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Air Transport Updates

CANADA

Minister of Transport announces Canada's first proposed drone safety regulations for beyond visual line-of-sight operations

On June 23, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced the first proposed Beyond Visual Line-of-Sight (BVLOS) drone rules in Canada, which are also among the first in the world. The proposed changes to the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) include rules for lower-risk operations of drones beyond visual line-of-sight, as well as for the operation of medium-sized drones within visual line-of-sight. The proposed rules would require drones to be capable of detecting and avoiding other air traffic to ensure safety. They would also introduce a new class of pilot certification for lower-risk BVLOS operations, including a requirement to meet a new drone pilot medical standard, and eliminate the requirement to obtain a Special Flight Operations Certificate (SFOC) for certain lower-risk BVLOS and medium-sized drone operations. These proposed changes would benefit Canadians as it would permit drone operations such as package delivery to remote communities, first responder operations, and natural resources and wildlife surveys to take place – among many other potential uses.

Minister of Transport announces Canada's first proposed drone safety regulations for beyond visual line-of-sight operations, June 23, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

Canadian Transportation Agency issues final decision about travelling with emotional support animals

The Canadian Transportation Agency (Agency) issued a final decision n^o. 105-at-c-a-2023 related to travelling with Emotional Support Animals (ESAs). The Agency determined that carriers are only required to accommodate dogs as ESAs, and only under specific conditions. Persons with Disabilities would have to meet the following conditions for their Emotional Support Dog (ESD) to be accepted in the

passenger cabin: 1. proof that they are being treated for a mental health disability and that they require an emotional support dog (ESD) to accommodate that disability; 2. submit, at least 96 hours in advance of travel, a veterinary certificate identifying the dog; 3. demonstrate the ESD must fit comfortably in an appropriate animal carrier that must fit; and, 4. demonstrate that the ESD meets all travel, entry or exit requirements

Canadian Transportation Agency issues final decision about travelling with emotional support animals, June 23, 2023, www.otc.cta.gc.ca

Porter Airlines expands presence in British Columbia with service between Victoria and Toronto Pearson

Porter Airlines is adding Victoria to its network, with flights between Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Victoria International Airport (YYJ). Victoria is the second city in British Columbia that Porter serves with the new 132-seat Embraer E195-E2 aircraft. The E195-E2 has the lowest fuel consumption per seat and per trip among its class, and is the quietest single-aisle jet flying today. The two-by-two configuration means no middle seats on any Porter flight. Service begins on September 20, 2023, with one daily roundtrip flight. Connecting flights with Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax and St. John's will also be available. Introductory roundtrip fares start at \$476.

Porter Airlines expands presence in British Columbia with service between Victoria and Toronto Pearson, June 27, 2023, www.flyporter.com

✈ Monthly civil aviation statistics, April 2023



Source: Statcan

Major Canadian airlines carried 6.4 million passengers on scheduled and charter services in April 2023, up 36.4% from the same month in 2022, but 9.7% below the April 2019 level, before the COVID-19 pandemic. With traffic at 16.6 billion passenger-kilometres and capacity at 19.4 billion available seat-kilometres, the passenger load factor was 85.6% in April 2023, above the pre-pandemic April 2019 level (84.8%). Operating revenue earned in April 2023 exceeded the pre-pandemic level for the fifth consecutive month.

Monthly civil aviation statistics, April 2023, June 29, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

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



Source: Statcan

In April 2023, Canada's major and select small airports recorded a total of 453,589 aircraft movements. This was an increase of 6.7% from April 2022, but 11.1% lower than in April 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. Movements to and from the United States increased 20.6% year over year in April 2023, while other international traffic rose

32.2%. Total domestic movements were up 5.4%. Movements in all three sectors remained below their respective April 2019 levels.

