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✈️ Porter touches down in Fort Myers, serving southwest Florida for the first time

Porter Airlines is launching its daily, roundtrip service between Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) in Fort Myers. Porter Airlines has a well-earned reputation for providing exceptional service, and the addition of Fort Myers to its list of destinations is part of Porter's North American expansion plan. Flights between Toronto Pearson and Fort Myers are operated by the state-of-the-art Embraer E195-E2 aircraft. The 132-seat, all-economy aircraft has a two-by-two configuration, which makes Porter the only carrier that can promise passengers no middle seats.

Porter touches down in Fort Myers, serving southwest Florida for the first time, November 10, 2023, www.flyporter.com

✈️ Aeroplan-Parkland Partnership Launches Today, Adding 1,100+ New Locations to Earn and Redeem Daily



Source: Air Canada

On Nov. 15, 2023, Aeroplan members can begin earning and redeeming points at any of Parkland's participating 1,100+ Ultramar, Chevron, Pioneer, Fas Gas, ON the RUN and Marché Express locations Canada-wide. The partnership, first announced in April 2023, brings together two Canadian loyalty giants to offer members increased earning and redemption power, including up to 3X the points when they link their Aeroplan and JOURNIE™ Rewards accounts, and can access a greater choice of new benefits and an unmatched loyalty experience. "Aeroplan is thrilled to be partnering with Parkland and JOURNIE™ Rewards," said Scott O'Leary, Vice President, Loyalty and Product at Air Canada. "Together we're excited to give our members more choice, and more ways to get rewarded at every fill-up."

Aeroplan-Parkland Partnership Launches Today, Adding 1,100+ New Locations to Earn and Redeem Daily, November 15, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

✈️ Government of Canada investing in air safety in Sydney, Nova Scotia

On November 14, 2023, Member of Parliament for Cape Breton—Canso, Mike Kelloway, on behalf of the Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez, announced that the Government of Canada is making major investments to strengthen air safety at the J.A. Douglas McCurdy Sydney Airport. Through Transport Canada's Airports Capital Assistance Program, the Airport is receiving more than \$7.4 million to rehabilitate Runway 06-24, including associated edge lights. This rehabilitation work will help keep passengers, airport workers and crews safe by ensuring airside surfaces remain in top condition.

Government of Canada investing in air safety in Sydney, Nova Scotia, November 14, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

✈️ WestJet Cargo and Flexport collaborate to streamline Canadian exports and spur regional growth

On November 14, 2023, WestJet Cargo announced a new agreement with Flexport, the global leader in supply chain technology, to offer new airfreight solutions for Canadian exports into Asia. Under the unique agreement, WestJet Cargo will deliver Canadian cargo to O'Hare International Airport (ORD), where Flexport operates dedicated freighters from the U.S. to key air freight hubs in Asia, including Incheon International Airport (ICN), Shanghai Pudong International Airport (PVG) and Hong Kong International Airport (HKG), effectively expanding the global reach for WestJet Cargo and their customers. Given the surge in demand for Canadian products in key Asian markets, particularly perishables like seafood, WestJet Cargo and Flexport's comprehensive solution meets the needs of customers in Halifax and the surrounding regions at a pivotal time.

WestJet Cargo and Flexport collaborate to streamline Canadian exports and spur regional growth, November 14, 2023, www.ajot.com

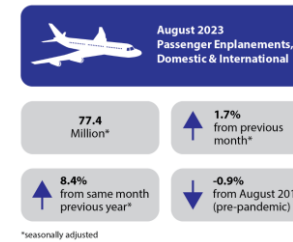
✈️ Government of Canada announces new funding to strengthen air safety in Northern Ontario

Member of Parliament for Nickel Belt, Marc G. Serré, on behalf of the Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez, announced on November 16, 2023 that the Government of Canada is making important investments to enhance air safety in Northern Ontario. Through Transport Canada's Airports Capital Assistance Program, two airports in Northern Ontario are receiving over \$500,000 in new funding for projects and equipment that will help maintain safe airport operations for passengers, crews, and airport workers. The Moosonee Airport is receiving \$382,500 to purchase a grader to be used in the removal and control of snow and ice on airside surfaces such as runways, taxiways and aprons.

