

Transportation's Top Stories

Air Transport Updates

CANADA

Air Transat inaugurates its new exclusive route



Source: AJOT

Air Transat proudly inaugurated its exclusive non-stop service between Toronto and Berlin, after recently being named World's Best Leisure Airline for the seventh time at the 2025 Skytrax World Airline Awards, The inaugural flight, TS418, departed from Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and landed in Berlin Brandenburg Airport (BER) this morning, marking the beginning of a highly anticipated route that operates twice weekly through October.

Air Transat inaugurates its new exclusive route, June 20, 2025, www.ajot.com

(Air Canada announces preliminary results of \$500 million substantial issuer bid

Air Canada expects to take up and pay for 26,595,744 Shares at a price of \$18.80 per Share under the Offer, representing an aggregate purchase price of about \$500,000,000 and about 8.24% of the total number of Air Canada's issued and outstanding Shares as of June 20, 2025 and before giving effect to the Offer. In response to the Offer, 26,823,988 Shares were validly deposited and not withdrawn pursuant

to auction tenders at or below the purchase price and purchase price tenders. Since the Offer was oversubscribed, shareholders who made auction tenders at or below the purchase price and purchase price tenders will have the number of Shares purchased prorated.

Air Canada announces preliminary results of \$500 million substantial issuer bid, June 23, 2025, www.aircanada.ca

Air Canada completes \$500 million substantial issuer bid, acting on its commitment to balanced long-term capital allocation

Air Canada has taken up and paid for 26,595,744 of its Class A Variable Voting Shares and Class B Voting Shares (collectively, the "shares") at a price of \$18.80 per share under its \$500 million substantial issuer bid (the "Offer") to purchase shares for cancellation. The successful completion of the Offer by Air Canada is an additional step towards its goal of reducing its fully diluted number of shares below 300 million by 2028, creating value for shareholders while investing in growth through a balanced long-term capital allocation strategy. The shares bought under the Offer, representing about 8.24% of the total number thereof, were acquired for about \$500 million. After the Offer, about 296.1 million shares are expected to remain issued and outstanding.

Air Canada completes \$500 million substantial issuer bid, acting on its commitment to balanced long-term capital allocation, June 25, 2025, www.aircanada.ca

Porter Airlines brings Embraer E195-E2 to Moncton with summer service from Toronto Pearson and brings service to Mexico, the Caribbean and Costa Rica

Porter Airlines is launching a new summer seasonal route between Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Greater Moncton

Roméo LeBlanc International Airport (YQM), with flights beginning on June 25, 2025 through September. The service operates three times weekly, using Porter's Embraer E195-E2 aircraft. It is also announcing its first flights to sun destinations in Mexico, the Caribbean and Costa Rica this winter. Travellers can choose from five destinations and 13 routes originating from Toronto Pearson International Airport, Ottawa International Airport and John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport. The line-up of destinations includes Cancun, Mexico (CUN), Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (PVR), Nassau, The Bahamas (NAS), Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands (GCM), and Liberia, Costa Rica (LIR).

Porter Airlines brings Embraer E195-E2 to Moncton with summer service from Toronto Pearson and brings service to Mexico, the Caribbean and Costa Rica, June 25, 2025, www.flyporter.com

Canadian Airports Celebrate Second Annual Airport Workers Day with Expanded National Awards Honouring Excellence Across the Sector

On June 25, 2025, over 30 airports across Canada will come together to celebrate the second annual Airport Workers Day, a national event recognizing the contributions of the people who keep Canada's aviation system running. From front-line agents to behind-the-scenes technicians, this day honours the individuals who connect people and goods, communities, and Canada to the world. This year, the Canadian Airports Council (CAC) is proud to expand the celebration by presenting eight national awards to outstanding airport workers across the country.

Canadian Airports Celebrate Second Annual Airport Workers Day with Expanded National Awards Honouring Excellence Across the Sector, June 25, 2025, www.cacairports.ca

Air Canada Enhances its rail connections in Germany through Codeshare on Lufthansa Express Rail, operated by Deutsche Bahn



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on June 26, 2025 announced an extension of its codeshare agreement with Lufthansa to include Lufthansa Express Rail services at Frankfurt Airport, operated by Deutsche Bahn. This agreement enables a seamless, intermodal itinerary booked in one reservation, offering greater flexibility, more choice, and added convenience to connect with Air Canada's up to five-times daily flights to Frankfurt Airport. The codeshare expansion enhances Air Canada's international rail and bus intermodal network, which includes intermodal interlining partnerships in seven European countries and South Korea.

