



## CANADA

### ✈️ **History in the making: WestJet celebrates inaugural flight to Tokyo's Narita International Airport**

WestJet on April 30, 2023 celebrated the departure of flight WS80 from YYC Calgary International Airport to Tokyo's Narita International Airport. The airline's first-ever service to Asia marks an important milestone for WestJet as the airline reaffirms its Western Canadian growth strategy and commitment to strengthening Alberta's vibrant visitor economy. "We are thrilled to see our new service to Tokyo, Japan take flight as we welcome our newest destination to our 787 intercontinental hub at YYC," said John Weatherill, WestJet Executive Vice-President and Chief Commercial Officer. "Not only does this new route increase opportunities for business, leisure and cargo customers to expand their horizons in Asia, it also provides an exceptional opportunity to welcome transpacific leisure and business travellers direct to Calgary and Alberta."

*History in the making: WestJet celebrates inaugural flight to Tokyo's Narita International Airport, April 30, 2023, [www.westjet.ca](http://www.westjet.ca)*

### ✈️ **Cargojet CEO says softening market forcing cost assessment**



Source: Inside Logistics

Cargojet saw a relatively stable first quarter of 2023, but CEO Ajay Virmani says the company is "realigning" its cost structure to meet current market declines. "Cargojet is not immune to the softening industry trends as well as the macro factors of slower economic growth, higher interest rates and persistent inflation. Therefore, our team is focused on realigning every aspect of our cost structure with the current demand levels, including realigning our network, significantly improving productivity in our maintenance and operational areas and cutting all discretionary expenditures while maintaining industry best on-time-performance," Virmani said in a statement. Revenues for the quarter were down and net income for the quarter was \$30.5 million (net income of \$6.0 million excluding warrant valuation gain) compared to net loss of \$56.4 million in 2022 (net income of \$30.4 million excluding warrant valuation loss).

Cargojet CEO says softening market forcing cost assessment, May 1, 2023, [www.insidepogistics.ca](http://www.insidepogistics.ca)

### ✈️ **WestJet Group completes acquisition of Sunwing**

The WestJet Group on May 1, 2023 announced that it has completed its acquisition of Sunwing Vacations and Sunwing Airlines. The transaction, originally announced in March 2022, combines the two Canadian aviation and leisure travel success stories, and will bring greater choice, competitive airfares and increased direct access to sun destinations to Canadian travellers. In addition, it positions Sunwing to continue its growth across Canada and permits the newly merged company to protect jobs. Initially, the airlines will continue independent operations, maintaining a sharp focus on providing an exceptional guest experience and ensuring safe operations. As the two entities transition from competitors to collaborators, the combination of these businesses will be planned in a way that positions Sunwing as an instrumental pillar of the WestJet Group, and prioritizes the experience

of a growing number of guests.

*WestJet Group completes acquisition of Sunwing, May 1, 2023, [www.westjet.ca](http://www.westjet.ca)*

## ✈️ From Grocery List to Bucket List: Aeroplan and Uber Canada Add New Ways to Earn Points Every Day



Source: Air Canada

Aeroplan is pleased to announce the latest evolution of its loyalty partnership with Uber Canada, giving Aeroplan members the opportunity to earn even more from linking their Aeroplan with their Uber/Uber Eats account in **Canada**. Starting May 3, 2023 Aeroplan members can earn 1 Aeroplan point per \$1 spent on eligible orders in the Grocery and Retail sections of the Uber Eats app, with no minimum spend required. The launch provides a new way to earn Aeroplan points with national and regional grocers and retailers. In addition, members can take advantage of the following offers after linking their Aeroplan account with their Uber/Uber Eats account in **Canada**:

*From Grocery List to Bucket List: Aeroplan and Uber Canada Add New Ways to Earn Points Every Day, May 1, 2023, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

## ✈️ WestJet and Unifor agreement ratified

On, May 3, 2023, the first collective bargaining agreement between WestJet and the Unifor bargaining unit at YYZ was ratified by Unifor's members. Unifor is the certified union representing WestJet airport employees at Toronto Pearson International Airport. "WestJet is pleased to share that the agreement negotiated with Unifor has been ratified by its membership," said Diederik Pen, WestJet Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer. "This settlement demonstrates WestJet's commitment to its employees, the long-term success of the airline and the communities we serve." The agreement will come into effect June 1, 2023 and will be in place until December 31, 2026.

*WestJet and Unifor agreement ratified, May 3, 2023, [www.westjet.ca](http://www.westjet.ca)*

## ✈️ Air Canada and Bell on May 3, 2023 announced a multi-year partnership that will make it even easier to stay connected — both on the ground and in the skies



Source: Air Canada

The partnership delivers on Air Canada and Bell's longstanding commitments to elevating the customer experience, while focusing on added benefits for newcomers and visitors to **Canada**, preparing them to connect to **Canada's** best network as soon as they land. Starting May 15, Air Canada and Bell will offer free messaging for all Aeroplan members worldwide on all Wi-Fi equipped aircraft across Air Canada's fleet, including Air Canada Rouge and Air Canada Express flights. This offering will enable customers to send and receive text-based messages via onboard Wi-Fi using popular messaging apps including Apple's iMessage, Meta's WhatsApp and Messenger, Rakuten's Viber, and Messages by Google. Also, this benefit will be available to strategic partner airline loyalty members.