Government of Canada announces new funding to strengthen air safety in Northern Ontario, November 16, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

US/WORLD

✈️ August 2023 U.S. Airline Traffic Data Up 8.4% from the Same Month Last Year



Source: BTS

U.S. airlines carried 83.1 million systemwide (domestic and international) scheduled service passengers in August 2023, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). When adjusted for seasonality, August enplanements are up 1.7% from July and down 4.2% from the all-time high reached in January 2020. BTS reported 71.5 million domestic passengers and 11.6 million international passengers on U.S. airlines flights in August, not adjusting for seasonality. U.S. airline traffic reports are filed monthly with BTS. See the tables 1-24 that accompany this release on the BTS website for summary data since 2016 and complete data since 2000.

August 2023 U.S. Airline Traffic Data Up 8.4% from the Same Month Last Year, November 13, 2023, www.bts.gov

✈️ European Air Fares Rising Slower than Inflation



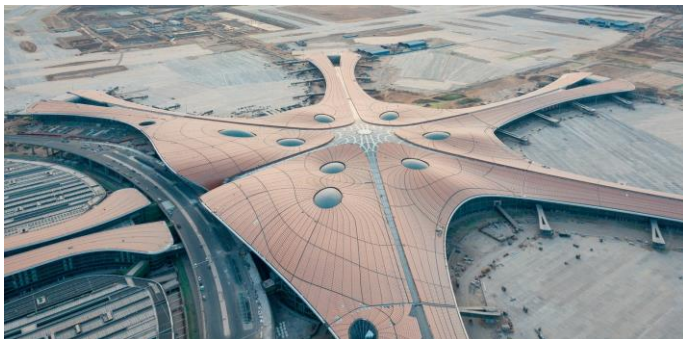
Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data showing that travelers in Europe are benefiting from air fares that are undercutting inflation, as the market continues its post-COVID recovery. Latest traffic figures show that European carriers sit just 3.6% down on the 2019 peak. Europeans are traveling despite the inflationary environment. In June, average air fares in Europe were

around 16% higher than pre-pandemic. However, that is lagging the average consumer prices index for the EU, which in June stood at 20% over pre-pandemic.

European Air Fares Rising Slower than Inflation, November 14, 2023, www.iata.org

North Asia looks to the future



Source: IATA

Air travel demand in North Asia has had a rollercoaster ride in the past few years. China, for example, was among the first to restart domestic traffic after the initial pandemic lockdown in 2020 but quickly reversed its decision and later adopted a zero-COVID policy. This finally came to an end on 8 January 2023 when the country reopened its borders and international travelers were welcomed without mandatory PCR testing on arrival and quarantine requirements. A new outbreak then caused France, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Australia—among others—to introduce pre-departure tests for Chinese travelers but this proved short-lived. In late April 2023, China finally abandoned a 48-hour pre-boarding PCR requirement and from 1 November 2023 there was no longer any need for a health declaration form. “We are seeing a return to normal traffic demand,” says Dr Xie Xingquan, IATA’s Regional Vice President for North Asia. “As of November 2023, the total number of flights is just 5% lower than 2019 levels, though the majority are domestic flights. Domestically, China didn’t have the layoffs seen in other countries, so the industry has been able to scale up quickly. “But international flights are at just 55% of pre-COVID levels. Even so, the recovery has been steady and fundamental drivers, such as economic and international trade growth are in place.”

North Asia looks to the future, November 14, 2023, www.iata.org



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Source: Railway Age

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CPKC Mexico Dwell Still in Free-Fall



Source: Railway Age

Canadian Pacific Kansas City's Sanchez Yard, near the U.S. border, continues to be on a roll. Yard dwell time fell for the fourth consecutive week, this time from 19.4 to 17.5 hours. Monterrey downticked from 30.8 to 30.5 hours, and San Luis Potosi also went in the right direction, from 7.1 to 6.6 hours on average. (Remember, dwell here is heavily distorted by the inclusion of run-through trains that only change crews without processing cars.)
CPKC Mexico Dwell Still in Free-Fall, November 13, 2023, www.railwayage.com