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

✈ Travel Consumer Report: April 2023 Numbers

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on June 29, 2023 released its Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR) on airline operational data compiled for the month of April 2023 for on-time performance, mishandled baggage, and mishandled wheelchairs and scooters. In April 2023 The 586,353 flights operated were 103.43% of the 566,893 flights operated in April 2022. Reporting marketing carriers posted an on-time arrival rate of 75.7%, up from the rate of 75.4% in March 2023 and down from the rate of 76.0% in April 2022. Reporting marketing carriers canceled 1.7% of their scheduled domestic flights, higher than the rate of 1.3% in March 2023 and lower than the rate of 2.3% in April 2022. The Department received a high volume of air travel service complaints and inquiries against airlines and ticket agents in recent months. Airlines reported 18 tarmac delays of more than three hours on domestic flights, compared to 13 tarmac delays reported in March 2023.

Travel Consumer Report: April 2023 Numbers, June 29, 2023, www.dot.gov

US/WORLD

✈ IATA Launches World Sustainability Symposium



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) will launch the IATA World Sustainability Symposium (WSS) in Madrid, Spain on 3-4 October. With governments now aligned with the industry's

commitment to decarbonize aviation by 2050, this symposium will facilitate critical discussions, in seven key areas: 1. The overall strategy to achieve net zero emissions by 2050, including Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF). 2. The crucial role of government and policy support. 3. Effective implementation of sustainability measures. 4. Financing the energy transition. 5. Measuring, tracking and reporting emissions. 6. Addressing non-CO2 emissions. 7. The significance of value chains

IATA Launches World Sustainability Symposium, June 26, 2023, www.iata.org



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Rail Transport Updates

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Richardson to Expand Eight Elevators on CPKC Network



Source: Railway Age

Richardson International Limited (Richardson) and Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) announced June 26 that the agribusiness plans to expand eight CPKC-served elevators in Western Canada, allowing future trains to be moved from the sites under the Class I's 8,500-foot High Efficiency Product (HEP) model, featuring Canadian-built (National Steel Car, Hamilton, Ont.) hopper cars. According to CPKC, work on the elevators in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta will begin this summer, with completion scheduled for the end of 2024.

Richardson to Expand Eight Elevators on CPKC Network, June 26, 2023, www.railwayage.com

CN Among Corporate Knights' 2023 Best 50 Corporate Citizens in Canada and CN, CP, STM Among 'Best 50 Corporate Citizens in Canada'



Source: Railway Age

For the fifteenth consecutive year, CN has earned a place on the Corporate Knights Best 50 Corporate Citizens list and placed first among its peers within the freight transport, all modes category. Tracy Robinson, President and Chief Executive Officer of CN said "We are proud to be listed as one of the 50 Best Corporate Citizens in Canada and honoured to have received this recognition for 15 consecutive years. As a mover of the economy, our first place ranking among our peers in freight transportation stems from a long-standing commitment to integrate sustainability into our strategy and business model, setting ambitious targets, and driving for results." Apart from CN, three railway companies have earned spots on the Corporate Knights Best 50 Corporate Citizens in Canada list for 2023: CN, Canadian Pacific (now Canadian Pacific Kansas City through the April 14 merger with Kansas City Southern), and STM (Société de transport de Montréal). CN and CP were part of the "Freight Transport, All Modes" category, joined by Canada Post Corp. STM was the only company ranked in the "Transit and Ground Transportation" category. Also ranked was Stantec Inc., in the "Engineering Construction" category.

CN Among Corporate Knights' 2023 Best 50 Corporate Citizens in Canada June 28, 2023, www.cn.ca; and

CN, CP, STM Among 'Best 50 Corporate Citizens in Canada', June 29, 2023, www.railwayage.com

Railroads reach agreement to create new direct connection and corridor linking Mexico, Texas and the U.S. Southeast