*Air Canada and Bell on May 3, 2023 announced a multi-year partnership that will make it even easier to stay connected, — both on the ground and in the skies. May 3, 2023, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

## ✈️ Porter launches summer schedule at Pearson Airport

Porter Airlines is launching its summer schedule at Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ), with additional flexibility when travelling between YYZ and Ottawa (YOW), Montreal (YUL), Halifax (YHZ), Vancouver (YVR), Edmonton (YEG) and Calgary (YYC). The new schedule comes into effect on June 1, adding more desirable flight times that are well-distributed throughout the day. Certain routes will see a further increase in flights by August. A greater number of coast-to-coast connecting flight options via Porter's YYZ hub are also created with this new schedule.

*Porter launches summer schedule at Pearson Airport, May 4, 2023, [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com)*

## US/WORLD

## ✈️ UPS downshifts flight activity as volumes deteriorate

UPS continues to reduce flight activity in its air network to maximize asset utilization and improve efficiency amid deteriorating shipping volumes. Executives said during Tuesday's earnings briefing that they are optimizing the domestic air operation and further reducing scheduled flights on the international front in an effort to curb costs. The parcel delivery giant reported operating profit fell 22% to \$2.5 billion in the first quarter, with average daily package volume down several points from a year ago. International revenue decreased 7%. Management said weakness worsened toward the end of the March period. Asia exports were a notable soft spot as retail sales in the U.S. and other markets decelerated. While international total average daily volume came in 6.2% lower year over year, Asia volume was down 8.9% and included a 20% drop on the China-to-U.S. corridor.

*UPS downshifts flight activity as volumes deteriorate, April 28, 2023, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

## ✈️ 2022 Annual and 4th Quarter U.S. Airline Financial Data

2022 Net Profit: \$1.6 billion  
 ▲ \$4.4B from 2021 Net Profit of -\$2.8B



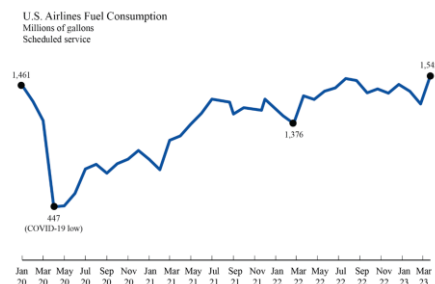
Scheduled Passenger Airlines

Source: BTS

U.S. scheduled passenger airlines reported a 2022 after-tax net profit of \$1.6 billion, gaining after two consecutive annual after-tax losses and a pre-tax operating profit of \$7.9 billion, gaining after two consecutive annual pre-tax losses. U.S. airline financial reports are filed quarterly with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS).

*2022 Annual and 4th Quarter U.S. Airline Financial Data, May 1, 2023, [www.bs.gov](http://www.bs.gov)*

## ✈️ U.S. Airlines' March 2023 Fuel Cost per Gallon Down 9.6% from February 2023; Aviation Fuel Consumption Up 1.3% from Pre-Pandemic March 2019



Source: BTS

The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on May 3, 2023 released U.S. airlines' March 2023 fuel cost and consumption numbers indicating U.S. scheduled service airlines used 1.545 billion gallons of fuel, 18.2% more fuel than in February 2023 (1.307 billion gallons) and 1.3% more than in pre-pandemic March 2019. The cost per gallon of fuel in March 2023 (\$2.91) was down 32 cents (9.6%) from February 2023 (\$3.23) and up \$0.89 (43.9%) from March 2019. Total March 2023 fuel expenditure (\$4.50B) was up 6.8% from February 2023 (\$4.22B) and up 45.7% from pre-pandemic March 2019. Year-over-year changes in fuel consumption and cost for March 2023 include 8.6% increase in domestic fuel cost, and 3.3% decrease in cost per gallon. Domestic fuel consumption increased 17.4% from February 2023 to March 2023, while increasing 3.2% from March 2019. Increased fuel consumption reflects an increase in airline passenger travel over the same period.

*U.S. Airlines' March 2023 Fuel Cost per Gallon Down 9.6% from February 2023; Aviation Fuel Consumption Up 1.3% from Pre-Pandemic March 2019, May 3, 2023, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*

## Air Cargo Declines Moderate in March



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for March 2023 global air cargo markets showing a continued decline against previous year's demand performance. This trend began in March 2022. 1. Global demand, measured in cargo tonne-kilometers (CTKs\*), fell 7.7% compared to March 2022 (-8.1% for international operations). This was a slight improvement over the previous February's performance (-9.4%) and half the rate of annual decline seen in January and December (-16.8% and -15.6% respectively). At this point, it is unclear if this is a potentially modest start of an improvement trend or the upside of market volatility. Irrespective of this, March performance slipped back into negative territory compared to pre-COVID levels (-8.1%). 2. Capacity (measured in available cargo tonne-kilometers, ACTK) was up 9.9% compared to March 2022. The strong uptick in ACTKs reflects the addition of belly capacity as the passenger side of the business continues to recover.

