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Source: CBC News

WestJet to shut down Sunwing Airlines, merge it with mainline business

WestJet finalized its takeover of Sunwing Airlines last month. WestJet is planning to wind down Sunwing Airlines, integrating the low-cost carrier into its mainline business within two years as part of a plan to streamline operations. In an internal memo obtained by The Canadian Press, Sunwing Airlines president Len Corrado said the change will open up markets for the 18-year-old company as well as its workers. CBC has not independently verified that memo. In a statement sent to CBC News, the Calgary-based carrier verified the move. "While we can confirm the eventual integration of Sunwing Airlines into WestJet, the anticipated timeline to do so has not been determined at this time," Julia Kaiser, spokesperson for WestJet, said in an email. "Our immediate focus remains on the integration of Swoop's highly successful business model across WestJet's operations."

WestJet to shut down Sunwing Airlines, merge it with mainline business, June 17, 2023, www.cbcnews.ca

The WestJet Group provides update on integration of Sunwing Airlines and Swoop

The WestJet Group on June 19, 2023 confirmed future plans to provide reliable and affordable travel to a broader spectrum of guests and communities across Canada and beyond, through combining the best of every airline across the WestJet Group, including Sunwing Airlines and Swoop into one product offering. "We are confident that the future integration of Sunwing Airlines into the WestJet Group, following that of our ultra-low-cost carrier Swoop will significantly enhance our ability to provide affordability and choice to our guests," said Alexis von Hoensbroech, WestJet Group, Chief Executive Officer. "The integration of all jets from Sunwing Airlines, Swoop and WestJet into one fleet will provide us with the scale to enhance our collective operational resilience, while offering more affordable fares and vacation opportunities across our entire network." While the integration of Swoop is anticipated to conclude by the end of October 2023, Sunwing Airlines will not start integrating before 2024 and remains business as usual at this time.

The WestJet Group provides update on integration of Sunwing Airlines and Swoop, June 19, 2023, www.westjet.ca

Annual civil aviation statistics: First look, 2022



Source: Statcan

Canadian air carriers transported 68.2 million passengers in 2022, more than two and half times the 26.0 million carried in 2021. This represents close to three-quarters (72.4%) of the number of passengers carried in 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022, the recovery in air travel gained momentum for both domestic traffic (36.1 million passengers, or 26.1% below 2019) and international traffic (32.0 million passengers, or 29.4% below pre-pandemic levels). Most of the passengers were carried in the last 10 months of the year. The gradual lifting of COVID-19 travel restrictions started in March 2022 and ended in October 2022, when all remaining restrictions, including vaccination, mandatory use of the ArriveCAN app, and testing and quarantine requirements, were removed. Total traffic reached 168.7 billion passenger-kilometres in 2022, more than three times the total traffic in 2021 and almost three-quarters (72.3%) of the 2019 output. On average, each passenger travelled 2,474 kilometres in 2022, nearly the same as the 2019 level (2,478 kilometres). At 2.7 million hours, total hours flown in 2022 were more than four-fifths (81.9%) of 2019.

Annual civil aviation statistics: First look, 2022, June 16, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

✈️ Flair CEO Stephen Jones on why it's shaping up to be a hot, hot summer for air travel



Source: Financial Post

It has been a turbulent couple of years for **air travel** in Canada, but the chief executive of the country's largest ultra-low-cost carrier says things are looking up this summer. Stephen Jones, CEO of **Flair Airlines Ltd.**, says Canadians are finally starting to venture out again in droves and that his airline is seeing strong bookings in the months ahead. The Financial Post's Denise Paglinawan spoke to Jones about

Flair's growth, the upcoming summer travel season and why **low cost carriers** are here to stay.

Flair CEO Stephen Jones on why it's shaping up to be a hot, hot summer for air travel, June 16, 2023, www.financialpost.ca

✈️ Canadian Airports React to New Air Sector Legislation

Bill C-52, the Enhancing Transparency and Accountability in the Transportation System Act, was tabled on June 20, 2023. Canada's airports support actions to drive greater accountability for all players in the national air transportation ecosystem. They support a shared accountability framework across the ecosystem, with establishment of service-level standards among government agencies, airports and airlines. Indeed, airports have already proposed a comprehensive set of actions that all aviation system partners can take to increase transparency and improve air travel. "We believe that constructive engagement among aviation stakeholders is essential for improving passenger experience and coping with future disruptions to Canada's aviation ecosystem. We also believe that better data-sharing is in the best interest of the travelling public," said RJ Steenstra, President and CEO of Billy Bishop / Toronto City Airport and Chair of the Canadian Airports Council. "Public transparency between aviation partners is key to a seamless travel journey in the vital air sector, said Canadian Airports Council President Monette Pasher. "We already share accountability through our commercial contractual relationships and are continually improving communications for the passenger. This is all part of an intense summer readiness push across the ecosystem. Airports have been working to coordinate their own preparations with those of the airlines, government and third-party contractors, in order to help them improve security, boarding, baggage, customs and ground handling."

