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Air Transport Updates

CANADA

Air Canada Sets Course for Summer 2024 with Expanded Services to Popular European Destinations



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on September 5, 2023 announced a new, year-round route between Montreal and Madrid beginning in May 2024, as part of its expanded international summer 2024 flying schedule. The airline plans to operate 100 per cent of its peak summer 2019 trans-Atlantic capacity next year, taking full advantage of the robust recovery in its largest international market. "Air Canada saw a tremendous rebound in international flying this past summer, particularly on the trans-Atlantic, and we expect Europe will remain popular next year. In anticipation of this, we are expanding our flying schedule to offer customers more choice and flexibility as they begin to plan their 2024 holidays," said Mark Galardo, Executive Vice President of Revenue and Network Planning at Air Canada. "The centrepiece of today's announcement is our new Montreal-Madrid flight. This will be the only year-round service between Montreal and the Spanish capital, complementing our long-standing Toronto-Madrid flights, and offering compelling options for leisure customers and also returning business travellers."

Air Canada Sets Course for Summer 2024 with Expanded Services to Popular European Destinations, September 5, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

Intelsat Selected by Air Canada for Expanded Fleet Connectivity



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada and Intelsat, operator of one of the world's largest integrated satellite and terrestrial networks and leading provider of in-flight connectivity (IFC), on September 5, 2023 announced an agreement for Intelsat to provide connectivity systems for nearly 100 additional aircraft across the airline's fleet, including Intelsat's new multi-orbit electronically steered array (ESA) antenna for aircraft in the airline's regional jet fleet. "The efforts and the commitment of Intelsat's team and their service partners made the difference for us. We're confident Intelsat provides proven technology, an extensible platform and network, and the right vision for the future of in-flight connectivity," said Mark Nasr, Air Canada's Executive Vice President, Marketing and Digital, and President of Aeroplan. "Through our Bell partnership, equipment installation schedule, and strong conviction around the importance of in-flight connectivity, we seek to offer our customers the

best and most consistently available offering in the industry.” “Intelsat has been delivering reliable in-flight connectivity to Air Canada and its passengers for 14 years,” said Dave Bijur, Senior Vice President Commercial for Intelsat Commercial Aviation. “Air Canada’s leadership will continue for decades to come thanks to this investment in 2Ku connectivity for the 737 MAX fleet and the decision to install Intelsat’s innovative multi-orbit service across their regional jet operation.”

Intelsat Selected by Air Canada for Expanded Fleet Connectivity, September 5, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

Porter Airlines connects St. John’s coast to coast via new Toronto Pearson service

Porter Airlines is celebrating the first flights with its Embraer E195-E2 aircraft between Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and St. John’s International Airport (YYT). Service to St. John’s departs this evening, with the return flight to Toronto scheduled for the morning of Sept. 7, 2023. St. John’s passengers now have the option of using both Toronto airports. St. John’s has been part of Porter’s network since 2009, operating with the De Havilland Dash 8-400 aircraft to Halifax, with onward service to Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, Ottawa and Montreal. The flight to Pearson connects with Porter’s new Western Canada destinations, including Vancouver, Victoria, Edmonton, Calgary and Winnipeg, operated on the Embraer E195-E2.

Porter Airlines connects St. John’s coast to coast via new Toronto Pearson service, September 6, 2023, www.flyporter.com

Air Canada Announces Prepayment of Aircraft Related Debt Totalling Approximately \$589 Million



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on September 7, 2023 announced that it has prepaid loans of approximately \$462 million from Export Development Corporation (EDC) previously used by the company to help fund its acquisition of 14 Airbus A220-300 aircraft. The prepayment, which is also subject to

accrued interest and break costs, was made on August 30, 2023. The airline additionally prepaid financings of approximately \$127 million supported by the Export-Import Bank of the United States (ExIm) previously used by the company to help fund its acquisition of four Boeing 787-8 aircraft. The prepayment, which is also subject to accrued interest, was made on September 6, 2023. "One of Air Canada's top priorities following the pandemic is to deleverage and since late last year we have now pre-paid approximately \$1.87 billion in debt. This strengthens our balance sheet and provides us more flexibility to make strategic investments, including to improve the customer experience, and to continue upgrading our fleet such as through our previously announced acquisition of Canadian-made Airbus A220 aircraft. With our very solid liquidity position and cash flow we will continue to look for more opportunities to reduce debt further. We were pleased to partner with EDC in supporting the Canadian aerospace industry and we thank ExIm for facilitating our acquisition of Boeing aircraft," said John Di Bert, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Air Canada.

Air Canada Announces Prepayment of Aircraft Related Debt Totalling Approximately \$589 Million, September 7, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

Porter Airlines inaugurates Winnipeg service from its Toronto-Pearson hub

Porter Airlines on September 7, 2023 inaugurated its non-stop service between Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Winnipeg Richardson International Airport (YWG). Flights between the provincial capitals begin with two daily round trips. The Winnipeg-Toronto Pearson route operates with Porter’s new 132-seat Embraer E195-E2 aircraft, featuring a two-by-two configuration with no middle seats and category-leading fuel efficiency. The service also connects to Porter’s Eastern Canada network out of Toronto-Pearson, including Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa and St. John’s.

Porter Airlines inaugurates Winnipeg service from its Toronto-Pearson hub, September 7, 2023, www.flyporter.com

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Demand for air cargo grows in spite of manufacturing contraction

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for July 2023 global air cargo markets, showing a continuing trend of recovering growth rates since February. July 2023 air cargo demand was tracking just 0.8 percent below the previous year’s levels.