CN's Tracy Robinson Named Railway Age's 2024 Railroader of the Year



Railway Age's 2024 Railroader of the Year Award, the 61st annual, goes to an experienced and highly respected North American rail industry leader: CN President and Chief Executive Officer Tracy Robinson. "Tracy Robinson continues the sweeping leadership evolution the railroad industry has been undergoing for the past few years," said *Railway Age* Editor-in-Chief William C. Vantuono. "She continues to break new ground, bringing fresh ideas and a perspective based on change, growth and service. Tracy is leading CN during challenging times, strengthening and transforming the company and solidifying its position in the North American and global supply chains. While she brought many years of experience to CN, including leadership positions at Canadian Pacific and in Canada's energy sector, she is dedicated to developing a new generation of railroaders from diverse backgrounds."

CN's Tracy Robinson Named Railway Age's 2024 Railroader of the Year, November 13, 2023, www.cn.ca



Rebuilt Power for Quebec's SOPOR



Source: Railway Age

SOPOR (Société du port ferroviaire de Baie-Comeau) has taken delivery of a remanufactured locomotive at its Baie-Comeau facility, located on the St. Lawrence River on Quebec's North Shore. SOPX 7306 is former Canadian Pacific EMD GP38-2 No. 7306, purchased in late 2022. The company invested C\$695,000 in the rebuild, rather

than purchase a new unit. “It’s an optimal solution, both environmentally—since we’re recovering an existing locomotive and refurbishing it to reduce its environmental footprint in the future—and financially,” says SOPOR General Manager Cédric Bérubé. *Rebuilt Power for Quebec’s SOPOR, November 13, 2023, www.railwayage.com*

CN Recognizes 68 Customers, Suppliers and Supply Chain Partners under EcoConnexions Partnership Program

On Nov. 15, 2023, CN recognized 68 of its customers, suppliers and supply chain partners for their enhanced and continued commitment to sustainability. This year, CN extended the program to its suppliers in recognition of the pivotal role they play in supporting CN’s day-to-day operations and in the advancement of the Company’s sustainability ambitions. Doug MacDonald, Executive Vice-President and Chief Marketing Officer said “CN is proud to celebrate the increased actions of our customers and supply chain partners who strive to operate more sustainably. Our aim is for CN’s EcoConnexions Partnership Program to be a vehicle of collaboration as we deepen relationships across our supply chain.”

CN Recognizes 68 Customers, Suppliers and Supply Chain Partners under EcoConnexions Partnership Program, November 15, 2023, www.cn.ca

Amtrak-VIA Rail May Return to Detroit River Tunnel After 56 Years



Source: Railway Age

Canada’s VIA Rail confirmed Nov. 14 that it is engaged with Amtrak and other rail operators in discussions aimed at extending Amtrak’s existing Chicago-Detroit **Wolverine** service to Toronto’s downtown Union Station. Amtrak confirmed the same day that “We are in

conversations with local, state and provincial officials about a proposed service.” Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) for its part deferred to the two publicly owned passenger railroads for comment. The scheme would see passenger trains returning to the 113-year-old Detroit River Tunnel owned by CPKC. A little remarked condition of the CPKC merger approval was that the merged railroad would open the tunnel to Amtrak, after years of frustrated efforts by Amtrak to revive direct Detroit-Toronto service, last operated in 1967. The CPKC merger was backed by Amtrak, which said the two railroads had been positive partners and would advance opportunities for new passenger services. *Amtrak-VIA Rail May Return to Detroit River Tunnel After 56 Years, November 14, 2023, www.railwayage.com*

US/WORLD

BNSF and coal exporter reach settlement



Source: Freightwaves

Western U.S. Class I railroad BNSF and coal producer Navajo Transitional Energy Co. (NTEC) have reached a settlement on NTEC’s claims it needs more service from BNSF to export coal. They told the Surface Transportation Board in a November 9, 2023 filing to postpone further action on the dispute until Jan. 8, 2024, which is when they expect the settlement to be concluded. NTEC and BNSF “have recently reached a settlement agreement to resolve the matter,” the two said in the filing. They didn’t specify what the settlement terms were. NTEC had asked STB in April to enact an emergency service order against the railroad because the company claimed that BNSF is not meeting its end of the bargain to ship the volumes of coal that NTEC wants shipped. *BNSF and coal exporter reach settlement, November 10, 2023, www.freightwaves.com*