Canadian Airports React to New Air Sector Legislation, June 20, 2023, www.cacairports.ca

✈️ Air Canada Named World's Most Family Friendly Airline and Top Canadian Carrier at 2023 Skytrax World Airline Awards



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada has been recognized as the world's most family friendly airline at the 2023 Skytrax World Airline Awards presented at the Paris Air Show. The carrier was also named the Best Airline in Canada, its employees won for Best Airline Staff in Canada, and Air Canada Rouge was declared the Best Low-Cost Airline in Canada. "These awards recognize Air Canada's industry leadership in Canada and the world. But the real winners are our employees, who work very hard every day taking care of our customers and delivering them safely to their destinations. I thank our employees for their dedication, and I also thank our customers for acknowledging their work by participating in the 2023 Skytrax awards survey, which garnered more than 20 million submissions worldwide," said Michael Rousseau, President and Chief Executive Officer of Air Canada.

Air Canada Named World's Most Family Friendly Airline and Top Canadian Carrier at 2023 Skytrax World Airline Awards, June 20, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

Porter Airlines introduces Winnipeg to its network

Porter Airlines is adding Winnipeg to its growing network, with flights between Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Winnipeg Richardson International Airport (YWG). Service between the provincial capitals begins on September 7, 2023 with two daily roundtrip flights. The new Winnipeg-Toronto Pearson route will operate with state-of-the-art, 132-seat Embraer E195-E2 aircraft. The service also connects to Porter's Eastern Canada network out of Toronto-Pearson, including Ottawa, Montreal and Halifax. Introductory roundtrip fares start at \$177.

Porter Airlines introduces Winnipeg to its network, June 20, 2023, www.flyporter.ca

Star Alliance Named World's Best Airline Alliance at the Skytrax 2023 World Airline Awards



Source: Air Canada

Star Alliance has once again won the title of World's Best Airline Alliance at the prestigious Skytrax World Airline Awards this year. The Alliance's famed Los Angeles lounge has also maintained its position of World's Best Airline Alliance Lounge for the seventh year running. Star Alliance CEO Theo Panagiotoulis received the awards at a ceremony held at the Paris Air Show. Delighted at the win, Mr Panagiotoulis said: "Star Alliance offers a robust network and promises seamless journeys. We are very happy to learn that millions of flyers have recognised the exceptional value our alliance extends. With the skies getting busier, we welcome many more flyers to experience what Star Alliance and its 26 member airlines stand for."

Star Alliance Named World's Best Airline Alliance at the Skytrax 2023 World Airline Awards, June 21, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

Air Canada Announces Prepayment of EDC Financed Loans used to Acquire 19 Airbus A220-300 Aircraft



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on June 21, 2023 announced it has prepaid loans of approximately \$650 million from Export Development Corporation (EDC) used by the company to help fund its acquisition of 19 Airbus A220-300 aircraft. The prepayment, which is also subject to accrued interest, was made on June 21, 2023. "One of Air Canada's major financial objectives is to deleverage its balance sheet following the COVID-19 pandemic and prepaying these loans we received for our A220 aircraft is a significant step toward this goal. We appreciate EDC's assistance in purchasing these Canadian-built aircraft, which not only advanced our fleet modernization program to improve our fuel efficiency and competitiveness, but also helped to ensure that the investments Air Canada is making directly support jobs in Canada's aerospace industry and contribute to the country's economy," said Amos Kazzaz, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Air Canada. The prepayment of the loans for 19 Airbus A220-300

aircraft financed through EDC was achieved via: 1. a full prepayment of Air Canada's 2021 credit facility with EDC for the acquisition of 15 Airbus A220-300 aircraft, and 2. a partial prepayment of Air Canada's 2020 credit facility with EDC for the acquisition of 18 Airbus A220-300 aircraft.

Air Canada Announces Prepayment of EDC Financed Loans used to Acquire 19 Airbus A220-300 Aircraft, June 21, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

WestJet inaugurates service between Saskatoon and Minneapolis



Source: WestJet

WestJet on June 19, 2023 celebrated the commencement of its new nonstop transborder service between Saskatoon and Minneapolis, with the departure of WS1900 at 7:10 a.m. MST. Growing Saskatoon's aviation pipeline, the new route unlocks direct connectivity from Saskatchewan to the Midwest United States and beyond. With the inclusion of Minneapolis to Saskatoon's network, WestJet has increased transborder capacity in and out of the City of Bridges by 20 per cent during the summer. "We are thrilled to celebrate the departure of our inaugural flight between Saskatoon and Minneapolis today, bolstering our title as Saskatchewan's leading airline and signifying our expanded commitment to the province," said Jared Mikoch-Gerke, WestJet Director, Government Relations & Regulatory Affairs. "This new connectivity between Saskatoon and Minneapolis will further enhance transborder travel options for the communities we serve and stimulate vital business and tourism opportunities on both sides of the border."