Although demand is now basically flat compared to 2022, this is an improvement on recent months' performance that is particularly significant given declines in global trade volumes and rising concerns over China's economy. Global demand, measured in cargo tonne-kilometers (CTKs), tracked at 0.8 percent below July 2022 levels (-0.4 percent for international operations). This was a significant improvement over the previous month's performance (-3.4 percent). Capacity, measured in available cargo tonne-kilometers (ACTKs), was up 11.2 percent compared to July 2022 (eight percent for international operations). The strong uptick in ACTKs reflects the growth in belly capacity (29.3 percent year-on-year) due to the summer season.

Demand for air cargo grows in spite of manufacturing contraction, September 6, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

Air Cargo Demand Strengthens Despite Challenges



Source: IATA

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Air Cargo Demand Strengthens Despite Challenges, September 5, 2023, www.iata.org

Strong Passenger Demand Continues in July

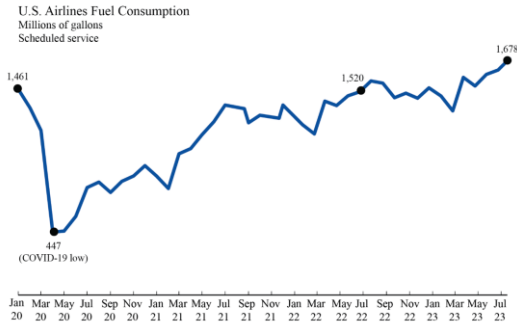


Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced that the post-COVID recovery momentum continued in July 2023 for passenger markets. *Total traffic* in July 2023 (measured in revenue passenger kilometers or RPKs) rose 26.2% compared to July 2022. Globally, traffic is now at 95.6% of pre-COVID levels. *Domestic traffic* for July rose 21.5% versus July 2022 and was 8.3% above the July 2019 results. July RPKs are the highest ever recorded, strongly supported by surging demand in the China domestic market. *International traffic* climbed 29.6% compared to the same month a year ago with all markets showing robust growth. International RPKs reached 88.7% of July 2019 levels. The passenger load factor (PLF) for the industry reached 85.7% which is the highest monthly international PLF ever recorded. "Planes were full during July as people continue to travel in ever greater numbers. Importantly, forward ticket sales indicate that traveler confidence remains high. And there is every reason to be optimistic about the continuing recovery," said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General.

Strong Passenger Demand Continues in July, September 6, 2023, www.iata.org

 **U.S. Airlines' July 2023 Fuel Cost per Gallon Up 2.3% from June 2023; Aviation Fuel Consumption Up 0.1% from Pre-Pandemic July 2019**



Source: BTS

The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on September 5, 2023 released U.S. airlines' July 2023 fuel cost and consumption numbers indicating U.S. scheduled service airlines used 1.678 billion gallons of fuel, 5.0% more fuel than in June 2023 (1.597 billion gallons) and 0.1% more than in pre-pandemic July 2019. The cost per gallon of fuel in July 2023 (\$2.48) was up 5.48 cents (2.3%) from June 2023 (\$2.42) and up \$0.50 (25.0%) from July 2019. Total July 2023 fuel expenditure (\$4.16B) was up 7.4% from June 2023 (\$3.87B) and up 25.1% from pre-pandemic July 2019. Year-over-year changes in fuel consumption and cost for July 2023 include 8.4% increase in domestic fuel consumption, 26.4% decrease in domestic fuel cost, and 32.1% decrease in cost per gallon. Domestic fuel consumption increased 4.7% from June 2023 to July 2023, while increasing 0.8% from July 2019. Increased fuel consumption reflects an increase in airline passenger travel over the same period. *U.S. Airlines' July 2023 Fuel Cost per Gallon Up 2.3% from June 2023; Aviation Fuel Consumption Up 0.1% from Pre-Pandemic July 2019, September 5, 2023, www.bts.gov*

the first five months of 2023, cancellations have stayed below 2% and are far lower than the 2.7% cancellation rate last year and in pre-pandemic 2019.

Air Travel Consumer Report: May 2023 Numbers, September 7, 2023, www.bts.gov

 **Air Travel Consumer Report: May 2023 Numbers**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on September 7, 2023 released its Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR) on airline operational data compiled for the month of May 2023 for on-time performance, mishandled baggage, and mishandled wheelchairs and scooters. The ATCR is designed to assist consumers with information on the quality of services provided by airlines. DOT remains committed to ensuring airline passengers are treated fairly and flights operate as scheduled. In May 2023, cancellations were 0.6%, which is significantly lower than the cancellation rate of 2% in May 2022. For



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Rail Transport Updates

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Canadian grain shippers hopeful about rail service in current crop year

Canadian producers generally expect rail service in the 2023-2024 harvest year to meet market needs, but they're keeping an eye on other factors that could affect rail service in the coming years, such as grain export capacity at the Port of Vancouver. Grain shippers are also waiting for the supply chain to completely recover from a July labor strike at the ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert. "It's always the same story this time of year when it comes to rail service and rail capacity. We never really know for sure how it is going to go," Wade Sobkowich, executive director for the Western Grain Elevator Association, told FreightWaves when asked about expectations for Canadian Class I railways CN and Canadian Pacific Kansas City. "Are CN and CP both going to be ready for when the crop comes off, or will they take some time to gear up? Then, will they dedicate enough resources to grain service for the fall and winter period? What is on the horizon for railway job action? What's the weather going to be like and will we be facing washouts, flooding, cold weather, high snowfall levels?" Wade said. "Aside from these variables, I'd say the grain companies are cautiously optimistic about rail service levels for the fall and winter. We have seen good rail service in recent months, which hopefully carries into harvest."