Source: AJOT

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC), CSX Corporation (CSX) and Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (G&W) on June 28, 2023 announced they have reached agreements that when completed will create a new direct CPKC-CSX interchange connection in Alabama. As part of the series of proposed transactions, CPKC and CSX would each acquire or operate portions of Meridian & Bigbee Railroad, L.L.C. (MNBR), a G&W-owned railway in Mississippi and Alabama, to establish a new freight corridor for shippers that connects Mexico, Texas and the U.S. Southeast. "This strategic acquisition will bring more shipping options to intermodal, automotive and other customers by providing a new, efficient corridor connecting expanding markets in Mexico, Texas and the U.S. Southeast," said Keith Creel, CPKC President and Chief Executive Officer. "With this new east-west connection taking advantage of each railway's routes and service, we can extend our reach converting more freight traffic to rail and off our highways." "CSX is excited to establish this new interchange connection with CPKC, which provides shippers with a compelling transportation option with access to markets in Texas and Mexico as well as into the heart of the thriving and dynamic U.S. Southeast," said Joe Hinrichs, President and Chief Executive Officer of CSX. "This new service is a demonstration of our commitment to creating product offerings for shippers that help them leverage the efficiency and sustainability advantages of rail to drive growth."

Railroads reach agreement to create new direct connection and corridor linking Mexico, Texas and the U.S. Southeast, June 28, 2023, www.ajot.com

US/WORLD

AAR: North American Rail Volume Down Through 25 Weeks



Source: Railway Age

For the first 25 weeks of 2023 (ending June 24), total U.S. weekly rail traffic dipped 4.0% from the same point last year, according to the Association of American Railroads' (AAR) June 28 report. Both Canada and the U.S. saw declines, while Mexico saw an increase. North American rail volume for the first 25 weeks of the year (ending June 24) on 12 reporting U.S., Canadian and Mexican railroads came in at 16,158,745 carloads and intermodal units. Cumulative volume in Canada was 3,995,578 carloads, containers and trailers, down 1.2%; in Mexico, 680,280 carloads and intermodal containers and trailers, up 2.3%; and in the U.S., 11,482,887 carloads and intermodal units, down 5.4%. Canadian railroads reported 89,146 carloads for the week, up 1.4%, and 69,439 intermodal units, down 9.5% compared with the same week in 2022. For the first 25 weeks of 2023, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 3,995,578 carloads, containers and trailers, down 1.2%.

AAR: North American Rail Volume Down Through 25 Weeks, June 28, 2023, www.railwayage.com



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Carbon tax for ships is supported by 22 countries at Paris summit



Source: AJOT

More than 20 countries backed a charge on the shipping industry's greenhouse gas emissions at a global finance summit held in Paris this week. France, Spain, Norway and Portugal are among 22 nations that support "the principle of a levy on the GHG emissions" of the international shipping sector, according to a summary of discussions and information provided by a French official. It's also backed by the European Commission. Charging shippers for their emissions isn't a new idea — it's previously been pitched by countries to the International Maritime Organization, shipping's global regulator, where it remains under discussion. Commodity trading titan Trafigura Group is also supportive and the International Chamber of Shipping, which represents more than 80% of the merchant fleet, has previously called for a levy. Although substantial, the list of supporters currently doesn't include the US or China, the world's two largest economies. Treasury

Secretary Janet Yellen said her country would look at a proposal for a maritime tax.

Carbon tax for ships is supported by 22 countries at Paris summit, June 25, 2023, www.ajot.com

Minister of Transport announces mandatory environmental measures for cruise ships

On June 23, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced mandatory environmental measures for cruise ships effective immediately. The measures address discharges of greywater (the drainage from sinks, laundry machines, bathtubs and showers, or dishwaters) and sewage (wastewater from bathroom and toilets). These mandatory measures for the cruise ship industry include: 1. Prohibiting the discharge of greywater and treated sewage within three nautical miles from shore where geographically possible across Canada; 2. Strengthening the treatment of greywater together with sewage before it is discharged between three and twelve nautical miles from shore south of 60°N using an approved treatment device in non-Arctic waters. This will complement existing regulations for Arctic waters under the *Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act*; and 3. Reporting compliance with these measures in Canadian waters upon request. The Government of Canada had announced these measures last year for the cruise ship industry on a voluntary basis, but going forward, cruise ships will be subject to fines for non-compliance with these measures, up to the maximum permitted (\$250,000) under the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001*.