JB Hunt, BNSF and GMXT to launch Mexico-to-Midwest intermodal service

BNSF, J.B. Hunt Transport Services and Grupo Mexico's Ferromex (GMXT) are launching an intermodal service that they say will slash a day off transit time between Monterrey in Mexico and Chicago and offer opportunities for customers to grow into expanding markets in Mexico. The service will begin Jan. 1, 2024. Service will be offered between the Monterrey, Silao-Bajío and Pantaco-Mexico City regions and Chicago and the U.S. Midwest via the border gateway at Eagle Pass, Texas. The Dallas-Fort Worth area in Texas is also a potential interchange point with BNSF's broader U.S. network. Utilizing Eagle Pass will also serve as an alternative option to the gateway at El Paso, Texas. The El Paso gateway is also serviced by BNSF, as well as Union Pacific.

JB Hunt, BNSF and GMXT to launch Mexico-to-Midwest intermodal service, November 13, 2023, www.freightwaves.com

Week 45: U.S. Rail Traffic Above 2022 Levels



Source: Railway Age

U.S. Class I railroads hauled 497,348 carloads and intermodal units for the week ending Nov. 11, 2023 (Week 45)—rising 3.4% from the prior-year period, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported Nov. 15, 2023. That total comprises 233,745 carloads, up 2.3% from the same week in 2022, and 263,603 containers and trailers, up 4.4% from 2022, according to the [AAR](http://www.aar.org). The last time there were increases in both carloads and intermodal volume was the week ending Oct. 21, 2023: Carloads came in at 234,893, up 1.5% from 2022, and containers and trailers reached 271,092, up 2.1% from 2022. For the week ending Nov. 4, 2023, U.S. Class I's moved 224,415 carloads, down 5.2% from last year, and 260,342 containers and trailers, up 1.5% from last year. Seven of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase for the week ending Nov. 11, 2023, compared with the same week in 2022, the AAR reported. Canadian railroads reported 96,878 carloads for the week ending Nov. 11, 2023, a 6.9%

gain, and 69,605 intermodal units, a 5.9% drop compared with the same week last year. For the first 45 weeks of 2023, they reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 7,174,607 carloads, containers and trailers, down 3.3%.

Week 45: U.S. Rail Traffic Above 2022 Levels, November 15, 2023, www.railwayage.com

BNSF Adds Three Certified Sites



Source: Railway Age

Three locations on the BNSF network—two in Iowa and one in Kansas—have been designated as Certified Sites, part of the Class I railroad's Premier Parks, Sites and Transload Program, bringing the total to 35. The program's goal is to "provide an inventory of rail-served sites that are available for immediate development." BNSF described the Premier Parks, Sites and Transload Program as "a strategic approach to addressing the increasing demand for customer site locations by developing various types of facilities across BNSF's network." To be considered, BNSF said sites must undergo "a thorough analysis, which includes an evaluation of environmental and geotechnical standards, available utilities, site availability and existing and proposed infrastructure. An industry expert reviews BNSF Certified Sites to ensure accurate, reliable data." The newly designated Certified Sites are: 1. Fort Madison Industrial Site, Fort Madison, Iowa; 2. Mills Crossing Mega Site, Glenwood, Iowa; and 2. Astra Enterprise Park, De Soto, Kans.

BNSF Adds Three Certified Sites, November 16, 2023, www.railwayage.com.