Canadian grain shippers hopeful about rail service in current crop year, September 5, 2023, www.freightwaves.com

VIA rail increases service between Ottawa and London this fall

VIA Rail Canada inc. is pleased to announce the reintroduction of two round trips between Toronto and Ottawa and one round trip between London and Toronto, starting this October 2023. "The ongoing progressive introduction of VIA rail's 32 new trainsets is already

yielding positive results, as recent increases in equipment availability, coupled with intense recruitment and training efforts, are now allowing us to reintroduce these high-demand frequencies," said Mario Péroquin, president and chief executive officer. "as we continue to strike a balance between meeting our passengers' evolving travel needs and deploying our limited resources, we remain committed to offering the most convenient, accessible and sustainable service to the highest number of Canadians."

VIA rail increases service between Ottawa and London this fall, September 7, 2023, www.viarail.ca

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AAR: Rail Volumes Fall for Third Straight Month in August



Source: Railway Age

"August was the third straight month in which total year-over-year U.S. rail carloads have fallen," Association of American Railroads (AAR) Senior Vice President John T. Gray reported on Sept. 6, 2023. Total combined U.S. traffic for the first 35 weeks of 2023 was 16,173,208 carloads and intermodal units, a decrease of 4.9% compared to last year. Gray said that a major reason why is that "other than automotive manufacturing, the industrial economy, in recent months, has not been

doing as well as other areas of the economy. Until industrial activity, and especially manufacturing recovers, rail volumes in many key markets could remain constrained.” According to AAR, U.S. Class I railroads for the first eight months of 2023 hauled a total of 7,852,770 carloads, up 0.0%, or 3,625 carloads, from the same period last year; and 8,320,438 intermodal units, down 9.2%, or 838,829 containers and trailers, from last year. Canadian railroads reported 89,904 carloads for the week, up 2.2%, and 72,134 intermodal units, down 14.6% compared with the same week in 2022. For the first 35 weeks of 2023, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 5,519,818 carloads, containers and trailers, down 3.3%.

AAR: Rail Volumes Fall for Third Straight Month in August, September 6, 2023, www.railwayage.com



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Marine Transport Updates

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Port of Halifax: Accumulated Container traffic for the second quarter of 2023

The port of Halifax released its container traffic (TEUs) for the second quarter of 2023 on September 5, 2023. For the 2023 second quarter, total container traffic in TEUs changed -11.9% i.e. to 137,774 from 156,438. Total import traffic for the second quarter of 20223 changed -17.5% i.e. to 69,222 from 83,898. Total export traffic for the second quarter of 2023 changed -5.5% i.e. to 68,552 from 72,540. For the first six months, total container traffic in TEUs changed -6.29% i.e. to 265,108 from 282,903. Total import traffic for the second quarter of 2023 changed -9.7% i.e. to 134,825 from 149,376. Total export traffic for the second quarter of 2022 changed -2.4% i.e. to 130,283 from 133,527.

Port of Halifax: Accumulated Container traffic for the second quarter of 2023, September 5, 2023, www.portofhalifax.ca

US/WORLD

Port of New York and New Jersey moves the most TEUs since October 2022



Source: Freightwaves

Peak season for the Port of New York and New Jersey has arrived. Not only did the port take the top spot for containers moved in July 2023, but it was the port's highest monthly total since October 2022. A total of 725,479 TEUs were processed in July. Rick Cotton, Port Authority executive director, tells American Shipper it was extremely gratifying to see the strong performance that made the port the busiest in the nation for July. "The Port of New York and New Jersey's strong performance in July as the peak shipping season gets underway underscores our business partners' confidence in the East Coast's biggest port to move their goods quickly and reliably," Cotton said. "Our deep relationships and collaboration with all links of the regional supply chain continue to reap tangible benefits for our stakeholders who have retained their business here in New York-New Jersey even as the impact of softening global trade is felt elsewhere."

Port of New York and New Jersey moves the most TEUs since October 2022, August 31, 2023, www.freightwaves.com

City, Port of Long Beach welcomes ILWU contract ratification



Source: AJOT

Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson and Port of Long Beach CEO Mario Cordero congratulated the membership of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union for their ratification of the six-year contract between the ILWU and the Pacific Maritime Association. “We applaud the ILWU members for approving the new labor agreement with the PMA that will benefit 22,000 workers across 29 ports. This contract ensures the stability and success of our ports, which are a driving economic engine for our city, state, and national economy. “This agreement will bolster the global competitiveness of the Port of Long Beach while expanding job opportunities for residents throughout Long Beach and the greater Los Angeles region. We value our port employees and our industry partners, and we are committed to working alongside the ILWU, PMA, and our port leadership to make our Port the nation’s leading commercial gateway.” “The Port of Long Beach congratulates the International Longshore and Warehouse Union membership on ratifying the new labor agreement with the Pacific Maritime Association.

City, Port of Long Beach welcomes ILWU contract ratification, September 1, 2023, www.ajot.com

CMA CGM completes the acquisition of GCT Bayonne and New York container terminals

Further to the agreement announced on December 7th, 2022, the CMA CGM Group, a global player in sea, land, air and logistics solutions, has finalized its acquisition of Global Container Terminals (GCT) Bayonne and New York terminals. Through this strategic investment, the Group strengthens its position as a global port terminal operator, and a leading supply chain player in the United States providing end to end solutions to customers worldwide. Port GCT Bayonne and Port GCT New York expand CMA CGM’s portfolio of terminals in the U.S. to seven, ideally complementing on the US East Coast the Group’s

acquisition of the Fenix Marine Services container terminal in the Port of Los Angeles on the US West Coast. These two new assets provide the Group with flagship terminal operations at a critical entry point on the U.S. East coast. This acquisition will strengthen the East Coast’s role in securing the U.S. supply chain and improve network resiliency. While CMA CGM Terminal arm will operate the two multi-user facilities under its current management team, the Group intends to further develop the two terminals which are key to the strategic New York/New Jersey gateway, the largest on the U.S. East Coast.