Minister of Transport announces mandatory environmental measures for cruise ships, June 23, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

Minister of Transport marks International Day of Seafarers and announces agreements to certify foreign seafarers in Canada

On June 25, 2023, on the International Day of the Seafarer, the Minister of Transport, the Honorable Omar Alghabra, announced that Canada has signed agreements with Georgia, the Philippines, and the United Kingdom to allow their certified seafarers to work onboard Canadian vessels. These countries now join Australia, France, Norway, and Ukraine as participants in Canada's Reciprocal Arrangement Program. Launched in 2019, the Reciprocal Arrangement Program allows highly qualified workers to quickly gain employment in the Canadian marine sector. This means that once a foreign seafarer meets the requirements for work, Canadian companies can sponsor them to fill critical gaps in their workforce.

Minister of Transport marks International Day of Seafarers and announces agreements to certify foreign seafarers in Canada, June 25, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

Manufacturers, forwarders call for resolution to West Coast labour dispute



Source: Inside Logistics

Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) and the Canadian International Freight Forwarders Association (CIFFA) are urging the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Canada (ILWU), the BC Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA), and the federal government to come to an immediate resolution and avoid any strike action at British Columbia Ports. More than 99 percent of members of the 7,200 BC longshore workers in the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) voted in favour of a strike earlier this month. They can now walk out with 72 hours' notice. The union's old contract with the BC Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA), which

represents 49 ports, expired at the end of March, 2023. The ports include Vancouver, Prince Rupert and numerous smaller entities. *Manufacturers, forwarders call for resolution to West Coast labour dispute, June 28, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca*

ILWU Canada plans to strike British Columbia ports on Saturday



Source: JOC

Dockworkers on Canada's West Coast plan to strike Saturday, saying they were "left with no choice" after failing to make progress during recent negotiations with maritime employers. The planned strike, which has no defined end date, would include Vancouver, Canada's largest port and a gateway for goods landing in the US Midwest. So far, there have been no operational slowdowns reported at British Columbia ports, and cargo is moving promptly, the head of one of Canada's largest ocean forwarders said, who added that a strike would heap further economic pain on. Canada's longshore employers say they would agree to undergo binding arbitration with ILWU Canada in order to secure a deal.

ILWU Canada plans to strike British Columbia ports on Saturday, June 28, 2023, www.joc.com

Record year for cruise brings high passenger numbers to Canada Place terminal at the Port of Vancouver

High volumes of cruise passengers are expected at and around Canada Place in downtown Vancouver on weekends throughout 2023 July, August and September, as the Port of Vancouver is on track for a record number of cruise ship visits in 2023. As many as 1.3 million passengers could pass through the Canada Place cruise terminal at the port this season, with a record 331 cruise ship visits scheduled from April and October. This would be the highest number of passengers to ever pass through the cruise terminal in Vancouver in a single year—approximately 10% more than the previous record of 1.1 million passengers set in 2019. "All indications are that we are on

track for a bumper cruise season in 2023, as tourists and cruise passengers return to the region and the award-winning Canada Place cruise terminal at the Port of Vancouver,” said Mandy Chan, cruise services manager at the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, the federal agency mandated to enable Canada’s trade through the Port of Vancouver. “This means that tourists and locals planning to visit Canada Place or nearby areas over the summer and early fall should plan ahead and prepare for crowds and increased traffic.”

