo on March 30, 2023 announced the start of operations for its Boeing 767 freighter to Liege, Belgium, connecting a key European destination to Toronto and the carrier's extensive global network. Flights will operate twice per week to Liege, with service increasing to three flights per week later in the year. Service will originate in Toronto and have a stop in Halifax. "We are pleased to begin operating our freighters to Liege, a further strengthening of the Air Canada Cargo network as we continue to expand and provide customers with reliable, year-round service. This is another important connection from a key European market with Air Canada and Air Canada Cargo's global network through its Toronto hub," said Matthieu Casey, Managing Director, Commercial at Air Canada Cargo.

Air Canada Cargo's First Flight to Liege Touches Down, March 30, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

✈ Porter adds flights to its new Ottawa-Charlottetown route

Porter Airlines is adding flight frequency on its new Ottawa-Charlottetown route in response to high demand for its service and to provide more opportunity for passengers to travel across Porter's expanding network. Service begins on May 17, 2023 as announced earlier this year. The increased schedule moves the initial seven weekly round trip flights to 11 times weekly during the spring and fall.

This further improves to 14 flights per week during the peak summer travel season.

Porter adds flights to its new Ottawa-Charlottetown route, March 30, 2023, www.flyporter.ca

✈️ Minister of Transport announces funding for research to support the rebuilding of more sustainable transport infrastructure in Ukraine

On March 27, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced an investment of \$300,000 to the International Transport Forum (ITF) under the Clean Transportation System – Research and Development program (CTS R&D). This funding will help support the important research work of the ITF with respect to the rebuilding of Ukraine’s transportation infrastructure and supply chains to make them greener, more sustainable and better connected. This 18-month research project will assess the state of Ukraine’s freight transport sector and guide the identification of significant challenges in transitioning towards a more sustainable and environmentally friendly freight transport system for post-war Ukraine. It will also develop sustainable transport pathways based on a comprehensive analysis of the sector’s current and future scenarios of international trade and the country’s connectivity to global markets.

Minister of Transport announces funding for research to support the rebuilding of more sustainable transport infrastructure in Ukraine, March 27, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

US/WORLD

✈️ Air taxis will start commercial flights in 2025, Honeywell predicts



Source: AJOT

Honeywell International Inc. sees the first electric aircraft that take off like helicopters and fly like airplanes beginning commercial flights in 2025, but no air taxi boom until closer to the end of the decade. Early cases for electric vertical takeoff and landing, or eVTOL, craft will be mostly limited to military and cargo applications, Mike Madsen, the head of Honeywell’s aerospace business, said at a Jefferies conference. Passenger service is still years away and will likely require a pilot for the foreseeable future, but Madsen said air taxis will ultimately be the catalyst for double-digit growth in the nascent industry. “There will be some initial vehicles introduced that’ll be used for some limited use cases maybe under some pretty strict requirements, and then it will take off,” said Madsen, who expects Honeywell’s eVTOL equipment-related sales to grow to about \$2 billion by 2030. “It’s going to be really slow at the beginning”. The promise of more nimble aircraft that use multiple electric motors, which are quieter, safer and less expensive to maintain than a helicopter’s internal combustion engine, has attracted a number of startups as well as traditional aerospace manufacturers. The passenger market alone could grow to as much as \$1 trillion by 2040, and some \$3 trillion including military and cargo, according to JPMorgan Chase analyst Marcelo Motta. Even eVTOL producers that have made the most progress have many regulatory hurdles remaining and some experts say certification for pilot-less flights is likely many years away. “The regulation is going to be the challenge, not the technology,” Madsen said.

Air taxis will start commercial flights in 2025, Honeywell predicts, March 28, 2023, www.ajot.com

✈️ Air Travel Consumer Report: January 2023 Numbers

U.S. Airlines Operated Domestic Flights: January 2021–January 2023
Operated = Scheduled - Canceled

Marketing Network Carriers and their Branded Code-Share Partners



Source: BTS

The U.S. Department of Transportation on March 28, 2023 released its Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR) on airline operational data compiled for the month of January 2023 for on-time performance, mishandled baggage, and mishandled wheelchairs and scooters.