*Air Cargo Declines Moderate in March, May 3, 2023, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

## The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced strong demand growth in air travel for March 2023



Source: IATA

**Total traffic** in March 2023 (measured in revenue passenger kilometers or RPKs) rose 52.4% compared to March 2022. Globally, traffic is now at 88.0% of March 2019 levels. **Domestic traffic** for March rose 34.1% compared to the year-ago period. Total March 2023 domestic traffic was at 98.9% of the March 2019 level. **International traffic** climbed 68.9% versus March 2022 with all markets recording healthy growth, led once again by carriers in the Asia-Pacific region. International RPKs reached 81.6% of March 2019 levels while the load factor at 81.3% exceeded the March 2019 level by 10.1 percentage points. "The calendar year first quarter ended on a strong note for air travel demand. Domestic markets have been near their pre-pandemic levels for months. And for international travel two key waypoints were topped. First, demand increased by 3.5 percentage points compared to the previous month's growth, to reach 81.6% of pre-COVID levels. This was led by a near-tripling of demand for Asia-Pacific carriers as China's re-opening took hold. And efficiency is improving as international load factors reached 81.3%. Even more importantly, ticket sales for both domestic and international travel give every indication that strong growth will continue into the peak Northern Hemisphere summer travel season," said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General.

*The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced strong demand growth in air travel for March 2023, May 4, 2023, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*



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## Rail Transport Updates

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#### **RAC: Canada's Railways 'Top of the Class'**

A new Railway Association of Canada study, *Strengthening All Links: Building More Resilient, Fluid Supply Chains in Canada* (download below), provides “detailed insights and exceptional clarity into the complexity of modern supply chains and transit time variability amid pandemic and other disruptions.”

“Four years’ worth of evidence proves Canadian railways remained strong and reliable despite the unprecedented impacts of COVID-19 on producers and suppliers everywhere,” notes study author Jonathan Thibault, RAC Manager of Economics, Data and Research. “A global pandemic, the war in Ukraine, extreme weather events, labour disruptions and shortages, and economic uncertainty ... these are just some of the concurrent challenges supply chain players have faced in recent years. Supply chain players have demonstrated remarkable resiliency through it all, and Canadian railways are top of the class.”

The report examines two supply chains that are of critical importance to the Canadian economy, exporters and consumers. It finds: The end-to-end transit time of containerized consumer goods from Shanghai, China to markets in Ontario and Quebec increased by 13.8 days (or 52%) from 2019 to 2022. In the examination of each supply chain link, the report shows that 99% of the increase in container transit times were attributed to activities at sea and at port and occurred before the shipping container had even been loaded onto a railcar.

The end-to-end transit time for Saskatchewan grain to reach Chinese markets in 2022 was one day shorter than it was in 2019. In the examination of each supply chain link, the report shows that railways

were the strongest contributor to the reduction in end-to-end transit time between 2019 and 2022.

“Given the sheer numbers of variable at play in modern supply chains, disruptions are expected to become more frequent, less predictable, and more widely felt,” the report notes. “As a trading nation, strong, efficient, high performing, and cost-effective supply chains are critical to Canada’s prosperity. Evidence-based responses to future disruptions will be critical.”

Canada’s railways have called measures in Budget 2023—namely extended interswitching (reciprocal switching) and the replacement worker ban— “misguided and harmful to supply chains precisely because they ignore evidence and facts. Such proposals threaten to weaken supply chain links, running counter to stated government objectives like improving fluidity and resiliency.”

“Again and again, Canadian railways and railroaders have delivered despite real challenges,” says Railway Association of Canada President Marc Brazeau. “This report should make clear to policymakers that the focus now must be on tangible actions to bolster supply chains, not inefficient economic regulation.”

<https://www.railwayage.com/freight/rac-canadas-railways-top-of-the-class/?RAchannel=news>

[SPARK-RAC-CTRF-REPORT-2023-EN6](#)



#### **Unifor Ratifies CN Collective Agreements**

CN announced on May 1, 2023 that Unifor has ratified its collective agreements with the Company. The collective agreements cover

approximately 3,000 CN employees working in various departments such as Mechanical, Intermodal, Facility Management, and in clerical positions in Canada. Tracy Robinson, President and Chief Executive Officer, CN said “We are pleased that Unifor members have ratified these agreements. Despite the diverse crafts represented by this union, we have been successful in improving alignment on our path forward to deliver better and safer service.”

*Unifor Ratifies CN Collective Agreements, May 1, 2023, [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca)*

## Freight Rail Services Price Index, April 2023



Source: Statistics Canada

Data for April for the Freight Rail Services Price Index (2018=100) are now available on Statistics Canada website. The index for the was 124.7 in April 2023 down from 126.6 in March 2023 and up from 129.1 in December 2022 and up from 116.8 in April 2023.