WestJet inaugurates service between Saskatoon and Minneapolis, June 19, 2023, www.westjet.ca

Proposed legislative changes to enhance transparency and accountability in the transportation system

The Minister of Transport has introduced Bill C-52, the *Enhancing Transparency and Accountability in the Transportation System Act*, which would enact the *Air Transportation Accountability Act* and

amend the *Canada Transportation Act* and the *Canada Marine Act*. Bill C-52 aims to improve transparency and accountability in three areas of the federal transportation network. PART I is on: Enacting the *Air Transportation Accountability Act* to enhance accountability and transparency in air transportation (i.e. service standards and public reporting; information requirements: authorize the Minister of Transport to require airports and other operators to provide information to the Minister, where needed, to inform strategic decision-making; Noise consultation; environmental obligations; and Diversity). PART II is on: Amending the *Canada Transportation Act* to strengthen accessibility performance monitoring (i.e. accessibility reporting and publishing; and complaints). PART III is on: Amending the *Canada Marine Act* to enhance transparency and accountability for Canada Port Authorities (i.e. rate-setting: complaint process; alternative dispute resolution; and cost recovery).

Proposed legislative changes to enhance transparency and accountability in the transportation system, June 22, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca; and Minister of Transport introduces Bill C-52 to ensure accountability and transparency in the national transportation sector for Canadians, June 22, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

Porter Airlines adds St. John's to Toronto-Pearson network

Porter Airlines' newest route with its Embraer E195-E2 aircraft is between Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and St. John's International Airport (YYT). Service begins September 7, 2023, with one daily non-stop roundtrip flight. The route will also connect Porter's east coast network to its new west coast destinations via Toronto Pearson, including Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary and Winnipeg. Introductory roundtrip fares start at \$396.

Porter Airlines adds St. John's to Toronto-Pearson network, June 22, 2023, www.flyporter.com



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CP Rail found guilty in contempt of court case

A federal judge has found Canadian Pacific to be in contempt of court after the company forced train crews to work excessively long hours in violation of a court order to abide by the collective agreement and Transport Canada regulations. The contempt motion was filed by the union representing rail workers, the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC). Crew fatigue is a documented safety hazard in the rail industry. From the early 1990s until mid-2022, the Transportation Safety Board of Canada has identified fatigue as a factor in at least 32 train derailments and other accidents. Rail workers are constantly on call and may work no longer than 12 hours under Transport Canada regulations, or 10 hours under certain provisions of the collective agreement. The judge found “beyond a reasonable doubt” that the rail company “intentionally” overworked train crews in 22 incidents of the 38 presented. However, the judge also noted that “CP’s own evidence was that thousands of situations continue to occur annually” where train crews are not relieved from work in time.

CP Rail found guilty in contempt of court case, June 16, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) on June 20, 2023 launched an updated carbon emissions calculator for its transnational North American rail network in Canada, the United States and Mexico. Expanding on the individual former Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern carbon emissions calculators, [the updated version of the online tool](#) incorporates customer-specific shipping details to calculate routes across CPKC’s rail network and commodity-specific GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions. The calculator also provides information on highway safety “and other public benefits of shipping with CPKC’s freight rail services.” “This innovative web-based tool is designed to give customers greater insight into the carbon footprint of CPKC’s transportation services by allowing users to estimate the potential GHG emissions reductions they may achieve using CPKC’s rail services, compared to long-haul trucking alternatives,” the railroad said.

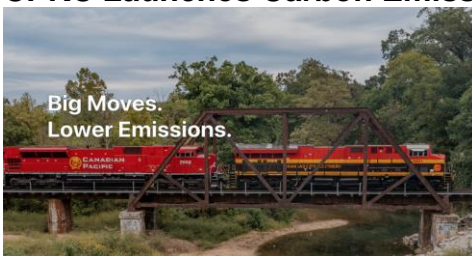
CPKC Launches Carbon Emissions Calculator, June 20, 2023, www.railwayage.com