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Canada's Proposed Anti-Scab Legislation Stirs Controversy



Source: AJOT

The Canadian government has introduced legislation which proposes to ban the use of replacement workers during a strike or lockout in federally regulated sectors including ports, railway transportation, banking, and telecommunications. The long-anticipated initiative late last week drew rapid approval from labour union circles but sharp criticism from industry groups ranging from small business to manufacturers and grain exporters. In the past few years, unionized docker strikes at the British Columbia ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert (summer 2023) and Montreal (2020 and 2021) disrupted billions of dollars of trade and wreaked havoc on supply chains. Today, 80 longshore workers have been locked out by employers at the Port of Quebec since September of last year. Perrin Beatty, President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, has pointed out that, though rarely used, replacement workers permit organizations in sectors like

trucking, rail, ports, telecom, and air to preserve critical services. The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) has labelled Bill C-58 as "terrible news for small businesses." "If passed, this bill could prolong the duration of strikes and increase their frequency," commented Jasmin Guenette, CFIB's vice-president.

Canada's Proposed Anti-Scab Legislation Stirs Controversy, November 15, 2023, www.ajot.com

US/WORLD

MSC announcement - GRI | General rate increase for Far East



Source: AJOT

Effective December 10th, 2023, for all export cargo originating from Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, and Portland to the Far East a general rate increase will apply to all service contracts, tariff items, and exempt commodities.

MSC announcement - GRI | General rate increase for Far East, November 13, 2023, www.ajot.com

Shipping shifts from jackpot to job cuts after \$364 billion boom

Consumers gearing up to buy the latest imported appliances, clothes or electronic gadgets this holiday season might want to spare a thought for the companies that will struggle to make money for the next few years hauling products across the ocean. That's because the container shipping industry, cast as the Grinch that spoiled Christmas over the past two years with record-high freight rates and slow deliveries, is returning to its pre-pandemic place in the corporate world: perennial underachiever Charlie Brown. The biggest carriers posted net income totaling \$364 billion in 2021 and 2022, according to figures compiled by industry veteran John McCown, after a decade of scant profits. They'll likely drift back into the red this quarter as the rates they charge fall below costs and look to stay there for the foreseeable future. Booms-turned-busts have been more abrupt and sensational, but rarely has an established industry so tied to the global economy lurched from historic profits to below break-even levels more directly than the shipping lines that move 80% of the world's merchandise trade have this year. After Covid's massive demand shock, the culprit now is too much supply. "I'm certainly concerned about the next 24 to 36 months," Rolf Habben Jansen, chief executive officer of Hamburg-based Hapag-Lloyd AG, said in an interview last week. "We are going to see a downturn."

Shipping shifts from jackpot to job cuts after \$364 billion boom, November 13, 2023, www.ajot.com

Maersk outlines measures to deal with new Panama restrictions

Maersk has issued a customer bulletin outlining its responses to new measures announced by the Panama Canal Authority (PCA) due to the prolonged dry season and insufficient precipitation in the Canal watershed. The PCA has reduced the daily transit capacity to about 32 vessels per day since July 30, 2023. Most recently, the PCA announced new limits that are likely to lead to fewer than 24 passages a day in November, and as of February 1, 2024, until further notice, the number of booking slots will be reduced to 18 per day.

Maersk outlines measures to deal with new Panama restrictions, November 13, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

A US East Coast ports strike could happen in Fall '24 – Here's how to prepare



Source: Inside Logistics

With a six-year agreement between longshoremen and East Coast US ports set to expire on September 30, 2024, the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) union says its members should prepare for a strike on October 1, next year. "Members should prepare for the possibility of a coastwide strike in October 2024," the union, which represents 45,000 East and Gulf Coast dockworkers, warned in a press release. "The union will hold firm on its pledge not to extend the contract beyond its expiration date." Glenn Kopeke, who is general manager of network collaboration at FourKites, shared his analysis and advice on the situation in a recent interview.

A US East Coast ports strike could happen in Fall '24 – Here's how to prepare, November 15, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

Port of Long Beach cargo numbers increase in October in encouraging sign

On the heels of its busiest September on record, the Port of Long Beach logged a hike in cargo numbers for October as well, thanks to holiday goods continuing to arrive. The October 2023 figures were released by the port on Wednesday, Nov. 15. "Cargo is rebounding," said Port CEO Mario Cordero, adding that the efforts continue in collaboration "with our industry partners to recapture market share and invest in infrastructure that will position us for future growth." A total of 755,150 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs, the industry's cargo measurement standard) were processed through the Port of Long Beach in October. That was a 14.7% increase compared to October 2022 and the second consecutive month of cargo increases at the port. Imports increased 23.76% to 363,000 TEUs while exports decreased 24.8% to 90,073 TEUs. "We are anticipating moderate growth through the rest of the year," Cordero said in written remarks, "as retailers continue to stock shelves for the winter holidays."