*Freight Rail Services Price Index, April 2023, May 1, 2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## VIA RAIL named the most reputable company in the transportation sector according to leger study



Source: VIA Rail

VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) is proud to have earned the top place as the most reputable company in the transportation sector, according to Leger's 2023 Reputation Study. VIA Rail saw a significant increase in the annual study this year, improving its reputation score by 4 points and bypassing all other transportation companies for the first time since the study was published. Mathieu Paquette, Chief Employee Experience Officer said "This is a fantastic achievement for VIA Rail and a testament to our hard work in providing high-quality transportation services. Not only does this honor recognize VIA Rail's commitment to excellence in the transportation sector, but it also highlights our colleague's dedication to providing top-notch customer service."

*VIA RAIL named the most reputable company in the transportation sector according to leger study, May 3, 2023, [www.viarail.ca](http://www.viarail.ca)*

## CPKC, Teck Announce Long-Term Rail Agreement



Source: Railway Age

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) and Teck Coal Limited (Teck) have entered into a long-term rail agreement for transportation of steelmaking coal from Teck's four operations in southeastern, B.C., the Class I announced May 4, 2023. This agreement, which builds on existing services in place and runs until the end of 2026, “reflects both companies’ commitments to work together to reduce emissions and enhance supply-chain reliability to supply the resources required for a low carbon future,” the Class I stated in a release. According to CPKC, “in support of building green transportation corridors and as a shared commitment to sustainability,” the railroad and Teck “intend to collaboratively develop a unique pilot program that integrates the use of CPKC’s hydrogen locomotives into Teck’s steelmaking coal supply chain.” It is anticipated, CPKC says, that this effort will reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, with testing commencing in early 2024.

*CPKC, Teck Announce Long-Term Rail Agreement, May 4, 2023, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*

## US/WORLD

### AAR: For April, Intermodal 'Continues to Suffer'



Source: Railway Age

U.S. rail traffic in April 2023 dropped from the same month last year—down 6.0% or 120,898 carloads and intermodal units, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported May 3, 2023. This follows March's 7.6% drop from the prior-year period. According to AAR, U.S. Class I railroads in April 2023 hauled 1,881,950 carloads and intermodal units, comprising 936,637 carloads (up 1.8%) and 945,313 containers and trailers (down 12.7%). "Intermodal continues to suffer because of significantly lower trade activity at ports, weaker consumer demand, and continued excess retail inventories from the pandemic era," said AAR Senior Vice President John T. Gray. "These headwinds won't last forever. When they dissipate, railroads will be prepared to meet their customers' needs safely and reliably." Canadian railroads reported 83,719 carloads for the week, up 8.2%, and 65,041 intermodal units, down 16.2% compared with the same week in 2022. For the first 17 weeks of 2023, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 2,392,698 carloads, containers and trailers, up 0.2%.

*AAR: For April, Intermodal 'Continues to Suffer', May 3, 2023, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*



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## Marine Transport Updates

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#### Annual meeting of the Montreal Port Authority



Source: AJOT

On April 28, 2023, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Montreal Port Authority (MPA) Martin Imbleau and Chair of the Board of Directors Nathalie Pilon released the Port of Montreal's 2022 operating results at the annual meeting held at the MPA head office. After two years marked by downturns in traffic at the Port of Montreal in connection with the disruption of international supply chains and the COVID-19 pandemic, the MPA is back on an upward trend in terms of cargo volumes handled in all sectors. "With the end of the health restrictions, we regained a degree of normality. People started to move and travel again, port congestion and container availability issues stabilized, cargo got moving more predictably. But 2022 was also a year of awareness and reflection to prepare for the future. Recent events showed us all, collectively, the importance of port infrastructure for society and the economy. We became aware of the urgent need to invest in supply chains, to strengthen them and even to rethink them to be ready for crisis situations," said Martin Imbleau, President and Chief Executive Officer of the MPA. In all, 36 million tonnes of cargo were

handled at the Port of Montreal in 2022, up 5.8% from last year. All sectors of activity posted gains.

*Annual meeting of the Montreal Port Authority, April 28, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

#### The Government of Canada outlines 2023 measures to protect Southern Resident killer whales

The Government of Canada recognizes that Southern Resident killer whales face imminent threats to their survival, and that protecting these iconic marine mammals requires comprehensive and immediate action. Our measures focus on addressing the three primary threats to Southern Resident killer whales: acoustic and physical disturbance, prey availability and accessibility, and contaminants. Acoustic and physical disturbances from vessels: 1. Vessels must stay at least 400 metres away from all killer whales year-round in southern British Columbia coastal waters between Campbell River to just north of Ucluelet. 2. Commercial whale-watching and ecotourism companies that receive an authorization from the Minister of Transport will be able to view transient (Biggs) killer whales from 200 metres, given their expertise in identifying different types of killer whales. This provision does not apply to the Southern Resident killer whale population. 3. If a vessel finds itself within 400 metres of a killer whale, they are asked to turn off fish finders and echo sounders and put the engine in neutral when safe to do so to allow animals to pass. 4. If a vessel is within 1,000 metres of a killer whale, they are asked to reduce speed to less than 7 knots when safe to do so to lessen engine noise and vessel wake. For the 2023 season, Transport Canada will be strengthening the requirements of the avoidance distance to further minimize physical and acoustic disturbance in the presence of killer whales in the Interim Order under the Canada Shipping Act, 2001. The 2023 measures continue the mandatory Speed Restricted Zones near Swiftsure Bank, co-developed with the Pacheedaht First Nation. All vessels are required to slow down to a maximum of 10 knots while in the areas.