CMA CGM completes the acquisition of GCT Bayonne and New York container terminals, September 1, 2023, www.ajot.com

Panama Canal’s low water delays could last 10 months impacting U.S. Gulf/East Coast ports

The Panama Canal’s drought induced low water problems are causing vessel traffic jams that could last for the next ten months according to the Athens-based shipbroker Intermodal. In an exclusive interview with AJOT, Intermodal’s Research Analyst, Chara Georgousi reported that: “According to the Panama Canal Authority’s latest update, water-saving measures will be in place for the next 10 months. The effects on supply chains could be further pronounced as the disruption will coincide with the peak holiday season when retailers increase shipping activities to accommodate the upcoming holiday consumer demand.” While there is no immediate threat to container shipping to and from U.S. East and Gulf Coast ports, container shipping linking the ports to Asia rely on the Panama Canal. If low water conditions persist, the conditions “can have implications ... they will be more long term rather near term, not so short term, because for the moment ... they (container carriers) do not face immediate consequences ... They appear rather resilient....” Georgousi added that if drought conditions continue over a 10 month period the impact to East and Gulf Coast trades could be an “increase in freight rates and changing dynamics.” Diverting ships away from the Panama Canal and through the Suez can add weeks onto a voyage: “The voyage through the Panama Canal takes around 58 days to reach Asian ports. However, going through the Suez Canal, the voyage could be extended to 81 days. And in the case of using the route around the Cape of Good Hope, a journey could be extended to 88 days.”

Panama Canal’s low water delays could last 10 months impacting U.S. Gulf/East Coast ports, August 4, 2023, www.ajot.com

ZIM announces a new operational collaboration agreement with MSC on multiple trades



Source: AJOT

ZIM Integrated Shipping Services Ltd., a global container liner shipping company, announced on September 6, 2023 a new operational cooperation agreement with MSC, the industry's largest carrier, encompassing several trades. This agreement is designed to significantly enhance operational efficiencies and further elevate service levels for ZIM's valued customers. The cooperation scope includes services connecting the Indian subcontinent with the East Mediterranean, the East Mediterranean with Northern Europe, and services connecting East Asia with Oceania. The agreements between ZIM and MSC includes vessel sharing, slot purchases, and swap arrangements. Eli Glickman, ZIM President & CEO, said: "This important operational collaboration with MSC, a trusted partner and industry leader, marks a mutually beneficial arrangement, delivering cost efficiencies for both carriers, while upholding the highest standards of service and reliability for our customers. Our decade-long partnership with MSC spanned across multiple trades over the years, and today encompass, among others, Asia, the Pacific Northwest, Oceania, India, East-Med, Northern Europe, and more. Our agile strategy enabled us once again to promptly adapt to changing market dynamics, ensuring that we continue to best meet our customers' needs with our signature personalized service, supported by cutting-edge digital tools." Glickman added: "Capitalizing on this opportunity with MSC will improve efficiencies in our fleet and is consistent with our focus on taking proactive steps amidst continued near-term headwinds in the container shipping market. We expect that this strategic cooperation will benefit ZIM both operationally and financially, and it is another testament to our agility. We will continue to seek opportunities to leverage our strengths and capabilities to create long-term value for our customers and investors alike."

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Road Transport Updates

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Minister of Transport announces funding to support clean energy adoption in the trucking sector



Source: Inside Logistics

On August 31, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, announced an investment of nearly \$3 million under the Zero-Emission Trucking Program to support of three projects in Québec, British Columbia and Nova Scotia. Of this investment, \$1.5 million will be used to establish a Zero-Emission Trucking Testbed in the Montréal area. The Testbed, launched in collaboration with FPIInnovations, will collect real-world performance data in Canadian conditions to speed up the reduction of pollution from medium- and heavy-duty on-road transportation. Two additional investments, totalling just over \$1.3 million in Government of Canada support, will enable projects in British Columbia and Nova Scotia to gain information on: zero emission truck performance, the development of training materials, and required provincial planning to support the safe deployment of zero emission trucking technologies.

Minister of Transport announces funding to support clean energy adoption in the trucking sector, August 31, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca; and

Feds announce funding for three zero-emissions trucking projects, September 4, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

Quebec index to rate how well trucks protect cyclists and pedestrians



Source: Today's Trucking

Quebec has introduced plans to develop a new “safety index” for heavy vehicles in a bid to better protect vulnerable road users like cyclists and pedestrians. Unveiled in a provincial action plan for road safety, the goal is to create the technical standard through the Quebec Standards Bureau (Bureau du normalisation du Québec) and publish it in November 2024. “The Quebec standard will consider several safety elements, including the driver’s field of vision, indirect vision [mirrors, camera systems, or other detection devices], and the use of other safety equipment [alarms, lights, indicator panels, side guards, or any other system designed to improve the safety of road users],” the bureau says on its website. Different levels of government could mandate the Quebec standard or use it within calls for tenders, Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité Durable spokesman Nicolas Vigneault said in an email response to *Transport Routier*.

Quebec index to rate how well trucks protect cyclists and pedestrians, September 1, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

Canada needs to boost charging infrastructure to encourage more people to buy EVs, study says.



Source: Financial Post

More people are willing to buy electric vehicles, but Canada still behind global numbers. Canada needs to boost its charging infrastructure and tackle “range anxiety” to encourage more people to buy electric vehicles, according to an annual study conducted by global accounting firm Ernst & Young Global Ltd. (EY). The study said 55 per cent of the 15,000 people surveyed in 20 countries were interested in buying EVs, which is a slight increase from 52 per cent last year. The interest level in Canada increased to 52 per cent, up from 46 per cent last year, but that is still behind the global average.