Port of Long Beach cargo numbers increase in October in encouraging sign, November 15, 2023, www.cargonews.com



Port Houston breaks export record

October 2023 was the biggest month ever for loaded exports at Port Houston, up 6% compared to last October. Port Houston's loaded exports are up 10% year-to-date, reaching 1,151,638 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) through October 2023. These exports are primarily resins and chemicals. Port Houston is the top resins port in the nation as well as home to North America's largest petrochemical cluster. Loaded import volumes at Port Houston in October were down 4% compared to last October and are down 7% for the year as compared to last year. Compared to pre-pandemic volumes, however, total container imports are up 32% through October compared to the same period in 2019. Total container volumes for the first ten months of this year total 3,201,958 TEUs – a slight decrease of 4% compared to last year's record volumes.

Port Houston breaks export record, November 17, 2023, www.ajot.com



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Livestock groups call for more flexible Hours of Service rules



Source: Inside Logistics

Canadian livestock groups are calling for added flexibility in Hours of Service rules, arguing that electronic logging devices (ELDs) don't account for realities that affect animal welfare. Industry groups appearing before several sessions of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food have referred to challenges that occur when truckers run out of driving hours before they can deliver livestock to final destinations or designated feed and water sites along the way. "In my estimation, ELD and livestock should not go in the same sentence," said Andrew Livingston, who operates a facility known as The Barn outside Thunder Bay, Ont. Close to 250,000 animals are fed and watered there every year. But in many ways, loads of livestock are governed by the same rules as dry freight. That means livestock haulers can run out of allowable driving hours when they're just an hour away from his facility, officially requiring them to park equipment and head off duty — no matter how stressed animals in the trailer might be.

Livestock groups call for more flexible Hours of Service rules, November 10, 2023, www.todaystrucking.ca

Autonomous trucks cutting a path in forestry sector



Source: Today's trucking

In an untamed Quebec forest, a Canada lynx watches curiously from the bush as a platoon of Mack Granite logging trucks, one of them driverless, passes by on a remote logging road. Meanwhile in Maryland, engineers from Robotic Research Autonomous Industries (RRAI) watch the lynx on screens set up to monitor the performance of the autonomous truck platoons serving a Resolute Forest Products facility. This is the rugged Canadian wilderness, where forestry trucks encounter some of the toughest conditions imaginable. And this, according to Robotic Research, is the perfect environment for the near-term automation of commercial trucking. Gabe Sganga is head of commercial growth for RRAI. The company got its start in automation more than 20 years ago, before anyone in the commercial trucking sector was even thinking about automating heavy trucks. Robotic's origins involved working with the U.S. Department of Defense to develop automated military vehicles. In recent years, the company

realized its AutoDrive self-driving platform had commercial potential as well.

Autonomous trucks cutting a path in forestry sector, November 13, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

Minister of Transport issues statement on the Canadian National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims

On November 15, 2023, the Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez issued the following statement on the Canadian National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims: “Today is the Canadian National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims. It’s a day for mourning those we’ve lost, and it’s a day for committing to make Canada’s roads and highways safer. “As a regulator, Transport Canada is continuously looking at how we can make vehicles safer for Canadians. For example, the department is assessing and analyzing technologies in vehicle visibility, collision-avoidance, vulnerable road user detection, automated emergency braking, occupant protection, and child restraints. Much of this work takes place at our world-class Motor Vehicle Test Centre in Blainville, Québec.

Minister of Transport issues statement on the Canadian National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, November 15, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

B.C. investing \$16.5 million into hydrogen truck pilot



Source: Todays Trucking

British Columbia will invest \$16.5 million into a pilot program led by HTEC that will explore the use of hydrogen as a fuel for commercial trucking. HTEC will use the Innovative Clean Energy funds to procure six different fuel-cell-electric trucks and complete upgrades to a hydrogen fueling station in Tsawwassen and a maintenance facility in Abbotsford. “B.C. is already leading Canada in the switch to zero-

emission vehicles for personal transportation, with a record number of British Columbians choosing to go electric,” said Josie Osborne, minister of energy, mines and low carbon innovation. “Today’s announcement will kick start the use of hydrogen-powered trucks for commercial transportation across the province, helping to get businesses off fossil fuels and build a clean economy.”