The Government of Canada outlines 2023 measures to protect Southern Resident killer whales, April 26, 2023, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)

## **Minister of Transport launches a new call for proposals to support the removal of abandoned and wrecked vessels in Canadian waters through the Oceans Protection Plan**

On April 28, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alhabra, announced the launch of a new call for proposals under the Oceans Protection Plan's Abandoned Boats Program, which invites Canadians to submit proposals for projects that support the assessment, removal, and disposal of abandoned and wrecked vessels in Canadian waters. Through the call for proposals, which will provide \$1.6 million in total funding, the Government of Canada will pay up to 100% of costs associated with the assessment and removal of abandoned or wrecked vessels. Specifically, it will cover up to \$5,000 for boat assessment projects and up to \$250,000 for boat removal and disposal projects.

*Minister of Transport launches a new call for proposals to support the removal of abandoned and wrecked vessels in Canadian waters through the Oceans Protection Plan, April 28, 2023, [www.t.c.gc.ca](http://www.t.c.gc.ca)*

## **Vancouver port traffic dips in 2022, as slowing imports hint at economic downturn to come**



Source: Financial Post

Cargo volumes at Canada's largest port fell by three per cent last year as the global economy began to show signs of a slowdown. Though

grain and fertilizer exports surged in the second half of 2022, the gains were not enough to offset a sputtering start to the year caused by a weak 2021 harvest and lingering supply chain problems, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority said on May 1.

*Vancouver port traffic dips in 2022, as slowing imports hint at economic downturn to come, May 3, 2023, [www.financialpost.ca](http://www.financialpost.ca)*

## **US/WORLD**

### **Crowley to launch multi-modal service between Mexico and the U.S. Midwest and Canada via inland connections by CN**

Crowley will launch an end-to-end, integrated ocean and rail service between Mexico and the U.S. Midwest region and into Canada. Featuring Crowley's new Mexico-U.S. ocean route in the Gulf, the service will leverage the highly efficient, inland rail network of Canadian National Railway Company and its U.S. rail subsidiaries (CN). The companies' combined network provides broad reach across the Midwest and into Canada to increase solutions for global customers in North American markets. "With this collaboration with Canadian National, Crowley has further expanded market reach for our customers and the communities they serve with the fast, reliable transport of goods across the entirety of North America," said Brett Bennett, senior vice president and general manager, Crowley Logistics. "Leveraging each side's unmatched supply chain capabilities and commitment to customers long-term, we are creating even more efficiencies to advance the power of today's innovative and demanding global supply chain."

*Crowley to launch multi-modal service between Mexico and the U.S. Midwest and Canada via inland connections by CN, May 2, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## Container shipping heading for \$10 billion loss in 2024: Drewry



Source: JOC

The container shipping industry will report a \$10 billion loss in 2024 as new contracts are signed at significantly lower rates and a flood of new ships results in effective capacity growth of 25 percent this year, according to the latest estimate from consultancy Drewry. It is an astonishing comedown from the before-tax profit of \$296 billion reported by carriers in 2022 and the \$16.5 billion profit expected from the industry this year, Simon Heaney, senior manager for container research at Drewry Maritime Research, said during a webinar on May 2, 2023.

Container shipping heading for \$10 billion loss in 2024: Drewry, May 2, 2023, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)

## Environmental group slams IMO for Arctic shipping stance



Source: Inside Logistics

An environmental group is taking the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to task for failing to move forward on regulations that would reduce carbon emissions in the Arctic. As a meeting of the IMO's Pollution Prevention and Response committee finished up, the Clean Arctic Alliance denounced the international organization for failing to move forward on compulsory measures to reduce black

carbon emissions in the Arctic, and called for national governments to develop concrete proposals for mandatory action for the IMO to consider in 2024.

Environmental group slams IMO for Arctic shipping stance, May 2, 2023, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)

## USDOT Announces Funding for 27 Small Shipyards in 20 States to Help Increase Productivity and Create Jobs

On May 3, 2023, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) announced \$20.8 million in grant awards to 27 small shipyards in 20 states through the Small Shipyard Grant Program. The funds will help shipyards modernize, increase productivity, and expand local job opportunities while competing in the global marketplace. "Small shipyards strengthen America's commercial fleet, bolster our economic security, and generate good jobs," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "We are proud to support these shipyards reinforce their vital role in the U.S. maritime sector."