Railway carloadings, April 2023



Source: Statcan

CPKC Launches Carbon Emissions Calculator



Source: Railway Age

In April 2023, the volume of cargo carried by Canadian railways was down slightly (-0.3%) from April 2022 to 31.5 million tonnes. This was the first decrease following 11 consecutive months of year-over-year increases. The overall volume of freight carried in April 2023 was on par with the five-year monthly average of 31.4 million tonnes. April's small year-over-year decrease in total freight carried was entirely attributable to lower volumes of intermodal loadings (mainly containers) and freight traffic from connections with American railways. In April 2023, non-intermodal freight loadings (mainly commodities) in Canada increased for the 12th consecutive month, rising 5.1% year over year to 25.2 million tonnes, led by large increases in some agricultural and food products, notably grains. These increases reflected a rebound in [Canadian grain production](#) due to good growing conditions during 2022. For example, carloadings of wheat rose year over year for the eighth month in a row, up 76.9% (+1 088 000 tonnes) compared with April 2022.

Railway carloadings, April 2023, June 20, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

CPKC to partner with U.S. railway CSX on hydrogen locomotives



Source: Financial Post

Canadian Pacific Kansas City is continuing to push ahead with efforts to develop [hydrogen](#) power as an alternative fuel source for the railway industry. The Calgary-based company, dubbed CPKC as a result of [Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd.'s acquisition of Kansas City Southern](#) earlier this year, said on June 22, 2023 it will collaborate with U.S. railway [CSX Corp.](#) to develop additional hydrogen-powered locomotives. In a news release, the two companies said they will partner on the building and deployment of hydrogen locomotive conversion kits for diesel electric locomotives. As a first step, CSX will

convert one of its diesel locomotives using a hydrogen conversion kit developed by CPKC. The move builds on CPKC's previous hydrogen program, which began in 2020 when the company — then CP Rail — announced it would develop North America's first line-haul hydrogen-powered locomotive.

CPKC to partner with U.S. railway CSX on hydrogen locomotives, June 22, 2023, www.financialpost.ca

US/WORLD

Roundup of USDOT Efforts to Keep Communities Safe and Hold the Rail Industry Accountable

Following the Norfolk Southern derailment in East Palestine, USDOT has taken steps to improve rail safety and called on Congress to pass the Railway Safety Act — working to protect communities of all sizes across the country. Most recently, U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) [announced a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) that would require railroads to maintain — and update in real-time — accurate, electronic, information about rail hazmat shipments that would be accessible to first responders. Railroads would also be required to proactively notify first responders as soon as the railroad is aware of an incident involving hazardous materials.

Roundup of USDOT Efforts to Keep Communities Safe and Hold the Rail Industry Accountable, June 21, 2023, www.dot.gov

AAR: Carloads Up, Intermodal Down for Week Ending June 17



Source: Railway Age

It's the fourth consecutive week that U.S. carloads rose while intermodal volumes fell, and total rail traffic continued to lag 2022 levels, according to Association of American Railroads' (AAR) reports. For the week ending June 17, 2023, carloads came in at 228,724—a 1.2% increase from the same week last year—and intermodal volume

was 248,402 containers and trailers—a 6.5% decrease from last year, the AAR reported June 21, 2023. Total rail traffic was 477,126 carloads and intermodal units, down 3.0% compared with the prior-year period. Canadian railroads reported 86,539 carloads for the week ending June 17, 2023, down 1.4%, and 72,939 intermodal units, down 4.9% from the same week last year. For the first 24 weeks of 2023, they reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 3,836,993 carloads, containers and trailers, down 1.0%.

AAR: Carloads Up, Intermodal Down for Week Ending June 17, June 21, 2023, www.railwayage.com



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Short Sea Shipping on the Great Lakes

HAMILTON, ON – A new study sheds light on the potential advantages of short sea shipping services between southern Ontario and the US Great Lakes region. The study is authored by Fluid Intelligence, a data-analysis partnership of HOPA Ports and the McMaster Institute for Transportation & Logistics, with support from Transport Canada. It highlights the numerous trade flows that could benefit from integrating marine transportation alongside trucking services.

Currently, over 12,000 trucks per week make cross-border trips between Southern Ontario and US Great Lakes port areas, carrying non-perishable commodities that are ideal candidates for a marine service to handle the long-haul 'middle mile'.

By exploring short sea shipping services on the Great Lakes, the study envisions a future with reduced highway and border congestion, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and improved supply chain resilience.

Short sea shipping, a widely adopted approach in Europe and Asia, is an increasingly appealing alternative to road transportation in the Great Lakes region. Factors such as population growth, highway congestion, driver shortages, and rising fuel costs have contributed to a growing interest in marine transportation. Importantly, short sea shipping offers a significant environmental advantage, as one marine vessel can carry the same cargo capacity as 963 transport trucks, while emitting just 15% of the CO₂ per metric tonne/km.