Regarding flight operations, the 562,845 flights operated in January 2023 were 106.59% of the 528,070 flights operated in January 2022. Operated flights in January 2023 were up 6.59% year-over-year from the 528,070 flights operated in January 2022 and up 2.87% month-over-month from 547,134 flights operated in December 2022. In January 2023, the 10 marketing network carriers reported 573,877 scheduled domestic flights, 11,032 (1.9%) of which were cancelled. In January 2022, airlines scheduled 563,737 domestic flights, of which 35,667 (6.31%) were cancelled. In December 2022, airlines scheduled 578,321 domestic mishandled lights, of which 31,187 (5.4%) were cancelled. Regarding mishandled baggage in January 2023, reporting marketing carriers handled 36.6 million bags and posted a mishandled baggage rate of 0.73%, lower than both the December 2022 rate of 1.09% and the January 2022 rate of 0.81%. For other dimensions of performance, check the BTS website.

Air Travel Consumer Report: January 2023 Numbers, March 28, 2023, www.bts.gov



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Rail Transport Updates

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CN and Unifor reach agreement



Source: Inside Logistics

CN and Unifor have come to tentative agreements covering four contracts. The four tentative collective agreements cover Unifor's Local 100 and Council 4000 members across the country. They cover approximately 3,000 CN employees working in various departments such as Mechanical, Intermodal, Facility Management, and in clerical positions in Canada. Unifor Local 100 represents skilled trades in mechanical shops and Unifor Council 4000 represents intermodal, clerical, mechanics and excavator operators. Unifor is the largest union at CN. Unifor's two national bargaining committees opened negotiations with CN in October 2022. The deals avert a possible strike. Unifor members voted overwhelmingly in support of strike action in votes taken during the week of February 20, 2023. Local 100 members voted 98 percent in favour, and Council 4000 members voted 97 percent for a strike.

CN and Unifor reach agreement, March 24, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

STB Rejects CN's Springfield Line Bid



Source: Railway Age

CN's request regarding conditional approval of the Canadian Pacific-Kansas City Southern merger on the sale of KCS's Springfield Line to CN has been denied by the Surface Transportation Board (STB), which on March 23 provided notice that its Office of Environmental Analysis has terminated the review of the proposed divestiture. In its March 15, 2023 decision to approve CP's acquisition of KCS to form Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC), North America's first transnational railroad, STB said it "addressed the amended 'responsive' application filed by Canadian National Railway Company (CN) and its United States rail carrier affiliate, Illinois Central Railroad Company (ICCR) (collectively, CN) in Docket No. FD 36500 (Sub-No. 1). The Board denied CN's request that the Board order the sale of the KCS rail line between Kansas City, Missouri and Springfield and East St. Louis, Illinois (Springfield Line) to CN (Proposed Divestiture) and terminated the ongoing associated environmental review." *STB Rejects CN's Springfield Line Bid, March 24, 2023, www.railwayage.com*

CN, Trealmont Transport Inc. and Kaptan Announce Plans for new Calgary Intermodal Transload Facility