Record year for cruise brings high passenger numbers to Canada Place terminal at the Port of Vancouver, June 27, 2023, www.portvancouver.com

Notice to Industry: Updated Guidelines for Coasting Trade Licence Applications

On June 29, 2023, The Canadian Transportation Agency has updated its [Guidelines for Coasting Trade Licence Applications](#). The updates to the Guide provide increased clarity to stakeholders. Highlights of these changes include: 1. providing checklists for applicants and offerors on the requirements for an application; 2. clarifying how objections without an offered ship would result in a coasting trade application being uncontested, i.e. no pleadings; 3. explaining the process for interested persons filing comments, i.e. objecting but not offering a ship; 4. providing greater specificity and clarity for fast track applications and exceptional emergency situations that could justify an urgent application; 5. updating Appendix A on Supplemental Provisions, including revised guidance on confidentiality. Under the *Coasting Trade Act*, in most situations, only Canadian registered vessels can provide marine transportation between points in Canada. A foreign vessel can only be used if the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness issues a coasting trade licence.

Notice to Industry: Updated Guidelines for Coasting Trade Licence Applications, June 29, 2023, www.cta-otc.gc.ca



Clock ticking toward strike at B.C. ports



Source: Today's Trucking

Longshore workers at B.C. ports are set to go on strike at 8 a.m. July 1, 2023 unless the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Canada (ILWU Canada) and British Columbia Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) find common ground. A 72-hour strike notice was issued June 28, after 99.24% of ILWU Canada members supported the action in a vote earlier this month. A strike would affect over 7,500 employees across at least 30 B.C. ports including the ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert, and 49 private-sector employers that are BCMEA members. The union is fighting against contracted work and port automation, and wants a deal that helps members offset rising inflation. The contract between the BCMEA and ILWC expired at the end of March 2023. Collective bargaining began in February, and continued until the two sides entered a cooling-off period that ended a week before the strike notice.

Clock ticking toward strike at B.C. ports, June 29, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

US/WORLD

Macquarie Sells Ceres Terminals to Owner of SSA Marine



Source: Maritime Executive

The consolidation of terminal operators continues with news that Australia's asset management firm Macquarie Asset Management has reached terms for the sale of Ceres Terminals, an operator of 18 locations in the United States and Canada. The investment arm of the Australian finance company has reportedly been shopping the terminal operator as it looks to wind down one of its infrastructure investment funds and following other sales of terminals in the U.S.

Macquarie Sells Ceres Terminals to Owner of SSA Marine, www.maritimeexecutive.com

Ships are putting marine environment at risk, study says



Source: Inside Logistics

The combined emissions of metals and other environmentally hazardous substances from ships is putting the marine environment at risk, according to a new study from Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden. When the researchers calculated the contaminant load from these emissions into the marine environment in four ports, it was found that water discharged from ships' scrubbers,

whose purpose is to clean their exhaust gases, accounts for more than 90 percent of the contaminants.

Ships are putting marine environment at risk, study says, June 28, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca



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CANADA

Proposed B.C. emission mandates 'unachievable', BCTA says



Source: Today's Trucking

The British Columbia Trucking Association (BCTA) is pushing back against provincial plans for medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles (ZEV), arguing that B.C. regulators aren't recognizing realities in the transportation sector. *CleanBC Roadmap to 2030* sets emissions targets at 27-32% below 2007 levels by 2030, and would bring several measures in line with jurisdictions like California – home of the strictest emissions standards in North America. Class 3-8 sales targets under the B.C. plan would roll out from 2026 to 2036, when all new vehicles would need to be zero-emission models, while all reefers would need to be electric by 2030, and fossil-fuel-powered forklifts would be phased out between 2028 and 2038. “The mandate outlined in this consultation paper is so unachievable, it will further harm our sector’s ability to meet its emission-reduction targets and hinder our

collective fight against climate change,” BCTA says in its official comments on the consultation paper.

Proposed B.C. emission mandates 'unachievable', BCTA says, June 26, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

10% of Canada Post fleet now hybrid or electric



Source: Today's Trucking

Ten percent of Canada Post’s fleet now consists of hybrid or electric equipment as the organization continues its journey to produce net-zero emissions by 2050. And its first 100 all-electric trucks are expected to be on the road by the end of 2023. The fleet details are among highlights in Canada Post’s latest sustainability report, published June 23. Last year, Canada Post’s board approved a billion-dollar investment into the net-zero plan, which aims to cut Scope 1 and 2 (direct and indirect) emissions in half by 2030.