As Canada's busiest economic region, southern Ontario's critical infrastructure struggles to keep up with the demand on its highways. Issues such as highway congestion, border delays, lack of

transportation redundancy, and truck driver shortages have been exacerbated by population growth and density. The economic cost of congestion in the GTHA alone is estimated to be up to \$6 billion per year[i].

The Fluid Intelligence study's key findings highlight the immense volume of cross-border goods movement within the Great Lakes region and the complex supply chains involved. The Great Lakes Region accounts for more than 50% of all U.S./Canadian bilateral border trade. If it were a single country, it would have a GDP of US\$6 trillion, making it the third biggest economy in the world[ii].

Approximately 28.5 million tonnes of cargo per year originating in Ontario are transported by truck to the US, with 70% destined for a Great Lakes State. Conversely, at least 24 million tonnes of cargo per year originate in the US and move by truck into Ontario, with 55% originating in a Great Lakes State.

The study focuses on specific routes and commodity flows that are excellent candidates for new marine services. These include the potential for marine services between southern Ontario and ports on Lake Michigan and Lake Erie. Chicago and Milwaukee, with their concentration of economic activity and strong connections to the GTHA, stand out as promising origin/destinations.

Overall, there are approximately 5,000 (within a 50km radius) and 12,000 (within a 100km radius) truck trips per week between five US Great Lakes ports and southern Ontario, all of which present excellent opportunities for modal alternatives.

By diverting just 10% of the existing cargo currently moved by truck between southern Ontario and the Port of Chicago, for example, the transportation system could save 220 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per week.

This study marks a significant step forward in unlocking the potential of short sea shipping on the Great Lakes. With its promising benefits for reducing congestion, greenhouse gas emissions, and enhancing supply chain resilience, the findings underscore the importance of embracing innovative transportation solutions to meet the region's evolving needs.

To read the full article, please visit: <https://www.hopaports.ca/short-sea-shipping-on-the-great-lakes/>

Vancouver launches whale protection program for seventh year



Source: Inside Logistics

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has launched the seventh season of its Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) Program. The large-scale threat reduction measures support the recovery of at-risk whales, such as the endangered southern resident killer whales. To reduce threats to whales such as underwater noise and ship strikes, more than 60 marine transportation organizations have confirmed their intention to participate in the ECHO Program's measures, which ask ship operators to slow down or stay distanced within key areas of importance to southern resident killer whales. Last year, the ECHO Program's voluntary measures reduced underwater noise—one of the key threats to southern resident killer whales—by nearly 50 percent in the slowdown areas. Additionally, a new study shows that the program's slowdowns can also reduce the risk of ship strikes by up to nearly a third (27 percent) and can reduce air emissions within the slowdown areas.

Vancouver launches whale protection program for seventh year, June 19, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

US/WORLD

UN climate deal for shipping will fail without ambitious 2030 goal

The International Maritime Organization's (IMO) agreement on shipping climate targets expected next month could be the starting gun for the radical climate action our planet desperately needs. Civil society groups are calling on the IMO member states to urgently support halving climate pollution from ships by 2030 and reaching zero-emission by 2040, at the Intersessional Working Group on Greenhouse Gases (ISWG-GHG-15) next week. Given the disproportionate impacts of climate change felt in vulnerable and developing states already today, the IMO must also guarantee that this transition is just and equitable. While a majority of governments have previously agreed to revise the IMO's existing climate target to absolute zero-emissions by 2050, bringing the industry closer than ever before to the Paris Agreement, a mid-century ambition is not enough to decarbonise shipping within Paris' 1.5°C temperature limit. The world's leading climate scientists have repeatedly warned that steep and immediate reduction in emissions across industries is the only way to avert the global temperature rise beyond 1.5°C, and it is the only way humanity can secure a livable future. Ambitious targets for 2030 and 2040 are vital for determining future IMO climate policy measures that will be key to deliver shipping's transition to zero emissions, such as action on short-term pollutants (methane and black carbon), mandatory slow-steaming, a carbon levy of at least \$100/tonne of greenhouse gas and a fuel greenhouse gas standard.

UN climate deal for shipping will fail without ambitious 2030 goal, June 19, 2023, www.ajot.com

ZIM Expands Partnership with 40Seas



Source: AJOT

ZIM Integrated Shipping Services Ltd announced on June 21, 2023 the expansion of its partnership with cross-border trade financing platform 40Seas, integrating the 40Seas' flexible digital financing solution via ZIM's website as well as Ship4wd's, ZIM's award-winning digital freight forwarding subsidiary. The expanded collaboration demonstrates ZIM's commitment to transforming traditional shipping practices into the digital era and enhancing customers' choices by providing them with a seamless digital experience to allow them faster and cheaper access to capital to meet their credit needs. This new service will be rolled out gradually starting in the US, Canada, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, and Australia, with additional countries added over time. With 40Seas' flexible digital financing solution integrated into ZIM and Ship4wd, customers will be able to defer payment for freight charges for a maximum period of 90 days from the invoice date, as well as leverage 40Seas credit line to finance cargo, subject to meeting eligibility requirements.