Canada needs to boost charging infrastructure to encourage more people to buy EVs, study says., August 28, 2023, www.financialpost.ca

Transport Minister Tips Hat to Trucking Industry



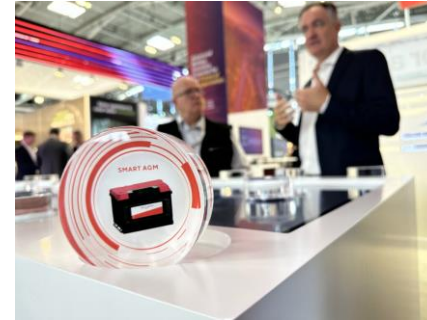
Source: Ontruck

During National Trucking Week (Sept 3-9) Federal Minister of Transport Pablo Rodriguez commended the trucking industry for its invaluable contributions to the Canadian economy. “It’s a time to reflect on the value that truckers and the trucking industry bring to our country,” he said in a statement. “There are 1.2 million commercial vehicles on our roads, and they support internal trade between our provinces and territories that accounts for nearly one-fifth of our GDP.

That adds up to \$370 billion. “Road transport also accounts for 42% of Canada’s merchandise trade. *Transport Minister Tips Hat to Trucking Industry, September 6, 2023, www.ontruck.ca*

US/WORLD

Low-voltage batteries will play increasingly important role in electric trucks



Source: Today's Trucking

Future trucks may come laden with supersized high-voltage battery packs, but 12-volt low-voltage batteries will still have a vital – and growing – role to play. Clarios, which sells about 150 million batteries yearly, continues to invest in that space, most recently with the acquisition of battery maker and recycler Paragon. “The low-voltage network is critical to the new user experiences, data collection methods and power system transformation underway in vehicles,” said Clarios CEO Mark Wallace. “Paragon’s team has the skills, culture and commitment to add new capabilities that will accelerate our partnership with key OE customers, especially around advanced Li-Ion programs.” *Low-voltage batteries will play increasingly important role in electric trucks, September 5, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com*



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Politics, planning and the Greenbelt: we have to get it right by: David Collenette, FCILT

The long-term solution for orderly urban growth is to develop a comprehensive plan for all the land south of Georgian Bay/Algonquin Park.

Ontario Liberals are engaged in electing a new leader from a list of very impressive candidates. Policy discussion is front and centre in candidate debates and chatter among Liberals.

Defence of the world's largest urban Greenbelt around the Greater Toronto Area, the envy of cities around the globe and established by the Liberal government 15 years ago, has emerged as a sine qua non, not only for a sustainable environment, but also for orderly land use planning and efficient transportation.

The current political crisis at Queen's Park reflects an undermining of the Greenbelt's integrity by allowing access to select developers in the name of increasing housing supply. It underscores an irrefutable reality — woe betide any politician to even hint about tinkering with this crucial piece of environmental protection.

To read the full article, please visit: [The Toronto Star](https://www.thestar.com/).

Politics, planning and the Greenbelt: we have to get it right, September 6, 2023, <https://www.thestar.com/>



Canada challenges US on softwood duties

Canada is launching challenges to “unfair” US duties imposed on softwood lumber exports. In a statement on September 1, Mary Ng, minister of export promotion, international trade and economic development, explained the Canadian position regarding the U.S. fourth administrative reviews on softwood lumber from Canada. “Canada is a world leader in softwood lumber and has a vast industry creating...jobs for thousands of Canadians and supporting communities across our country. “For years, the United States has imposed unfair, unjust and illegal duties on Canadian softwood lumber, hurting Canadian industry and creating rising housing costs in both our countries.”

Canada challenges US on softwood duties, September 5, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca



Canadian international merchandise trade, July 2023



Source: Statcan

In July 2023, Canada's merchandise imports decreased 5.4%, while exports were up 0.7%. As a result, Canada's merchandise trade deficit with the world narrowed from a revised \$4.9 billion in June to

\$987 million in July. Total imports decreased 5.4% in July, the strongest percentage decline since January 2022. Overall, imports in 9 of 11 product sections decreased in July 2023 and, as was the case in May and June, imports of unwrought gold were central to the monthly movement. In real (or volume) terms, imports were down 4.3%.

Canadian international merchandise trade, July 2023, September 6, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

Hangcha opening warehouse in Mississauga



Source: Inside Logistics

Hangcha Forklift Canada is opening a warehouse in Mississauga, Ontario, in October 2023. The 30,000 sq ft facility joins existing warehouses in Vaudreuil-Dorion, Quebec, and Vancouver, allowing the company to maintain an inventory of 550 units at any given time. The Vaudreuil-Dorion facility, in the Montreal area, is 26,500 square feet. Hangcha Canada offers a range of material handling solutions to meet the needs of the Canadian market. It offers electric counterbalance lifts, narrow aisle trucks, pallet jacks, tow tractors, and a rough terrain forklift among others. It has a full line of lithium-ion battery powered vehicles.

Hangcha opening warehouse in Mississauga, September 7, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

Canada aims for Indonesia trade deal in next year, Trudeau says

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Canada is on track to sign a free trade agreement with Indonesia within the next 12 months. Trudeau made the comments in an interview with Bloomberg News in

Singapore, where he is visiting as part of a trip through Asia to further trade ties and attend the Group of 20 leaders' meeting. Trudeau visited Jakarta this week and met with President Joko Widodo, who is also the chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Expanding trade with Asian countries is one of the goals of Canada's Indo-Pacific strategy. The prime minister also said his government plans to open a trade gateway in Singapore.