Air Canada Enhances its rail connections in Germany through Codeshare on Lufthansa Express Rail, operated by Deutsche Bahn June 26, 2025, www.aircanada.ca

Aircraft movement and civil aviation statistics, April 2025



Source: Statcan

Major Canadian airlines flew 7.0 million passengers on scheduled and charter services in April 2025, unchanged from April 2024. Aircraft movements at Canada's major and select small airports totalled 552,471 in April 2025, up 7.1% from the previous year. Local movements were up 10.8% year over year, while itinerant movements rose 5.2%.

Aircraft movement and civil aviation statistics, April 2025, June 26, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

US/WORLD

MEPs cabin bag proposal criticised



Source: IATA

IATA has accused the European Parliament of meddling in operational and commercial issues that it doesn't understand. The news comes following moves to make cabin luggage allowance obligatory, regardless of whether the passenger needs it or not. A proposed amendment to the enforcement of Passenger Rights (2023/0437) regulation by MEPs in the TRAN committee insists on passengers being given the right to bring an additional 100cm cabin bag for no charge—in effect, making everyone pay for a service not everyone needs. "When regulators meddle in commercial or operational issues they don't understand, they usually get it wrong—Our consumer research tells us that the majority of travelers want to pay the lowest price possible for their ticket and buy the additional services they need," said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General. "That's the complete opposite of an amendment that will force airlines to re-bundle their offering. Consumers will be disappointed with higher costs for all, and they will be frustrated with the operational chaos of determining which bags meet the requirements and which do not. If EU Parliamentarians insist on regulating where regulation is not needed, they should be prepared to take responsibility for its negative consequences." Indeed, IATA's poll of travelers in April found that the number two priority (behind only safety) for passengers was to make air travel more affordable.

MEPs cabin bag proposal criticised, June 20, 2025, www.iata.org

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Statement on NTSB Meeting on Alaska Airlines Boeing Door Plug

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on June 24, 2025 issued the following statement regarding the NTSB hearing on the Alaska Airlines Boeing 737 door plug blowout. The last administration and Boeing took their eye off the ball. They were distracted and safety was put at risk. That can never happen again. Under this new administration, safety is paramount and it drives everything we do. Whether it's building an all-new air traffic control system or ensuring

Boeing and other manufacturers are delivering safe products, we will not hesitate to implement changes. The FAA has fundamentally changed how it oversees Boeing. We have strengthened our oversight to address systemic production-quality issues and ensure accountability. A number of the NTSB's recommendations have already been implemented, and those that have not are currently under review.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Statement on NTSB Meeting on Alaska Airlines Boeing Door Plug, June 24, 2025, www.dot.gov

Spirit Airlines urges US to reject JetBlue, United partnership



Source: AJOT

Budget airline Spirit Airlines on June 24, 2025 urged the Transportation Department to reject a proposed JetBlue Airways and United Airlines partnership, saying it was anticompetitive and will prompt large carriers to pursue similar deals. United and JetBlue said in May the "Blue Sky" tie-up would allow travelers to book flights on both carriers' websites, while interchangeably earning and using points in their frequent flyer programs. Spirit said the deal would mean the smaller JetBlue "will become a de facto vassal of United." Spirit added "this anti-competitive tie-up involving a dominant legacy carrier will neutralize the competitive benefit of an existing low-fare competitor."

Spirit Airlines urges US to reject JetBlue, United partnership, June 24, 2025, www.ajot.com

IATA Releases SAF Matchmaker to Connect Airlines and SAF Suppliers



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced the release of the Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Matchmaker platform, to facilitate SAF procurement between airlines and SAF producers by matching requests for SAF supply with offers. When there is a match, airlines and suppliers can connect and take their negotiation offline to agree on specific terms including price and payment terms. Specifically, the SAF Matchmaker addresses three critical issues: Efficiency: The availability of a central platform will simplify SAF procurement by making it easier and faster for all parties to connect without additional fees. It will therefore facilitate further development of the voluntary market for SAF purchasing. Connectivity: SAF producers and suppliers can post available or planned SAF volumes while airlines are able to register their interest in purchasing shown or desired SAF volumes. Subsequent trades will take place outside the platform. Visibility: The platform carries comprehensive information regarding the available SAF, such as volumes, feedstock used, the location and technology of production, the emissions reductions, as well as compliance with the Carbon Offsetting Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) or the European Union's Renewable Energy Directive (EU RED).

IATA Releases SAF Matchmaker to Connect Airlines and SAF Suppliers June 26, 2025, www.iata.org



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Rail Transport Updates

CANADA

VIA rail reaches tentative agreements with union

VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) has reached tentative agreements with Unifor's Council 4000 and Local 100, the union representing approximately 2,400 VIA Rail employees working in its stations, on board its trains, in its maintenance centres, at the VIA Customer Centre and in administrative offices. These tentative agreements are subject to a ratification vote by VIA Rail's Unifor members. Once ratified, the collective agreements will be retroactive to January 1, 2025, and will remain in effect through December 31, 2027. Agreement details will only be disclosed following member ratification.