B.C. investing \$16.5 million into hydrogen truck pilot, November 16, 2023, www.todaystrucking.ca

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Major US centres see surge in last-mile deliveries

The number of last-mile deliveries in major US cities is seeing a surge, with a resulting increase in the number of vehicles on the road. Between 2020 and 2022, Manhattan experienced a 55 percent increase in the number of stops on last mile delivery routes, accompanied by a 46 percent rise in the number of vehicles making these deliveries. Chicago witnessed a 116 percent surge in the number of stops, and an 82 percent increase in the number of vehicles dedicated to last mile deliveries. Phoenix recorded 58 percent growth in the number of stops, along with a 22 percent rise in the number of last mile delivery vehicles. Houston had a 29 percent rise in stops along last mile delivery routes, coupled with a 39 percent increase in the number of fleet vehicles responsible for deliveries.

Major US centres see surge in last-mile deliveries, November 17, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca



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 Young professionals see supply chain as a good career



Source: Inside Logistics

What do young professionals think about working in the supply chain field? Why are they attracted to the business? What are they looking for in a career? These are questions CSCMP, Penske Logistics, and Korn Ferry set out to answer in their bi-annual Young Professionals Survey. In the fourth edition of the Biannual Young Professionals in Supply Chain Report, the 2023 survey results provide insights on the motivations and perspectives of the next generation of supply chain leaders. It looks into how young supply chain professionals want to develop their careers, how they uncover supply chain jobs, and if they will relocate for the right opportunity. Nearly all respondents agree that the supply chain field is a good career choice, and 96 percent said they are excited to have a career in the supply chain field.

Young professionals see supply chain as a good career, November 10, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca



Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, October 2023



Source: Statcan

In October 2023, the number of international arrivals to Canada, including non-resident trips and returning Canadian-resident trips, increased from October 2022. The recovery rates for most indicators were up from October 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of non-resident arrivals at Canadian airports equipped with electronic sensors totalled 744,400 in October 2023, up 30.6% from October 2022. Meanwhile, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from abroad reached 1.4 million, an 18.4% increase from October 2022. In October 2023, US-resident trips to Canada through land ports with electronic sensors stood at 943,100, up 12.5% from the same month in 2022. Moreover, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from the United States via the same land ports rose 18.9% year over year to 1.9 million trips in October 2023.

Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, October 2023, November 14, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

October shipments hit cycle low, Cass says

Cass' expenditures index is expected to decline 14% y/y in the first half of 2024. Freight shipments fell to a cycle low in October 2023, according to data compiled in the Cass Freight Index. A November 14, 2023 report showed October shipments on Cass Information Systems' platform were off 9.5% year over year (y/y) and 2.8% lower (seasonally adjusted) than in September. The sequential decline erased two months of gains. The data set has exposure to the auto industry and was likely impacted by recent work stoppages. "The 2023 peak season is off to a muted start, but we think overall freight volumes are better than those in the for-hire sector measured by Cass data, as private fleet insourcing persists," ACT Research's Tim Denoyer said. He said normal seasonal trends during November would produce a 9% y/y decline in shipments for the month.

October shipments hit cycle low, Cass says, November 14, 2023, www.freightwaves.com

US/WORLD

European Parliament and Council agree on Nature Restoration Law



Source: Europa

The European Parliament and the Council have agreed on the Nature Restoration Law, which once finally adopted, will be a key contribution to reaching climate neutrality by 2050. It will also set in motion a process for the sustained recovery of nature across the EU's land and sea.