Canada aims for Indonesia trade deal in next year, Trudeau says, September 7, 2023, www.ajot.com

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August 2023 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (4.9%) Rises Above the August 2022 Level (4.6%) And the Pre-Pandemic August 2019 Level (4.8%)

U.S. Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
August 2023 3.9%	August 2023 4.9%
▲ 0.1	▲ 0.3
change from same month last year	change from same month last year

Source: BTS

The unemployment rate in the U.S. transportation sector was 4.9% (not seasonally adjusted) in August 2023 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). These data have been updated on the Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS) [Unemployment in Transportation](#) dashboard. In August 2023, the transportation sector unemployment rate rose 0.3 percentage points from 4.6% in August 2022 and was just above the pre-pandemic August 2019 level of 4.8%. Unemployment in the transportation sector reached its highest level during the COVID-19 pandemic (15.7%) in May 2020 and July 2020. Unemployment in the transportation sector was higher than overall unemployment. BLS reports that the U.S. unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, in August 2023 was 3.9% or 1.0 percentage points below the transportation sector rate. Seasonally adjusted, the U.S. unemployment rate in August 2023 was 3.8%.

August 2023 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (4.9%) Rises Above the August 2022 Level (4.6%) And the Pre-Pandemic August 2019 Level (4.8%), September 1, 2023, www.bts.gov



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THE PACIFIC CHAPTER (CILTNA) INVITES YOU TO
A RECEPTION / PRESENTATION
**CANADA'S INDO-PACIFIC STRATEGY AND IMPLICATIONS FOR
TRADE WITH ASIA**

Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy holds enormous potential for our country's expanded trade. Yet, developing new trade relations with the world's fastest-growing economies is not without major challenges. A region fraught with geopolitical tensions, Canada's strategic approach to the Indo-Pacific includes negotiating new trade agreements, establishing additional regional trade offices and resources, and expanding Canada's 'mind-share' for greater national awareness within emerging markets. As a trading and maritime nation, Canada has launched an ambitious agenda as it seeks to diversify its trade and advance its interests in a shifting international order. Please join CILTNA's Pacific Chapter in Vancouver on September 21 to hear one of Canada's foremost Asia experts on this timely and important national initiative.

SPEAKER:
JEFF NANKIVELL, PRESIDENT & CEO
ASIA PACIFIC FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Cost:
NON-MEMBER: \$65 MEMBER: \$55 STUDENT: \$30

September 21, 2023
4:30 pm - Registration
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm - Reception / Presentation

Terminal City Club
837 West Hastings St, Vancouver, BC V6C 1B6

For more details and to register, please visit:
<https://ciltna.com/events/canadas-indo-pacific-strategy-and-implications-for-trade-with-asia/>

REGISTER NOW! - The Pacific Chapter (CILTNA) is pleased to invite you to a Reception/Presentation entitled, "Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy and Implications for Trade with Asia"

Speaker: Jeff Nankivell, President and CEO, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

When: September 21, 2023

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WiLAT North America Launch
THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2023
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON EST | 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. GMT

Speakers:
Paul Sainthouse, FCILT, CILT International President
Chief Teete Owasu-Nortey, FCILT, CILT International President Elect
Vicky Koo, FCILT, Global WiLAT Chairperson
Bob Armstrong, FCILT, President, CILT North America
Mark Armbrage, CILT International Secretary General
Kristine Burr, FCILT, CILT NA Board Member, WiLAT Advisor
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Moderator: Doreen Owasu-Franko, FCILT, WiLAT Global Deputy Chairperson

Guest Speaker: Isabel Alexander, Business, Life, & Transformation Catalyst

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"Stronger Together"

Women in Logistics and Transport

CILT North America are pleased to announce the launch of their Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT) forum on Thursday, 28 September 2023 at 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. ET / 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. GMT.

This invitation is open to both members and non-members alike. So please feel free to share this event with anyone you feel may be interested in joining us.

Please RSVP at: <https://ciltna.com/events/wilat-north-america-launch-september-28/>

Job Postings

* **Freight Modeler / Econometrician GS 12/13/14 - Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)**

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) is seeking a freight modeler with extensive knowledge in econometric or statistical modeling methods. At BTS, you will play a major role in modeling goods movement and freight transportation flows throughout the United States. The successful candidate will help produce the Freight Analysis Framework (FAF) dataset <https://www.bts.gov/faf>, which is used in virtually every freight travel demand model and in most freight policy studies in the U.S. Join us as we modernize the FAF, leveraging ever-richer data and advanced methodologies to better serve our data users.

To Apply: Do not use USAJobs. Email your resume to BTSJobs@dot.gov by September 22nd and indicate the position you are applying for in the subject line.

Note: You must be a U.S. citizen and meet the requirements for the job series and grade to be eligible for consideration.

* **UK-based publishing company looking for experts in fleet management from UK and North America to collaborate with**

Each contributor would be paid for their time and can choose to have their name associated with the newsletter or not, as they see fit.

Depending on their availability, this could involve:

- Reading the newsletter to ensure information is accurate and relevant (e.g., “This is no longer a widely used practice. Instead, ...”)
- Offering suggestions on additional angles or insights to include (e.g., “A recent study showed X. It would be good to discuss that here.”)
- Offering suggestions for topics of future newsletters

- Signing off as a topic-expert (e.g., “Read and reviewed by Jane Smith, CMO, Fleet Management Corp.”)

If you have any questions or if this interests you, please contact Christian Rigg and let him know what your hourly rate would be for this kind of work. He can be reached at: christian@elevenwriting.co.uk

* **Port of Thunder Bay Chief, Executive Officer (CEO)**

At the terminus of the St. Lawrence Seaway System the largest inland waterway in the world, the Port of Thunder Bay is the second largest export grain port in Canada and a leading cargo exporter. The Port was built to provide access to European markets for Western Canadian grain producers through the world’s longest grain supply chain. Today, the Port services grain markets in the Mediterranean, Africa, Central and South America as well as Europe. With world-class facilities that efficiently handle 9 million tonnes of cargo annually, an integral part of the Port of Thunder Bay’s strategy is to expand upon the successful project cargo corridor, facilitating the movement of cargo to and from Western Canada and international markets. With the retirement of its current Chief Executive Officer, the Board is looking for a successor who will build upon on the incumbent’s long-standing leadership and contributions to evolve the Port of Thunder Bay as a major breakbulk hub for Western Canada.