VIA rail reaches tentative agreements with union, June 20, 2025, www.viarail.ca

CPKC acknowledges service woes to US regulators, vows remediation



Source: JOC

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) has acknowledged to US regulators that its customers have experienced poor service from the railroad since early May 2025 and vowed to fix the core issue — a messy transition from legacy Kansas City Southern (KCS) computer systems to CP networks. A letter from CPKC to the US Surface Transportation Board (STB), dated June 20, 2025, outlined how the railroad will restore service to normal levels within the next month. The disruptions have centered not on the trains themselves but rather on the first and last miles of journeys, with the problems linked to terminals and switch.

CPKC acknowledges service woes to US regulators, vows remediation, June 23, 2025, www.joc.com

Saskatchewan Allocates C\$1MM in Short Line Infrastructure Investments



Source: Railway Age

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways on June 17 announced the provincial government's allocations of C\$1 million in short line rail infrastructure investments, an increase of C\$470,000 or 88% from last year's budget.

<u>Saskatchewan Allocates C\$1MM in Short Line Infrastructure</u> Investments, June 24, 2025, www.railwayage.com

Railway carloadings, April 2025



Source: Statcan

In April 2025, the volume of cargo carried by Canadian railways reached 32.7 million tonnes, down 1.3% from April 2024. Despite this decline, total freight carried exceeded the five-year average of 31.6 million tonnes for the month of April, as increases in loadings of iron ores, wheat and coal helped to offset a decrease in freight loadings from US rail connections.

Railway carloadings, April 2025, June 25, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

CN Releases 2024 Sustainability Data Supplement

CN announced on June 25, 2025 the release of its 2024 Sustainability Data Supplement, reaffirming its commitment to Delivering Responsibly. In recognition of its sustainability efforts, for the seventeenth year in a row, CN was named to the Corporate Knights Best 50 Corporate Citizens list.

CN Releases 2024 Sustainability Data Supplement, June 25, 2025, www.cn.ca

US/WORLD

STB: Rail Cost Adjustment Factor Set for 3Q25



Source: Railway Age

The Surface Transportation Board (STB) has adopted for third-quarter 2025 the rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF), which is defined as "an index formulated to represent changes in railroad costs incurred by the nation's largest railroads over a specified period of time."

STB: Rail Cost Adjustment Factor Set for 3Q25, June 23, 2025, www.railwayage.com

AAR: North American Rail Volume Up Through Week 25



Source: Railway Age

North American carload and intermodal traffic for the first 25 weeks of 2025 (ending June 21) was up 2.8% from the prior-year period, according to the Association of American Railroads' (AAR) latest rail traffic report. While the United States and Canada both saw gains, Mexico experienced a loss. Total carloads for the week ending June 21 were 229,655 carloads, up 4.5 percent compared with the same week in 2024, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 257,673 containers and trailers, down 2.9 percent compared to 2024. Seven of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2024. They included grain, up 3,913 carloads, to 21,300; miscellaneous carloads, up 2,059 carloads, to 10,723; and metallic ores and metals, up 1,167 carloads, to 22,269. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2024 were nonmetallic minerals, down 529 carloads, to 31,460; forest products, down 29 carloads, to 8,050; and farm products excl. grain, and food, down 6 carloads, to 16,872. Canadian railroads reported 89,135 carloads for the week, up 1.3 percent, and 75,604 intermodal units, up 8.9 percent compared with the same week in 2024. For the first 25 weeks of 2025, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 4,071,342 carloads, containers and trailers, up 1.1 percent.

AAR: North American Rail Volume Up Through Week 25, June 25, 2025, www.railwayage.com



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Marine Transport Updates

CANADA

Montreal Port sees mixed mid-year results amid economic uncertainty

The Montreal Port Authority (MPA) is reporting a modest drop in total cargo volumes for the first half of 2025, but strong growth in container traffic and grain shipments are helping offset the downturn. Speaking at the Canadian Club of Montreal, Julie Gascon, president and CEO of the MPA, announced a 2.16 per cent decrease in total volumes compared to the same period in 2024. However, she emphasized signs of resilience and market diversification. "The container segment posted particularly encouraging performance, up four per cent overall in TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units)," Gascon said, noting that monthly containerized tonnage has exceeded the previous year's monthly average by 14 per cent since March.