10% of Canada Post fleet now hybrid or electric, June 26, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

ON Provides \$1.3M to Help Train Women and 'Underrepresented' Potential Truck Drivers



Source: Ontruck

The Ontario government is investing \$1.3 million to prepare 54 women, newcomers and others from underrepresented groups for in-demand careers in the trucking industry. Across Ontario, at least 6,100 more truck drivers are needed to fill job vacancies and to ensure families and businesses receive goods on time and the province's economy reaches its full potential, the province said in a news release. Only two per cent of Ontario truck drivers are women, which is why the program will reimburse up to \$4,500 for childcare and other living expenses.

ON Provides \$1.3M to Help Train Women and 'Underrepresented' Potential Truck Drivers, June 27, 2023, www.ontruck.ca

Premier Truck Group installs Ontario's first high-horsepower full-chassis dyno



Source: Today's Trucking

What do you do when your truck dealership is in the center of a highly congested industrial area, making it nearly impossible to get up to highway speeds under load for test drives? If you're Premier Truck Group, you invest \$600,000 into what it claims is Ontario's only high-horsepower full-chassis dynamometer. The company held an open

house June 21 to showcase its new tool. About 200 customers showed up for demonstrations at Premier's Mississauga location. "We can't road test around here because of the traffic and we don't have a loaded trailer," Gary Van Ryswyk told TruckNews.com. "Now we can simulate load conditions."

Premier Truck Group installs Ontario's first high-horsepower full-chassis dyno, June 27, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

US/WORLD

Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$1.7 Billion to Help Put Better, Cleaner Buses on the Roads in Communities Across the Country

On June 26, 2023, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced 130 awards totalling nearly \$1.7 billion from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for transit projects in 46 states and territories. This funding invests in more than 1,700 American-built buses that will be manufactured with American parts and labor. Nearly half of these buses will be zero-emission models, bringing the total number of zero-emission transit buses funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law over two years to more than 1,800 – and more than doubling the number of zero-emission transit buses on America's roadways. Many of the grant recipients have pledged to buy standardized buses and vans and avoid customization, which will result in faster delivery and lower costs.

Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$1.7 Billion to Help Put Better, Cleaner Buses on the Roads in Communities Across the Country, June 26, 2023, www.dot.gov

ATRI: Truck Operating Costs Soared in 2022



Source: Ontruck

Rising wages for drivers, and the increasing price of insurance, diesel fuel, maintenance costs and other factors, pushed up the cost of operating a truck by 21.3% in 2022, compared to the year before,

according to the annual American Transportation Research Institute report, “An Analysis of the Operational Costs of Trucking.” The price of operating a truck rose to US\$2.251 per mile — the highest level on record — according to the study released June 21, 2023. Rising cost of fuel was the largest driver of the increase in 2022 and 53.7% higher than in 2021. Other line items also increased by double digits. Driver wages jumped 15.5% to 72.4 cents per mile, reflecting the industry effort to attract and retain drivers. Hundreds of companies raised driver pay, sometimes multiple times during the year to remain competitive.

ATRI: Truck Operating Costs Soared in 2022, June 19, 2023, www.ontruck.ca



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Travel between Canada and other countries, April 2023



Source: Statcan

In April 2023, the number of non-resident visitors to Canada and returning Canadian residents accounted for 81.4% of the level observed in April 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. Residents of overseas countries took 373,200 trips to Canada in April 2023, and US residents took 1.3 million trips. At the same time, Canadian residents returned from 4.1 million trips abroad. In April, 373,200 overseas residents arrived in Canada, up 54.4% from 241,700 in April 2022 and reaching over three-quarters (77.4%) of the number of overseas arrivals during the same month in 2019, before the pandemic. *Travel between Canada and other countries, April 2023, 23 June 2023, www.tc.gc.ca*