USDOT Announces Funding for 27 Small Shipyards in 20 States to Help Increase Productivity and Create Jobs, May 3, 2023, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)

## New US House bill would boost FMC's antitrust authority



Source: JOC

The sponsor of a bill that would give the FMC greater power to kill deals involving ocean carriers and marine terminals says it is needed because container alliances "openly collude."

New US House bill would boost FMC's antitrust authority, April 26, 2023, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)

## FMC post-OSRA complaint process secures \$1 million in relief for shipping interests



Source: JOC

US shipping interests who sought relief from the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) over disputed fees have won back just over \$1 million since new shipping reform became law last June. Since June 16 when the Ocean Shipping Regulation Act of 2022 (OSRA-22) was signed into law, a total of \$1,045,953 has been refunded through the FMC's interim charge complaint process to shippers, consignees, truckers and third parties who sought the agency's help to contest charges levied by ocean carriers. The charge complaint process continues to drive informal settlements and waivers of mainly detention and demurrage billings.

*FMC post-OSRA complaint process secures \$1 million in relief for shipping interests, May 4, 2023, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## Seafarers Happiness Index Q1 2023 reveals a decline in overall satisfaction levels among seafarers



Source: AJOT

The Mission to Seafarers has published the latest Seafarers Happiness Index report for Q1 2023, revealing a decline in overall happiness levels among seafarers during the first three months of the year. The survey, which captures seafarers' sentiments worldwide

across a wide range of welfare issues, shows a fall from 7.69 to 7.1 out of 10, compared to Q4 2022. The Seafarers Happiness Index (SHI) report covers ten key questions that provide insights into the challenges and opportunities facing seafarers. The Q1 2023 SHI was undertaken with the support of NorthStandard and Idwal, and identifies a return to growing frustrations among respondents, following a period of rising happiness. Seafarers were relatively satisfied in the last quarter of 2022, but sentiment has since worsened. The average happiness level of seafarers in Q1 2023 was 7.1, which is lower than the levels recorded in Q2, Q3, and Q4 of 2022. In fact, nine out of ten areas surveyed showed a decrease in happiness levels. Despite an optimistic outlook for improvements to seafarer welfare in 2023, the latest report indicates that these expectations have not yet been met. As ever, there is still much room for improvement.

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## Road Transport Updates

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#### Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, March 2023



Source: Statcan

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (2019=100) is now available for March 2023 on Statistics Canada website. The index was 128.1 a decline from 131.9 from February 2023 and 134.2 for December 2022. In March 2022, the index was 119.5.

*Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, March 2023, April 28, 2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

#### Feedback Required on Inter-Provincial Trade Barriers



Source: Ontruck

In recent weeks, CTA has heard from members and provincial associations from across the country about the need to address and remove inter-provincial trucking barriers that create logistical and operational issues for fleets, and other constraints/irritants that lead to unnecessary supply chain inefficiencies and delays for drivers. Policies around winter maintenance agreements or permitting regimes impacting oversize/overweight loads and operators have been mentioned recently as examples. CTA is in the process of writing a letter to the federal Minister of Inter-Governmental Affairs that will highlight items which are relatively simple policy/regulatory changes that can be undertaken and addressed right away. For example, there may be jurisdictions that require flags instead of lights on oversize loads or that some jurisdictions only allow travel during full day light vs. dusk and dawn hours, or other illogical constraints.

*Feedback Required on Inter-Provincial Trade Barriers, April 28, 2023, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)*



## Mullen bucks trend with record Q1 earnings



Source: Today's Trucking

Mullen Group has bucked a trend among publicly traded fleets by recording record 2023 Q1 earnings, including a 9% increase in revenue and 93% surge in net income. Senior executive officer and chairman Murray Mullen credited the LTL business in particular, as it drove the strong first quarter while maintaining market share and managing rising costs. "Volumes held steady, backstopped by solid end consumer demand, and we added a couple of tuck-in acquisitions over the past year. Building lane density and critical mass are two important keys to generating a profitable business and I am delighted to report our 11 LTL business units continue to execute to plan. In addition, our specialized and industrial services segment generated solid gains, primarily due to increased investment by the oil and natural gas industry in western Canada," Mullen said in a press release.

*Mullen bucks trend with record Q1 earnings, April 28, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*



## Volta Trucks confirms US launch



Source: Inside Logistics

Volta Trucks has confirmed the US launch and first public display of the all-electric Volta Zero at the Advanced Clean Transportation (ACT)

Expo between May 1 and 4, 2023. The introduction of Volta Trucks's all-electric commercial vehicles into North America will be led in 2023 by the Class 6 and Class 7 Volta Zero (equivalent to the existing European 16-ton truck), which will be available with an ambient or refrigerated cargo box. In late 2023, Volta Trucks will launch a US-based Driving Experience Program for fleet operators to evaluate a pilot fleet of Volta Zeros in real distribution environments to understand how the electric delivery trucks will integrate into their operations. A similar program is currently launching across six European countries. The program will start on the US west coast, ahead of a roll out of production vehicles expected in 2024.