CN Trealmont Transport Inc. (Montship Inc.) and Kaptan US LLC are pleased to announce they have reached an agreement to develop a multimodal transload facility located in CN's Calgary Logistics Park. The new facility is planned to be operational in the third quarter of 2024. Kaptan and Trealmont Transport Inc. (Montship Inc.) have agreed to purchase land located within CN's Calgary Logistics Park and will build a logistics facility designed for transloading intermodal containers originating and departing from the ports of Prince Rupert and Vancouver. The logistics facility will transform the supply chain tied to transpacific trade by redesigning the flows to an all-rail transload model positioned inland through Calgary. It will provide rail access with seamless transload of imports to domestic containers and a direct connection for Western Canadian commodities to reload exports. The facility will be equipped with a multicommodity crossdock, warehouse, container yard for storage and rail spur connected directly to the facility all within CN's Intermodal logistics park. Brian McDonald, Chairman and CEO, Montship Inc. said "We view Calgary as the next frontier in the transload market. It is ideally suited to serve both west coast gateways (Vancouver and Prince Rupert) and will offer significant advantages to both import and export customers. Teaming up with CN and their unmatched network is a unique opportunity for us. We look forward to working with stakeholders to deliver the benefits this project will present".

CN, Trealmont Transport Inc. and Kaptan Announce Plans for new Calgary Intermodal Transload Facility, March 27, 2023, www.cn.ca

For the week ending March 25, 2023, U.S. rail traffic fell 7.5% from the prior-year period, pulled down by both carloads (dipping 0.2%) and intermodal volume (declining 13.9%), according to the Association of American Railroads (AAR). Results were similar for the weeks ending [March 18](#), [March 11](#) and [March 4](#). However, carloads saw a slight uptick, while intermodal remained down, during the weeks ending [Feb. 25](#) and [Feb. 11](#). AAR on March 29 reported that Class I railroads hauled a total of 469,958 carloads and intermodal units for week 12 (ending March 25, 2023), comprising 236,526 carloads and 233,432 containers and trailers. Six of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase for the week ending March 25, 2023, compared with the same week in 2022. Canadian railroads reported 83,120 carloads for the week ending March 25, 2023, rising 9.6%, and 62,661 intermodal units, decreasing 4.2% vs. 2022. For the first 12 weeks of 2023, they reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 1,673,092 carloads, containers and trailers, up 2.8%.

U.S. Rail Traffic Still Behind 2022 Levels, March 29, 2023, www.railwayage.com

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U.S. Rail Traffic Still Behind 2022 Levels



Source: Railway Age



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Government of Canada launches call for proposals to support greater Indigenous participation in the Oceans Protection Plan

On March 27, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, invited First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities and organizations to apply for funding to establish Indigenous Marine Coordinator (IMC) positions. These positions will increase Indigenous partners' capacity to participate in the development and implementation of Canada's Oceans Protection Plan.

Government of Canada launches call for proposals to support greater Indigenous participation in the Oceans Protection, March 27, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

New guidelines published for safe transport of lithium-ion batteries



Source: Inside Logistics

A group of transport industry bodies have produced guidelines for the safe transport of lithium-ion batteries in containers. The guidelines are the first in a series of in-depth advisory publications aimed at minimizing the risks of transporting lithium-ion batteries and cells launched amid heightened concern over container fires. "As the pressure on all forms of economic activity for decarbonization increases, the use of these batteries will inevitably escalate at rates we have previously not experienced. Air transport has been heavily restricted already and it is clear that surface modes will be called upon to transport these goods," said Peregrine Storrs-Fox, risk management director at freight transport insurer TT Club, which was part of the group producing the guidelines.

New guidelines published for safe transport of lithium-ion batteries, March 30, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

US/WORLD

Trans-Atlantic container rates still double pre-COVID levels



Source: Freight Waves

Container shipping rates are not back to normal quite yet. Trans-Pacific rates have returned to pre-COVID levels, but pricing in trans-Atlantic markets has not. Spot container rates from Europe to the U.S. — while falling — are still more than twice pre-pandemic rates. U.S. imports from Europe remain strong, with building materials supporting volumes. The Drewry World Container Index (WCI) spot-rate assessment for Rotterdam, Netherlands, to New York was \$5,061 per forty-foot equivalent unit in the week ending March 23, 2023. That's down 32% from last year's peak but still 2.5 times rates in March 2019. Asia-West Coast spot rates shot far higher than trans-Atlantic rates during the 2021-2022 shipping boom but came down faster and fell further. The WCI Rotterdam-New York spot-rate assessment was 2.7 times higher than the Shanghai-Los Angeles index assessment last week.