European Parliament and Council agree on Nature Restoration Law, November 10, 2023, www.europa.eu

Landmark Fifth National Climate Assessment Highlights Key Climate Change Risks and Opportunities for the Transportation Sector

On November 15, 2023, the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) announced the release of the Fifth National Climate Assessment (NCA5). Led by USGCRP and its 14 member agencies, NCA5 draws on the expertise of nearly 500 authors and 250 contributors from every state, as well as Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. "Transportation generates more carbon emissions than any other sector, which means that transportation should be the biggest part of the solution to the climate crisis," said

U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "Thanks to President Biden, we are making the largest investment in U.S. history to combat climate change, including making our transportation systems cleaner and more resilient."

Landmark Fifth National Climate Assessment Highlights Key Climate Change Risks and Opportunities for the Transportation Sector, November 15, 2023, www.dot.gov



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We are required to give our Chartered Fellows and Chartered Members notice of the forthcoming CILT International AGM to be held on Monday, 4 December 2023. (See Notice of AGM [HERE](#)).

The meeting held on Tuesday, 25 October 2022, Annual Report and Accounts, and the Proxy Voting Form for the AGM are all available on the CILT International Website.

The meeting will be held virtually on Zoom commencing at 1:00 pm GMT and eligible members can register their attendance by clicking on the below link.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_INY38fVdRnaeEfq0oEHfQA

Please do not hesitate to contact Lara Fasanya at CILT International if you have any further questions or require additional information at: info@ciltinternational.org

*Ladies, grab a coffee and join us online for an hour of fun!
Meet new people, get to know the WiLAT NA Executive Team and find out what exciting plans we have coming up for next year.*

Sip & Chat
Eat. Network. Discover.

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 1 P.M. – 2 P.M. ET via Zoom
Please RSVP at: <https://ciltna.com/events/wilat-sip-n-chat/>

BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL WOMAN IS A TRIBE OF OTHER SUCCESSFUL WOMEN WHO HAVE HER BACK.

*This event is open to all women (CILTNA members and supporters) so please share this with anyone you feel would be interested in joining us.

Transportation's Top Stories Other CILT News

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Please RSVP at the following link to let us know you are joining us! Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEr-igqT4jG9I-8ct5tBdlIF9tpvt5VAWV>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email from RDC containing information about joining the meeting.

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Holiday Social
Presented by the Greater Toronto/Hamilton Chapter of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in North America (CILTNA)

Sponsored by:
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Tuesday, 12 December 2023
6-8:30 PM ET
The Barn Door Café, 158 Main Street East #156, Milton, ON L9T 1N6
Drinks, coffee/tea, charcuterie selection and snacks will be provided
While there is no cost to attend this event, we will be collecting cash donations for the Halton Women's Place to help this charity during the holiday season
To RSVP to this event, please visit: <https://ciltna.com/events/holiday-social/>

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Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology
29 November 2023 | 6 to 7:30 P.M. EST
[To Access the Zoom Session Click Here](#)
vaughn.edu jetlinercabins.com

**THE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:
INDUSTRY INSIGHTS SPEAKER SERIES**

AT VAUGHN COLLEGE
SPONSORED BY:

JENNIFER COUTTS CLAY
Author,
Jetliner Cabins

TOPIC: Accessibility: Special Needs

▶ WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29 | 6 TO 7:30 P.M. ◀

On Wednesday, November 29 from 6 to 7:30 P.M. EST, Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology: The Management Department presents: Industry Insights Speaker Series with guest speaker, Jennifer Coutts Clay, CMILT who will speaking on "Accessibility: Special Needs". To access the Zoom Session on November 29th please click [HERE](#).

Job Postings

*** The University of Tennessee in partnership with UT-ORII, have two research faculty positions available: 1) ITS and 2) Traffic Safety**

The University of Tennessee and Oak Ridge National Laboratory founded UT-ORII in 2019 to help the US maintain prominence as a global leader in innovation and discovery, and to create a robust talent pipeline in areas of growing national need and demand. UT-ORII is funded by the Department of Energy and the State of Tennessee.

Details of the job descriptions are provided below.

Research Assistant Professor – Intelligent Transportation System
<http://apply.interfolio.com/136411>

Research Assistant Professor – Traffic Safety
<http://apply.interfolio.com/136412>

*** 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 cpkcr.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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<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LHqtGV1mTip9XqFvzDdV9>

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