*Volta Trucks confirms US launch, April 28, 2023, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*



## TFI buys Siemens Transportation Group



Source: Inside Logistics

TFI International Inc. announced it is acquiring Siemens Transportation Group (STG). Founded in 1962, and based in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, STG is a family-owned business. The majority of STG's operations are LTL (less-than-truckload), with a smaller portion of its business in truckload and flatbed. It has 15 terminals, including 11 in Canada and four in the US, generating annual revenues of approximately \$150 million. STG's Doug Siemens will continue to manage the business as part of TFI's Less-Than-Truckload segment, reporting to executive vice-president Chris Traikos. The transaction is subject to regulatory approval. Terms were not disclosed. TFI has also completed the acquisition of Hot Line Freight Systems.

*TFI buys Siemens Transportation Group, May 2, 2023, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*



## Ontario Launching Debit Payment on PRESTO Devices

The Ontario government is making it easier to take transit by giving riders more ways to pay. Beginning on May 2, 2023, riders on GO

Transit, UP Express, Brampton Transit, Burlington Transit, Durham Region Transit, Hamilton Street Railway, MiWay in Mississauga, Oakville Transit and York Region Transit can pay fares by tapping a debit card on a PRESTO device, including debit cards on a smartphone or smartwatch.

*Ontario Launching Debit Payment on PRESTO Devices, May 2, 2023, [www.mto.gov.on.ca](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca)*

## **Canada's biggest truck fleets in 2023: The Top 100 list revealed**



Source: Today's Trucking

Today's Trucking has compiled the list of the Top 100 – Canada's biggest for-hire fleets based on equipment counts. And some familiar names continue to dominate the top of the list. TFI International maintains its position as Canada's biggest fleet, followed by Day & Ross, and Mullen Group. Bison Transport moves into the fourth spot, followed by Canadian National Transportation. The full data can be accessed and sorted at [www.trucknews.com/top-100](http://www.trucknews.com/top-100).

*Canada's biggest truck fleets in 2023: The Top 100 list revealed, May 2, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

## **Manitoba to spend \$33.5M on Trans-Canada Highway upgrades**



Source: Today's Trucking

Manitoba will invest nearly \$33.5 million on a section of the Trans-Canada Highway on the western outskirts of Winnipeg. The section of the highway through the Rural Municipality of Headingley will receive several upgrades over the next two years so traffic can move more safely and efficiently, Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Doyle Piwniuk announced in a news release. "The Trans-Canada Highway is a vital artery in our province. This major investment will improve the infrastructure on a major economic corridor that helps connect Manitoba to the rest of the country," said Piwniuk. "In addition to the commercial benefits, the upgrades will ensure Manitobans have access to safe, reliable infrastructure for many generations to come."

*Manitoba to spend \$33.5M on Trans-Canada Highway upgrades, May 3, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

## **US/WORLD**

### **FMCSA Forms New Task Force to Combat Predatory Leasing Practices**

On May 1, 2023, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced the nine members who will serve on the Truck Leasing Task Force (TLTF) chartered by Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. TLTF will evaluate lease agreements in the industry and their potential safety and financial impacts on owner-operators. TLTF is established as a statutory committee under the authority of Section 23009 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. 117-58 (2021), in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. TLTF will address areas that have long needed intense focus. It will be tasked with providing best practices to assist drivers in assessing the impacts of a leasing agreement prior to entering into such agreement and recommendations on changes to laws to promote fair leasing agreements. TLTF's work will contribute to FMCSA's efforts to ensure that drivers have access to fair leasing agreements.

*FMCSA Forms New Task Force to Combat Predatory Leasing Practices, May 1, 2023, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

### **U.S. Government to Remove Border Vaccine Requirements as of May 12, 2023**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced it will be removing border vaccine requirements impacting all non-U.S. citizens

entering the country as of May 12, 2023. A statement from the DHS confirmed the removal of the mandate stating the following: “Beginning May 12, 2023, DHS will no longer require non-U.S. travelers entering the United States via land ports of entry and ferry terminals to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and provide related proof of vaccination upon request. DHS intends to rescind these Title 19 travel restrictions in alignment with the end of the Public Health Emergency and the termination of the Presidential Proclamation on air travel.” The White House also confirmed the removal of the mandate along with a number of additional COVID related emergency measures, and further stating that additional details relating to the ending of these requirements would be available in the coming days.

*U.S. Government to Remove Border Vaccine Requirements as of May 12, 2023, May 2, 2023, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)*



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## Other Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### CTA Provides Comments on Future Vision of Canada's Immigration System



Source: Ontruck

The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) has made a formal submission on the Future Vision of Canada's Immigration System. As part of consultations – which Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) recently wrapped up – CTA signaled its strong support for a robust immigration system that is responsive to the Canadian economy. The trucking industry has one of the highest job vacancy rates and the oldest workforce in the country. The acute labour shortage in the industry is well documented and presents as one of the biggest threats to long term economic recovery and stability.