Trans-Atlantic container rates still double pre-COVID levels, March 27, 2023, www.friehtwaves.com

New bill in US House seeks repeal of carriers' antitrust immunity



Source: JOC

New legislation introduced on March 24, 2023 would repeal limited antitrust immunity for foreign based ocean carrier transportation which controls 80% of the ocean shipping market. The bill also proposes to boost US exports by prioritizing them into foreign markets and protecting them against container rate increases and demurrage and detention charges.

New bill in US House seeks repeal of carriers' antitrust immunity, March 2, 2023, www.joc.com

WSC on the Ocean Shipping Antitrust Enforcement Act: Why do away with regulation that benefits shippers, ports, consumers and supply chain

workers?

The Shipping Act establishes rules that provide legal certainty to ocean carriers to share space on ships while ensuring competitive markets. Being able to share space on ships allows more carriers to provide more services more efficiently to more ports than carriers could provide individually. That is good for shippers, ports, consumers, and all of the workers that keep the global supply network running. H.R. 1696 would remove that system and undermine competitiveness and choice for liner shipping services. “Nobody has offered a reason why we should throw away such a useful tool as vessel sharing arrangements (VSAs), and I think some of the rhetoric comes from a misunderstanding about how VSAs help the supply chain work better. We look forward to working with the bill's sponsors to better understand their policy objectives. A similar bill was introduced in the last Congress, but did not gather significant support,” says John Butler, President & CEO of the WSC.

WSC on the Ocean Shipping Antitrust Enforcement Act: Why do away with regulation that benefits shippers, ports, consumers and supply chain workers?, March 27, 2023, www.ajot.com

Port of Oakland February container volume declined



Source: AJOT

The Port of Oakland's container volume experienced another slow month. Total year-to-date volume compared to this time last year fell 14.1%. Full TEUs (twenty-foot containers) dropped 23% last month, with 113,814 TEUs transiting the port, in contrast to 147,620 TEUs in February 2022. Empty TEUs dropped 14% compared to February 2022, registering 40,023 TEUs this February versus 46,768 TEUs in February 2022. The Port said domestic inventories remain high as retail sales fell in February which has dampened cargo volumes for U.S. West Coast ports. A strong dollar is also impeding export volumes. The Port of Oakland's goal is to be ready to move cargo

efficiently when retail regains its footing. Full imports fell 32% in February 2023, with 58,073 TEUs passing through the Port versus 85,286 TEUs the same month last year. One reason for the lackluster volume is West Coast ports losing their market share to ports on America's East and Gulf Coasts.

Port of Oakland February container volume declined, March 24, 2023, www.ajot.com

House panel eyes ending ocean carriers' antitrust exemption



Source: Frerightwaves

In a subcommittee hearing on March 28, 2023, members of Congress discussed overturning antitrust immunity that ocean carriers have enjoyed for decades. The Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee hearing also included discussion on requiring ocean container companies to load more domestic exports, while reconsidering how detention and demurrage charges are applied to U.S. exporters. "It just turns out that the ocean carriers are exempt from the monopoly and the antitrust laws of the United States, and there ought to be a law that the ocean carriers are subject to antitrust laws, like other parts of our economy," John Garamendi, D-Calif., said during the hearing. Last week, Garamendi and several other House members introduced the Ocean Shipping Antitrust Enforcement Act to "address unfair practices that harm American businesses, producers, and consumers," along with unfair container rate increases and refusals of cargo bookings for American exports. Garamendi questioned ocean shipping executives, about ending carriers' antitrust exemption.