With a mission to promote and invest in the efficient integration of marine, rail and road transportation systems and improve competitiveness of the Thunder Bay marine route to advance economic growth, the CEO is accountable to the Board of Directors for the overall planning, organization, coordination, and control of all Thunder Bay Port Authority’s operations to ensure a safe, environmentally sound, and financially self-sufficient organization. In consultation with internal and external stakeholders, the CEO will promote the development of business partnerships with shipping, rail, trucking companies, and independent port operators – leading the organization as a major contributor to economic growth.

This is an exciting opportunity for a proactive and innovative leader with an entrepreneurial mindset, able to see the big picture for this critical infrastructure/transportation business, assessing the risks and opportunities through sound judgement and experience. With the exemplary communication skills needed to engage staff, stakeholders

and the Board of the Directors, you bring demonstrated leadership experience managing complex port operations/port asset infrastructure, marine transportation, or supply chain logistics. With the political acumen to engage government agencies and elected officials, your senior executive level experience includes working and communicating effectively with a board of directors. A university degree in Business or a related discipline will serve a valuable foundation to your accomplishments and experience.

To Apply:

To fill this position, Port of Thunder Bay has partnered with leadership advisory firm Odgers Berndtson. Applications are encouraged immediately and should be submitted online ideally by August 24th at <https://careers.odgersberndtson.com/en-ca/28622>.

For more information, please contact Kyle Mechar of Odgers Berndtson at Kyle.Mechar@Odgersberndtson.com

We would like to thank all applicants but regret that we are only able to personally contact those individuals whose backgrounds best match the requirements for the role.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Port of Thunder Bay is an equal opportunity employer. In accordance with the Accessible Canada Act, 2019 and all applicable provincial accessibility standards, upon request, accommodation will be provided by both Odgers Berndtson and Port of Thunder Bay throughout the recruitment, selection and/or assessment process to applicants with disabilities.

Odgers Berndtson is deeply committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in all the work that we do. As part of our efforts to better understand our ability to reach as broad a pool of candidates as possible for our searches, our DEI team would like to encourage you to take a moment and access our [Self-Declaration Form](#).

*** Manager, Government Affairs and Communications, CPKC**

Canadian Pacific (CP) and Kansas City Southern (KCS) are now CPKC. As the only truly North American railway, we are making big moves! Drawing on our strong foundations and heritage, CPKC moves essential goods across our 20,000-mile network to support economic growth throughout Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. Be a part of history

as we connect a continent and create exciting career opportunities across our new transnational network. Visit cpkc.com to learn about the CPKC advantage, our purpose and culture.

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION:

The Manager, Government Affairs and Communications, will be responsible for managing a range of government relations initiatives to promote the business and policy objectives of Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) at the municipal and provincial level, in Quebec and Ontario. Under the supervision of the Director, Indigenous Relations and Government Affairs, the Manager will work closely with the Government Affairs and Communications and Media Relations teams, and others across the company, to execute the initiatives of CPKC's government affairs program. The Manager will also lead CPKC's engagement with francophone media and assist the Communications and Media Relations team with the development of communications products in French. Finally, the Manager will assist the Community Relations team with responding to public inquiries in French. While the Manager's primary focus will be on government affairs and francophone media relations, some engagement with Indigenous communities may also be required.

POSITION ACCOUNTABILITIES:

- Develop, maintain, and grow strong relationships with key municipal and provincial elected officials and staff to tell the inspiring story of CPKC: the first and only transnational railway seamlessly connecting Canada, the United States and Mexico
- Deploy fact-based arguments to educate key municipal and provincial stakeholders, and other audiences, to ensure CPKC is known as the credible industry leader on issues and public policies affecting the railway industry
- Attend and represent CPKC at governmental, political, and other external stakeholder meetings and events
- Represent CPKC in business and industry coalitions, as required
- Monitor, analyze, and respond to current and potential policy and legislative or regulatory actions at the municipal and provincial level related to the railway industry and CPKC
- Collaborate horizontally across the company to support CPKC's business and policy goals
- Assist the Communications and Media Relations team with the development of content and communications materials in French, including press material (press releases, media lines, Qs & As, etc)
- Assist the Community Relations team with responses to public inquiries in French

Manage relationships with francophone reporters and external stakeholders, including writing and communicating directly with reporters, when required.
Identify risks and opportunities for CPKC
Perform other duties, as assigned, consistent with the goals of CPKC

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

Bachelor's Degree with 5+ years of professional experience in government or a government relations role
Excellent written and oral communication skills in both French and English, with a demonstrated ability to write in a clear, concise, effective and professional manner
Ability to learn quickly and demonstrate intellectual curiosity
Strong advocacy skills with a demonstrated ability to distill complex ideas and communicate them effectively
Exceptional interpersonal and relationship building skills
Knowledge of the Canadian system of government and policy-making process.
Positive and engaging attitude
Professional appearance, work ethic, and demeanor
Strong ability to work collaboratively as a team player and accomplish tasks with self-direction
High degree of personal initiative and desire to achieve success for CPKC
Exceptional organizational and time management skills, with a proven ability to prioritize and manage multiple initiatives simultaneously
Proven ability to work in a fast-paced environment, while remaining calm under pressure and maintaining high quality work standards
High proficiency with standard computer platforms, including Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint

WHAT CPKC HAS TO OFFER:

Flexible and competitive benefits package
Competitive company pension plan
Employee Share Purchase Plan
Performance Incentive Program
Annual Fitness Subsidy
Part-time Studies Program

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

As an employer with North American presence, the possibility does exist that the location of your position may be changed based on organizational requirements.