CTA Provides Comments on Future Vision of Canada's Immigration System, May 3, 2023, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)

#### Canadian international merchandise trade and services, March 2023



Source: Statistics Canada

In March 2023, Canada's merchandise imports decreased 2.9%, while exports were down 0.7%. As a result, Canada's merchandise trade balance with the world moved from a revised \$487 million deficit in February to a \$972 million surplus in March. Canada's monthly international trade in services deficit was essentially unchanged in March 2023, at \$2.0 billion. Overall, exports of services were up 0.2% to \$14.0 billion, as an increase in commercial services (+0.6%) was moderated by a decline in travel services (-1.0%). Imports edged up 0.1% to \$16.0 billion, reflecting higher commercial services (+1.0%), which was partially offset by lower transportation services (-2.8%).

*Canadian international merchandise trade and services, March 2023, May 4, 2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

### US/WORLD

#### EIB Board approves EUR 6.6 billion for transport, business and education investment





Source: Europa

The Board of Directors of the European Investment Bank (EIB) on May 3, 2023 approved EUR 6.6 billion of new financing to support new sustainable transport, clean energy, corporate innovation and education investment across Europe and around the world.

*EIB Board approves EUR 6.6 billion for transport, business and education investment, May 3, 2023, [www.europa.eu](http://www.europa.eu)*



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**Job Postings**

**\* Administrator, Data Management, Glovis Canada Inc., Mississauga, Ontario**

**About Glovis Canada Inc.:**

GLOVIS Canada Inc. is a leading provider of logistics and transportation services for Hyundai & Kia automotive group. We are

responsible for all aspects of the vehicle logistics process including, port processing, vehicle processing and truck and rail transportation, shipping vehicles to the dealership networks. GLOVIS Canada is part of a global organization with a significant level of growth in a short period of time.

**Job Title:** Administrator, Data Management

**Location:** Mississauga, Ontario

**Schedule:** 8:30AM - 5:00PM (Monday-Friday), one (1) hour unpaid lunch break included

Please review all qualifications carefully and apply to this position.

### Position Summary

This position is responsible for analyzing data and providing insights to executive leadership and clients for improving business processes. Responsibilities include but are not limited to collecting data, ensuring integrity of the database, reporting, and analysis.

### Essential Job Duties:

#### 1. Primary duties

- Provides accurate and appropriate interpretation of data, applying knowledge to evaluation, analysis, and interpretation of data.
- Develops useful and insightful information from a variety of data sources to executive leadership and clients.
- Identifies trends in data sets and potential opportunity areas, and develops recurring reports for the Compliance and Strategy departments.
- Assesses complex data systems and programs in support of ad-hoc and standing management or customer requests.
- Interacts and collaborates with business users and various company division and department personnel to determine reporting needs, and supports reporting needs to fulfill business requirements.

#### 2. Maintain and updates

- Provide daily, weekly, and monthly Inventory status reports to HQ/AHQ/GCI.

- Inputs systems data for contractual rates, FSC fuel surcharge rates, ATLAS master records (profit and loss record system), manual port processing, et al.
- Tracks history of system master files to minimize missing contractual rates in the system and providing better insights of P&L.

### 3. Reporting

- Collects data through primary and secondary data sources; establishes which data is applicable and the methods which should be utilized to evaluate them.
- Prepares weekly and monthly status reports of process improvement initiatives to executive management.

### 4. Invoicing

- Work with port, manufacturing plants, compounds, offsites, etc. vendors to determine any rail arrival, yard exit, returns, etc. date discrepancies. Work with partners to identify any event/performance variance in regard to dealer pick ups, restocking, rail loading, rail unloading, port/compound installed options, etc. Work with GCI Vehicle Operations and IT teams to ensure ATLAS reflects actual.
- Prepare monthly storage billing and payment requests for accounting review.
- Prepare monthly accruals for GCI and its customers.
- Provide supplementary back up coverage for Data Management team members ad hoc.

### Minimum Requirements:

Automotive Operations experience at least 1-2 years, knowledge of overall operations process is strongly preferred.

Excellent Excel skills is required. (Assessment test for excel will be done)

Strong analytic and decision-making skills.

Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.

Strong communication skills, able to address customer requests and concerns in professional manner.

Ability to multitask and balance multiple priorities and deadlines.

To apply, please click here:

<https://ca.indeed.com/viewjob?cmp=Glovis-Canada&t=Data+Coordinator&jk=19fe90098fd29abf&q=GLOVIS&vjs=3>

### \* **Principal Planner: Freight Planning, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority**

Under the direction of the Director of Freight Planning, the Principal Planner: Freight Planning will be responsible for performing a full range of technical planning, research, analysis, written reports, and outreach activities in the specialized field of freight and goods movement planning. The job requires knowledge of goods movement, the application of tools of analysis, the ability to research freight and related topics and produce reports, as well as the ability of effectively engage and interact with stakeholders in the public and private sector. To apply, please click here:

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