House panel eyes ending ocean carriers' antitrust exemption, March 28, 2023, www.freightwaves.com

Port Houston posts strong February amid slowing import volumes



Source: AJOT

February 2023 volumes at Port Houston remained solid compared to last year, though an expected softening of demand is beginning to be seen in Houston. A total of 313,452 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), or a 15% increase compared to the same month last year were handled during the month. Year-to-date volumes are up 6% to 633,442 TEUs. Though Port Houston experienced growth throughout the first two months of 2023, recently its terminals are beginning to see some softening in import demand consistent with the national trend. Sources indicate that high inventory levels and a general decrease in consumer demand are the main factors in this decline, and a general downward trend will likely continue over the next several months which was anticipated and included in the 2023 forecast budget. Export volumes in Houston remain strong, up 42% this month, driven by the strength of plastic resins and other petrochemical commodities produced in our region and delivered globally through Port Houston.

Port Houston posts strong February amid slowing import volumes, March 29, 2023, www.ajot.com



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Eight fleets opt for hydrogen in northern BC



Source: Inside Logistics

Eight commercial truck fleets have signed up to retrofit trucks to use hydrogen fuel in British Columbia. Hydra Energy signed the companies on to take part in its Prince George, British Columbia project. This means 82 Class 8 trucks to be retrofitted using Hydra's proprietary hydrogen-diesel, co-combustion conversion technology. Once converted by Hydra installation partner First Truck Centre, these trucks will refuel at the hydrogen refuelling station Hydra is building in Prince George. The station, which uses green hydrogen produced on site by two five-megawatt electrolyzers powered with hydroelectricity, is set to start running in 2024.

Eight fleets opt for hydrogen in northern BC, March 24, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca



RNG framed as 'low risk' option to slash truck emissions



Source: Today's Trucking

The journey to zero emissions has begun, but a global fuel system producer believes that several energy sources — including renewable natural gas (RNG) — will be needed to reach the goal. "There is not one solution that can replace diesel," Hexagon Composites CEO Jon Erik Engeset said in a March 23 press conference. "We firmly believe there's got to be a mix, depending on the geography, depending on availability, depending on the application of the trucks." The need for such options becomes increasingly important against a backdrop of ever-tighter emissions standards and the limited ranges of emerging battery-electric options. Ninety-seven percent of heavy trucks continue to be powered by diesel, and in Europe the share even increased by half a percentage point from 2021 to 2022.

RNG framed as 'low risk' option to slash truck emissions, March 24, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com



Minister Fraser Announces New Immigration Pathway; Includes Truck Drivers and Other In-Demand Jobs



Source: Ontruck

Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, announced on March 27, 2023 that Canada will launch a new economic pathway under the Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot (EMPP) to help employers hire skilled refugees and other displaced individuals. The new pathway will give employers more opportunities to fill a wide range of in-demand jobs, including truck and delivery drivers. The EMPP pairs skilled refugees and other qualified displaced people with Canadian employers who need to overcome labour shortages in key occupations. This allows Canada to welcome vulnerable people, while giving Canadian employers access to an untapped talent pool with the skills they need to help the economy grow.

Minister Fraser Announces New Immigration Pathway; Includes Truck Drivers and Other In-Demand Jobs, March 27, 2023, www.ontruck.org

Training, safety investments prevent violations



Source: Today's Trucking

Some people like BLT – bacon, lettuce and tomato – in their sandwich. Commercial carrier folks may not find it to their taste, especially when talking about BLT (brake, light and tire) violations. For the past few years, Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) International Roadcheck campaigns have continued to find the most violations with

brakes, lights and tires, and this year's blitz on May 16-18 is approaching quickly. Last year, Canadian enforcement teams placed 22.6% of inspected vehicles out of service during a May 17-19 campaign. The top five vehicle out-of-service violations involved brake systems, cargo securement, defective service brakes, lights and tires. *Training, safety investments prevent violations, March 30, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com*

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Autonomous mobile robots market is expand at a CAGR of 22.1% during forecast period – by Fact.MR