Unifor launches union drive at Amazon's Vancouver sites



Source: Inside Logistics

Unifor has announced it plans to start a drive at Amazon's Metro Vancouver locations. U.S. activist and Amazon Labor Union (ALU) president Chris Smalls joined Unifor organizers at the launch event near YVR3, the fulfillment centre near Braid Skytrain Station in New Westminster. He emphasized the need to foster community and build meaningful connections between workers. "The union shows the power of the people, bringing them together, helping them with their real concerns at work," Smalls said. "Amazon can never do that. They're in the business of exploiting workers for profit." Numerous attempts have been made to unionize Amazon's warehouse operations in Canada. In May 2022 the Confederation des syndicats nationaux (CSN) tried to organize at Amazon in Montreal. In April 2022 Teamsters Local Union 362 filed a second time for a unionization vote at the Amazon warehouse in Nisku, south of Edmonton. *Unifor launches union drive at Amazon's Vancouver sites, June 23, 2023, www.insidelogistics.com*

CentrePort Canada sells out BrookPort Business Park



Source: Today's Trucking

CentrePort Canada has sold out the fourth and final phase of BrookPort Business Park. The facility is a 280-acre fully serviced industrial park in the Winnipeg, Man., trimodal transportation hub. Since 2018, Whiteland Developers has invested over \$100 million to develop the park in the Rural Municipality of Rosser. More than 50 companies have invested over \$150 million to locate within the park, which is ideally suited for companies in the warehousing, distribution, cold storage, transportation and truck parts industries. Established operations include Ayr Motors, CadX Group, Cantrans Containers, Haulster Transport, JM Truck & Trailer Repair, Longview Logistics, Nutrien, Pluto Transport, Rig Logistics, Sailors Group, Whiteriver Logistics and Winnipeg Flatbeds.

CentrePort Canada sells out BrookPort Business Park, June 27, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

National tourism indicators, first quarter 2023



Source: Statcan

Tourism spending in Canada grew 2.6% in the 2023 first quarter, due to an increase of 3.5% in domestic tourism spending by Canadian residents. Tourism gross domestic product (+2.3%) and jobs attributable to tourism (+2.7%) also rose in the first quarter. Passenger

air transport (+2.9%) contributed the most to the growth in tourism spending in the first quarter, followed by food and beverage (+4.7%) and accommodation (+2.2%) services. As a result of this continued overall growth, tourism spending rose to 86.7% of its level in the fourth quarter of 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. Tourism GDP grew 2.3% in the first quarter of 2023, the same growth rate as the fourth quarter of 2022.

National tourism indicators, first quarter 2023, June 29, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

US/WORLD

Biden-Harris Administration Announces Funding for 162 Community-Led Infrastructure Projects as Part of the Investing in America Agenda

On June 28, 2023, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg will join Assistant Democratic Leader Jim Clyburn and others in South Carolina to announce that the Biden-Harris Administration has awarded more than \$2.2 billion from the RAISE discretionary grant program to 162 different infrastructure projects across the country. Today's funding includes a nearly \$23 million grant to build a pedestrian bridge and a multi-modal transit hub to better connect neighbourhoods and college campuses to downtown Orangeburg, South Carolina. The RAISE grant program, expanded under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, supports communities of all sizes, with half of the FY2023 funding going to rural areas and the other half to urban areas.

Biden-Harris Administration Announces Funding for 162 Community-Led Infrastructure Projects as Part of the Investing in America Agenda, June 28, 2023, www.dot.gov



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On June 29, 2023 at 9 am PT/ 12 PM ET/ 5 PM GMT CILTNA hosted a Webinar: "North Pacific Green Corridor: Teck as a Catalyst"

The video recording is available to view: [\[HERE\]](#).

Ian Anderson Presentation Slides: [\[HERE\]](#)

Job Postings

* **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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