Background Investigation:

The successful candidate will need to successfully complete the following clearances:
Criminal history check
Reference check
Driver's License Verification

Management Conductor Program:

Becoming a qualified conductor or locomotive engineer is the single best way for a management employee to learn the business at CPKC. You may be required to obtain a certification or to maintain your current certification/qualification as a conductor or locomotive engineer.

CPKC is an employment equity employer committed to the principles of employment equity and inclusion. We encourage all qualified candidates to apply including women, Black, Indigenous, People of Colour (BIPOC), members of the LGBTQ+ community, and people with disabilities. Accommodations for the job application process can be provided, as appropriate, upon request. All applicant information will be managed in accordance with the federal Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA)".

To apply, please click [HERE](#).

*** 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:
<https://njit.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/1/home/requisition/4582?c=njit>

*** GLG, looking for consulting experts in various transportation and logistics fields**

We have been approached by GLG, a bona fide professional services organization which provides hourly consulting services, looking for experts in various transportation and logistics fields. These are done over the phone or in a web meeting (not in person). If you would like to be considered as a candidate (GLG typically pay up to \$200/hr. for these 30 minute or 60 minute consultations) for any of these please let Andrew Young know and he will put you in contact with them (uschapter@ciltna.com).

Diesel-to-Electric Battery Repowering | Trains, Trucks, or Boats

One of our clients, a railcar manufacturer, would like to speak with an expert who is knowledgeable about repowering heavy machinery, such as trains, boats, and trucks. More specifically, they're looking to better understand what it takes to go from diesel to electric battery powered, as well as who the leading suppliers of key components are (e.g., power control systems, inverters, batteries, motors, etc.).

Project Questions

- Do you have experience repowering heavy machinery, such as trains, boats, or trucks? If so, please elaborate on your relevant experience below.
- Are you able to discuss the repowering design, specifically what it takes to transition from conventional diesel to electric battery powered?
- Are you knowledgeable about suppliers of key repowering components (e.g., power control systems, inverters, batteries, motors, etc.)? If so, please note which component suppliers you could elaborate on during a call below.

Fleet Management | Market Overview

One of our clients, a project team at a professional services firm, would like to speak with individuals that have in depth knowledge on the truck fleet management space. Topics of interest include:

- Products offered by truck fleet management companies
- Value chain
- Products
- Market size, areas for growth, and top players in the space

Please Note: Our client is working on behalf of a corporation or investment firm. GLG Network Members are not permitted to consult about their current employer(s) or provide any information that may be considered confidential or proprietary to their current or former employers or other third parties.

Project Questions

- Can you list what are the main products that a truck fleet management company offers?
- On a scale from 1-5 (1=not able to speak, 5=extremely knowledgeable), how knowledgeable are you on the following topics related to fleet management:
 - Who do you believe are the 3-5 main truck fleet management companies and who has been gaining market share in the last 5 years?
 - Can you speak to what is the average gross margin that fleet management companies generally have combining all products and services? (in %)

Fleet Operations | Fleet Manager Perspective

One of our clients, a project team at a professional services firm, would like to speak with professionals with fleet management experience across truck, rail, maritime, or aviation fleets.

Please Note: Our client is working on behalf of an Oil & Gas Provider. GLG Network Members are not permitted to consult about their current employer(s) or provide any information that may be considered confidential or proprietary to their current or former employers or other third parties.

Project Questions

- Roughly how many vehicles are/were included in your fleet?
- Are you involved in the evaluation and decision-making process for fuel choices and alternative products used in your fleet? Please select which best represent your relevant experience.
 - Are you familiar with fuel alternative products ("green fuel", biofuels, etc.)? Please briefly elaborate on your experience in 1-2 sentences.
 - Can you speak to your preference of fuel vs. fuel alternative products and your rationale? Please briefly elaborate in 1-2 sentences.
 - Could you provide examples of and speak to companies that are selling fuel alternative products in the market today? What are your perceptions of these companies?
 - Can you speak to the fuel alternative products in the market today? What are your perceptions of these products? What has influenced your perception? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.
 - Could you provide examples of when you have utilized fuel alternatives within your business/at your place of work? What were the advantages? The disadvantages? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.
 - Could you speak to making purchase decisions regarding fuel alternatives? What were your considerations? What ultimately

influenced your decision? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.

- Could you speak to the sources/influences that you consulted during this buying process? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.
- Does your CURRENT company compete with Oil & Gas Manufacturers.
- Do you have current/recent experience (within 0-2 years) in fleet management across any of the following segments?

Freight Brokerage Services | Overview

One of our clients, an analyst at an investment management firm, would like to speak with a Network Member who can speak on the freight brokerage services space. Topics of discussion include:

The unique dynamics of fresh produce / temperature-controlled shipping

- Defensive actions to take during a brokerage downturn
- Main drivers of freight brokerage financials
- Up and coming tech platforms for freight brokerages

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Project Questions

- Can you speak to the unique dynamics of fresh produce/temperature-controlled shipping? If so, please elaborate on your ability to do so below.
- Have you navigated a downturn at your brokerage? If so, can you speak on the defensive actions that were taken?
- Can you speak on the main drivers of freight brokerage financials? If so, please elaborate in 1-2 sentences on your ability to do so below.
- Can you speak on any emerging tech platforms for freight brokerages? If so, please elaborate on them below.
- Do you have any off-limit topics and/or anything you might be contractually obligated not to discuss regarding this consultation or space? If so, please briefly elaborate on the topics you are not allowed to discuss.

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If you need assistance with creating your account or joining, please contact Rebecca Whelan at admin@ciltna.com



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