Source: AJOT

In 2022, the market for autonomous mobile robots is expected to be worth USD 2.85 billion. By 2032, the market is anticipated to reach a value greater than USD 20.99 billion. The forecast period is expected to see this market expand at a CAGR of 22.1%. The rising demand for automation in manufacturing and logistics industry is expected to drive the growth of the autonomous mobile robots market. The increasing need to reduce operational costs, improve efficiency and accuracy, and enhance productivity is anticipated to boost the growth of the market. The growing trend of automation in warehousing operations is also a major factor driving the growth of the autonomous mobile robots market. The growing demand for these robots in industrial applications is expected to continue to fuel the growth of the market. Geographically, the Asia-Pacific region is expected to hold a major share of the autonomous mobile robots market during the forecast period. The increasing number of manufacturing and automotive industries in the region is a major factor driving the growth of the market. In addition, the presence of various major players in the region is also expected to contribute to the growth of the autonomous mobile robots market in this region.

Autonomous mobile robots market is expand at a CAGR of 22.1% during forecast period – by Fact.MR, March 28, 2023, www.ajot.com



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A time of renewal for Canada's supply chains

In today's fast-evolving business environment – where the unprecedented pace of change is accelerating – efficient supply chains are the lifeblood of our economic future. Companies effectively responding to the needs and expectations of today's connected consumers understand the critical importance of maintaining integrated and agile supply chains that maximize the use of modern digital capabilities. These businesses also understand that good supply chains are invisible to the consumer when they work well. As KPMG's 2022 Global CEO Survey reveals, most business leaders agreed or strongly agreed that supply chain risks will have an impact on their business over the next three years. Our view is that first movers will unlock critical advantages.

To read the full article, please visit: [A time of renewal for Canada's supply chains - KPMG Canada](#)

A time of renewal for Canada's supply chains by Stephan C. Beatty, Eric Wolfe and Mimi Vu, 2023

The Government of Canada receives the Office of the Auditor General's report on accessible transportation

On March 27, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, issued a statement on a report published by the Office of the Auditor General on the Government of Canada's efforts related to accessibility in transportation: "In particular, I acknowledge recommendations to increase consultation with persons with disabilities on how to best improve their travel experience... "The Report found that the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority, VIA Rail Canada, and the Canadian Transportation Agency took action to

improve the accessibility of the transportation sector. In some cases, organizations already identified, removed, and prevented some barriers and offer: 1. Web-alternate formats, 2. Assistance with luggage, and 3. Training for providing physical assistance. "All three organizations agree that some barriers remain and that more can be done to address them... This acknowledgement and the plans established to address the audit findings demonstrate our government's commitment to achieving a barrier-free transportation system... "I will also bring the Auditor General's recommendations to the attention of the other Crown corporations in the Transport Portfolio and encourage them to review their compliance with the *Accessible Canada Act* and implement the relevant recommendations."

The Government of Canada receives the Office of the Auditor General's report on accessible transportation, March 27, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

Federal budget includes focus on supply chain



Source: Inside Logistics

The 2023 federal budget takes measures to address supply chain challenges. The measures included are described in the budget document as a “down payment on Canada’s National Supply Chain Strategy,” which the government promises will be released in the coming months. It will be informed by the recommendations of the National Supply Chain Task Force report. As part of the new spending, Transport Canada will have \$27.2 million over five years, starting in 2023-24, to establish a Transportation Supply Chain Office. It will work with industry and other orders of government to respond to disruptions and better coordinate action to increase the capacity, efficiency, and reliability of Canada’s transportation supply chain infrastructure. This includes collaboration.