ZIM Expands Partnership with 40Seas, June 21, 2023, www.ajot.com

SC Ports' volumes increase across business segments



Source: AJOT

South Carolina Ports' cargo business segments had a strong May 2023, with inland ports, vehicles and cruise passengers trending up. SC Ports handled 20,026 vehicles for global automakers at Columbus Street Terminal in May 2023, up 14% year-over-year. SC Ports' two rail-served inland ports, which swiftly move cargo via rail between the Port of Charleston and inland markets, continued to see strong volumes. Inland Port Dillon had another record-breaking month, handling 4,415 rail moves in May, which is an impressive 138% jump from last year. Inland Port Greer also had a strong month handling 14,931 rail moves, up 4% year-over-year. Union Pier Terminal saw nearly 26,000 cruise passengers come through, which is an 8% increase from last year. For the container segments, SC Ports has handled nearly 2.4 million TEUs and 1.3 million pier containers thus far in fiscal year 2023.

SC Ports' volumes increase across business segments, June 22, 2023, www.ajot.com



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Dashcam footage shows truck driver had right of way in Manitoba crash

Dashcam footage seized from a truck that collided with a minibus full of seniors, killing 15, shows the bus pulled into the lane where the truck had the right-of-way, Manitoba RCMP said on June 16, 2023. "We don't know why the bus proceeded into the (truck's) lane, but that is something we're going to continue to look into," Supt. Rob Lasson told a news conference. Lasson said they have not yet spoken with the driver of the bus, who remains in hospital along with nine other survivors of the fiery collision west of Winnipeg on June 15, 2023. The bus was crossing the Trans-Canada Highway, heading south on Highway 5, when the eastbound truck struck it.

Dashcam footage shows truck driver had right of way in Manitoba crash, June 18, 2023, www.todaystrucking.ca

Urban public transit, April 2023



Source: Statcan

In April 2023, 118.8 million passenger trips were made on urban transit networks in Canada. For the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, passenger volumes recovered to over three-quarters

(75.5%) of pre-pandemic levels from April 2019. Canada's urban transit networks recorded an estimated 118.8 million rides in April 2023, an increase of 29.4% (+27.0 million trips) from April 2022. This marks more than two years of consecutive monthly year-over-year increases. With employment edging up in April 2023, ridership recovered to 75.5% of pre-pandemic levels from April 2019. However, there were 38.5 million fewer passenger trips in April 2023 compared with the same month in 2019. On a monthly basis, public transit ridership edged down 2.5% from March, a decrease smaller than the typical seasonal drop of about 6% observed in the two years before the pandemic. In April 2023, transit agency operating revenues (excluding subsidies) were \$274.8 million, an increase of \$60.7 million or 28.4% from April 2022, albeit \$62.1 million lower than the pre-pandemic April 2019 level.

Urban public transit, April 2023, June 19, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

Manitoulin Named Top LTL Carrier in Canada for Quality by Mastio & Company

Manitoulin Transport ranked No. 1 in the Mastio & Company's 2023 edition of the Canadian national less-than-truckload (LTL) customer value and loyalty study. The company reports the comprehensive industry-wide study ranked Manitoulin Transport as the top carrier out of 360 carriers according to key decision makers in the industry. Industry professionals consistently named Manitoulin Transport as their top carrier when surveyed about qualities pertaining to trustworthiness, ease of doing business, problem resolution, billing accuracy, shipments picked-up when promised, claims process, and proactive communication.

Manitoulin Named Top LTL Carrier in Canada for Quality by Mastio & Company, June 19, 2023, www.cantruck.ca

Manitoba premier willing to call experts to investigate highway crash



Source: Today's Trucking

Manitoba Premier Heather Stefanson says the province will bring in experts if necessary as part of a review to ensure safety at an intersection where 15 seniors were killed in a crash. Stefanson says the government will make the appropriate checks, but for now is letting the police investigation unfold. "We don't want to rush through this," Stefanson told a news conference in Winnipeg on June 19, 2023. "There are still investigations going on right now. We'll respect that process. But you know, an internal review is always taken. "Because of the severity (of the crash), I think it's important that we are willing to go beyond that, bring in experts where needed to ensure safety of people travelling on our roadways is the most important issue." RCMP continued to investigate June 15, 2023 crash on the Trans-Canada Highway between a tractor-trailer and a minibus taking seniors on a day trip to a casino at Carberry, 170 kilometres west of Winnipeg. *Manitoba premier willing to call experts to investigate highway crash, June 19, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com*

Gordie Howe Bridge Construction Update – June 2023



Source: Ontruck

The Ontario Trucking Association (OTA) continues to work closely with the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) as construction on the six-lane, 2.5 km long cable-stay Gordie Howe International Bridge continues. The highly anticipated opening of the bridge scheduled to occur towards the end of 2024. The addition of the Gordie Howe

Bridge, with its modernized infrastructure and processing, will expand trade capacity and connect the border to major expressways, eliminating congestion and delays as trucks no longer have to travel through the City of Windsor to and from one of North America's busiest border crossings.

Gordie Howe Bridge Construction Update – June 2023, June 20, 2023, www.ontruck.ca

FedEx to merge Express, Ground operations in Canada

FedEx Corp. said it will on June 20, 2023 merge its FedEx Express and Ground operations in Canada, making Canada the first FedEx country where the two operations will be fully unified. The combination will occur in phases, starting in April 2024 and finishing around the 2024 peak season, the company said. Under the structure, FedEx Express will manage the operation and handle all the local pickup and delivery. FedEx Ground, the company's ground-delivery unit, will provide the middle-mile line-haul operation. The operation will be called FedEx Express Canada. FedEx Ground operations and personnel will transition to FedEx Express. Canada is the 20th market where FedEx has merged Express, Ground and its services operations into one unit. The move to integrate operations was historic at FedEx because its business units have operated as individual units since its inception in 1973. The objective is to create enhanced efficiencies by reducing redundancies in commercial and residential operations.

FedEx to merge Express, Ground operations in Canada, June 20, 2023, www.freightwaves.com

Trucking costs hit record in 2022: ATRI



Source: Today's Trucking

Last year it cost more than an average \$90 per hour to operate a truck, breaking the 2021 record as the most expensive year in trucking, the

American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) says. Total marginal costs identified in ATRI's updated Analysis of the Operational Costs of Trucking survey spiked to US\$2.251 per mile – a 21.3% increase over 2021 with fuel costs included. Without fuel, the increase was 12%. However, driver wages, truck payments and maintenance costs also rose sharply last year, driving a strong increase in total marginal costs. Despite the rising costs, fleets managed to improve some operational factors such as driver turnover and equipment utilization, ATRI says in the report.

Trucking costs hit record in 2022: ATRI, June 22, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

Customs broker systems shutdown causes border delays



Source: Today's Trucking

Carriers and truck drivers complained of delays at Canada-U.S. border crossings beginning June 21, 2023, after customs broker Livingston International “shut down select operating systems” because of a suspected cyber attack. Outages to Livingston’s systems sparked days-long delays in August and December last year. Beverley Hudd, of Fairway Transport based in Ancaster, Ont., said one of her drivers had been stuck at the Port Huron border crossing since 4 p.m. on June 21. An official from a Mississauga, Ont.-based carrier said they were facing delays and downtime due to Livingston’s shutdown. “Multiple drivers are affected. It is affecting all border crossing locations as it is not a regional issue but a system-wide outage,” the official said.

Customs broker systems shutdown causes border delays, June 22, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

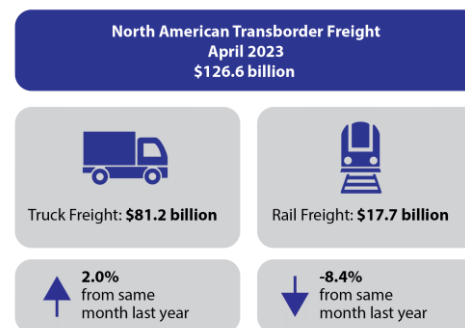
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NHTSA Estimates Traffic Fatalities Dropped in the First Three Months of 2023

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has released its first projections for traffic fatalities in 2023, estimating that 9,330 people died in traffic crashes in the first three months of the year. This represents a decrease of about 3.3% as compared to 9,645 estimated fatalities during the same time in 2022. The first quarter of 2023 represents the fourth straight quarterly decline in fatalities after seven consecutive quarters of year-to-year increases in fatalities, beginning with the third quarter of 2020. “After spiking during the pandemic, traffic deaths have been on a slow but consistent decline for the past year,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. “This is an encouraging sign as we work to reverse the rise in roadway deaths, but there is much more work ahead to reinforce this downward trend and make it permanent.”