Federal budget includes focus on supply chain, March 29, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

National tourism indicators, fourth quarter 2022



Source: Statcan

Tourism spending in Canada grew 2.1% in the 2022 fourth quarter, the seventh consecutive quarterly increase. Tourism gross domestic product (GDP) (+2.1%) and jobs attributable to tourism (+1.5%) also rose in the 2022 fourth quarter. Despite the tourism sector’s continued recovery in the 2022 fourth quarter, tourism spending was 16.2% lower than the pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels from the fourth quarter of 2019. By comparison, in the fourth quarter of 2021, tourism spending was 34.8% lower than pre-pandemic levels. Over 2022, this gap narrowed sharply as tourism spending in Canada increased 45.1%, fuelled by a tripling of outlays on passenger air transport compared with 2021. Passenger air transport (+4.6%) contributed the most to the growth in tourism spending in the 2022 fourth quarter, followed by recreation and entertainment (+6.7%) and non-tourism products (+2.0%).

National tourism indicators, fourth quarter 2022, March 30, 2023,

www.statcan.gc.ca

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Biden trade chief says traditional agreements created problems



Source: AJOT

US Trade Representative Katherine Tai told lawmakers that some tariff-lowering agreements have made the US economy vulnerable, and the Biden administration wants to address the problem with a fresh approach to supply chains and commerce. Tai, appearing before the House Ways and Means Committee on March 24, 2023, said tariff cuts and rules to meet free-trade agreement requirements have led to a de-industrialization and erosion of some US capabilities. That’s despite benefits in some areas like textiles in a free-trade deal with Central American countries, and agriculture in other accords, that have bolstered supply chains, she said. The Biden administration hasn’t taken up any free-trade talks, opting to pursue its goals through initiatives that focus on issues like supply chains and the environment and don’t require congressional approval. Those include the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework and Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity. Tai said that the administration was pursuing a trade policy driven by benefits to workers. A number of the challenges to the US economy, including supply chains and competition from non-market economies like China, have roots in the “traditional trade approach,” she said. “We are not pursuing traditional fully-liberalizing trade agreements, because we see those as part of the problem that we are trying to correct for,” she said.

Biden trade chief says traditional agreements created problems, March 26, 2023, www.ajot.com



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diverse and skilled workforce when opportunities for workers in all sectors seem infinite.

The Pacific Chapter (CILTNA) is pleased to invite you to a Reception/Presentation featuring:

Panels:

- **Moderator: Alex Rueben**, Executive Director, Association of British Columbia Marine Industries (ABCMI)
- **Paul Hilder**, President, Council of Marine Carriers (CMC)
- **Captain Nathan Boutilier**, Vice President BC Coast Pilots
- **Michael Lowry**, Senior Communications Manager Western Canada Marine Response Corporation

When: **April 18, 2023**

4:30pm - Registration
5:00pm to 7:00pm – Reception/Presentation

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The Pacific Chapter of CILTNA is pleased to invite you to:

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Over the last 40 years the BC maritime industry has been undergoing a major transformation. For a century, forestry in BC was king and its existence was the lifeblood of the west coast marine industry. Today, servicing major new coastal energy projects and the expanded facilities in BC ports has led to major investment in highly advanced vessels and the need for highly trained and qualified mariners. This has opened doors to develop the modern mariner yet comes at a time of local and worldwide shortages of qualified seafarers.

Our panel will discuss the challenges faced by the marine industry in attracting and retaining a diverse and skilled workforce when opportunities for workers in all sectors seem infinite.

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PANEL:

- Moderator: Alex Ruben, Executive Director, Association of British Columbia Marine Industries (ABCMI)
- Paul Hilder, President, Council of Marine Carriers (CMC)
- Captain Nathan Boutilier, Vice President – BC Coast Pilots
- Michael Lowry, Senior Communications Manager, Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC)

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

4:30 pm - Registration
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Reception/Presentation

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Schedule of events:

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	08:00 – 08:10 ET
SPRING CONFERENCE: SESSIONS 1 – 4	08:15 – 12:00 ET
LUNCHEON WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER	12:00 – 13:15 ET
SPRING CONFERENCE: SESSIONS 5 – 7	13:15 – 16:15 ET
CLOSING REMARKS	16:15 – 16:30 ET

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