NHTSA Estimates Traffic Fatalities Dropped in the First Three Months of 2023, June 21, 2023, www.dot.gov

North American Transborder Freight down 6.4% in April 2023 from April 2022



Source: BTS

Transborder freight between the U.S. and North American countries Canada and Mexico for April 2023: 1. Total transborder freight: \$126.6 billion of transborder freight moved by all modes of transportation, down 6.4% compared to April 2022; 2. Freight between the U.S. and Canada totaled \$63.8 billion, down 7.7% from April 2022; 3. Freight between the U.S. and Mexico totaled \$62.8 billion, down 5.1% from April 2022; 4. Trucks moved \$81.2 billion of freight, up 2.0% compared to April 2022; 5. Railways moved \$17.7 billion of freight, down 8.4% compared to April 2022; 6. Vessels moved \$9.3 billion of freight, down 29.8% compared to April 2022; 7. Pipelines moved \$8.3 billion of freight, down 34.5% compared to April 2022; and 8. Air moved \$4.8 billion of freight, down 4.1% compared to April 2022. US-Canada trade

(both directions) for April 2023 was: Truck – \$36.5b; Rail – \$9.7b; Pipeline - \$7.8b; Air - \$3.1b; and Vessel - \$2.9b.
North American Transborder Freight down 6.4% in April 2023 from April 2022, June 21, 2023, www.bts.gov



Logistics costs at peak, report finds

Logistics costs in the U.S. are at their highest ever, representing 9.1 percent of GDP, according to the 2023 State of Logistics Report. In real numbers, that's a record US\$2.3 trillion, up from \$1.85 trillion last year. The report also found that e-commerce sales are not slowing down. In 2022, the U.S. e-commerce market grew by eight percent, to \$1.03 trillion, up from \$871 billion. It now accounts for 14.5 percent of the entire U.S. retail market. Third-party logistics providers are investing more capital into their technology offerings than shippers. Respondents indicated that 96 percent of 3PLs have migrated to the cloud, while only 86 percent of shippers have. Likewise, 80 percent of 3PLs are investing in IoT, versus 77 percent for shippers.

Logistics costs at peak, report finds, June 22, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca



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Ministers' Meeting in Japan

The Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, wrapped up a successful trip representing Canada at the G7 Transport Ministers' Meeting in Ise-Shima, Japan, from June 16 to 18, 2023. At the Transport G7, members sought to increase innovation to achieve accessible and sustainable transportation. Minister Alghabra discussed actions to increase supply chain resiliency and reduce pollution, and took the opportunity to showcase Canada's vision to G7 partners and discuss priorities that align with Canada's transportation interests. Specifically, Minister Alghabra advanced initiatives to support supply chain resiliency across the G7 by increasing coordination and proposed establishing Green Shipping Corridors between Canada, Japan, and the United Kingdom. Minister Alghabra met bilaterally with his counterparts from Japan, the United Kingdom and Ukraine, during which he discussed areas of cooperation between Canada and our allies to achieve net-zero goals and reduce pollution in the air and marine sectors. Minister Alghabra also highlighted initiatives to build sustainable supply chains for future generations across the G7.

Minister Alghabra concludes successful trip representing Canada in the G7 Transport Ministers' Meeting in Japan, June 19, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca



Canadian companies deferring IT spending, study finds



Source: Inside Logistics

Organizations planning financial commitments to technology are at a six-year low, a new study of Canadian businesses has found. Three quarters of the respondents (76 percent) plan to deploy technology investments, compared to 92 percent before the pandemic in 2019. The study reveals that, in order of importance, inflation, remote work, labour shortages, recession, environmental disasters and international tensions, have turned corporate decisions upside down. These factors influenced 69 percent of companies to rethink their technology investment decisions. While 54 percent of Canadian companies say they have achieved positive results by implementing advanced data analytics and artificial intelligence, only 13 percent of organizations plan to invest in these areas within the next two years, compared to 36 percent in 2019.

Canadian companies deferring IT spending, study finds, June 21, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca



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Thursday, June 29, 2023
60 Minute Webinar
12:00 PM ET / 9:00 AM PT / 5:00 PM GMT

Ian Anderson, Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer, Teck

Moderated by: **Philip Cartwright, Chair of CILTNA's Ottawa Chapter and Senior Vice President of Global Public Affairs**

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About the presenter:



Ian Anderson, Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer, Teck

Ian Anderson was appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer in 2023. His responsibilities include overall marketing and logistics strategy, policies, objectives, programs and plans for Teck's base metals and coal products.

Ian brings to the role more than 20 years of experience with Teck across numerous HR, logistics and operational functions, including General Manager for both Line Creek and Fording River operations and General Manager, Coal Logistics. Before being appointed to his current role, he was Vice President, Logistics, with responsibility for coordinating Teck's overall logistics strategy and implementing a cost-efficient supply chain.

Ian holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of British Columbia and is a graduate of the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program.

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