Montreal Port sees mixed mid-year results amid economic uncertainty, June 25, 2025, www.insidelogistics.ca

Ontario Investing \$215 Million to Support Provincial Shipbuilding Sector

The Ontario government is investing \$215 million to support shipbuilding and the broader marine sector in the province, including through the establishment of a \$15 million Ontario Shipbuilding Grant Program (OSGP) to expand the province's shipbuilding sector. The support provided through the OSGP will ensure Ontario is positioned to support Canada's National Shipbuilding Strategy and support Ontario manufacturing businesses and workers in the face of U.S. tariffs and economic uncertainty. The OSGP will fund projects that support skills training, infrastructure improvements and the purchase of machinery and equipment in the shipbuilding sector.

Ontario Investing \$215 Million to Support Provincial Shipbuilding Sector, June 25, 2025, www.mto.gov.ca

Federal bank loaning \$1B for BC Ferries to buy Chinese-made ships



Source: CBC

A federal Crown corporation is loaning BC Ferries \$1 billion to help buy four Chinese-made ships, a purchase that federal Transport Minister Chrystia Freeland recently said was dismaying and should involve no federal funds. Freeland had written to the province on June 16, 2025 asking B.C. to confirm "with utmost certainty" that no federal funds would be "diverted" to the purchase from China Merchants Industry Weihai Shipyards. Canada Infrastructure Bank confirmed the loan on June 26, 2025, saying the new electric ferries "wouldn't likely be purchased" without the financing.

Federal bank loaning \$1B for BC Ferries to buy Chinese-made ships, June 26, 2025, <u>www.canadianpressnews.ca</u>

US/WORLD

Mexico-US ocean market expands amid growing nearshoring interest

A Mexico City-based logistics company will launch a twice-monthly combined ocean-trucking service between Mexico's Gulf Coast and the US East Coast in late July 2025, offering shippers a way to avoid cross-border surface delays and security concerns. The service by Green Tide Logistics will connect Veracruz to Philadelphia in five to six days via truck and multi-purpose vessels (MPVs) capable of handling 1,200 to 1,700 TEUs. Via truck only, the route typically takes up to 10 days.

Mexico-US ocean market expands amid growing nearshoring interest, June 25, 2026, www.joc.com

Port Houston's steady growth continues in May

Port Houston recorded another month of steady growth in May 2025, handling 381,640 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), a 5% increase year-over-year. Year-to-date container volumes reached 1,837,813 TEUs, up 4% over last year. In May 2025, both loaded container imports and loaded container exports increased by 1%, reflecting an ongoing balance in containerized trade activity in Houston. Beyond containers, Port Houston's general cargo is up 12% and steel imports are up 11% year-to-date. Total tonnage across all public facilities is up 2% so far this year, reaching 22,940,997 tons through the end of May 2025.

Port Houston's steady growth continues in May, June 23, 2025, www.ajot.com

Savannah achieves third month over half-million TEUs

The Port of Savannah handled 500,900 twenty-foot equivalent container units in May, an increase of 10,565 TEUs or 2.2% compared to the same month last year. "Three months in a row over half a million TEUs is a testament to customers' trust in Savannah," said Georgia Ports Authority President and CEO Griff Lynch. "I'd like to thank GPA employees and our partners at Gateway Terminals and the International Longshoremen's Association for delivering world-class supply chain efficiency, even during market disruptions." Last month was Savannah's second busiest May on record, exceeded only by May 2022, when container volumes reached nearly 519,400 TEUs. Lynch said Georgia Ports has brought on new capacity to give port customers greater flexibility in timing supply chain movements. "Garden City Terminal West was specifically built for long-term storage for import

and export cargo," he said. "Our customers tell us they have been looking for a service option like this to manage supply chain speed fluctuations."

Savannah achieves third month over half-million TEUs, June 24, 2025, www.ajot.com



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Road Transport Updates

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Ontario Investing \$215 Million to Support Provincial Shipbuilding Sector, June 25, 2025, www.mto.gov.ca

DHL Express Canada reaches tentative agreement with union



Source: CBC

Delivery company DHL Express Canada has reached a tentative agreement with its union, paving the way for the company to resume operations. The deal comes after almost a year of negotiations. Details of the agreement will not be disclosed until after a

ratification vote is held, which is expected in the coming days. DHL Express Canada <u>locked out workers on June 8</u>, 2025 and as of last Friday, June 20, 2025 temporarily halted its operations. The company says it "expects to lift service suspension with immediate effect" once the deal is ratified.

DHL Express Canada reaches tentative agreement with union, June 25, 2025, www.cbcnews.ca

Xanadu opens \$10M photonic packaging facility in Toronto



Source: Inside Logistics

Quantum computing company Xanadu has opened a \$10-million advanced photonic packaging facility in Toronto, marking a significant step forward in Canada's domestic quantum technology manufacturing capacity. Billed as the country's only end-to-end, ultra-low loss photonic packaging facility, the site enables secure, high-performance production of quantum components essential to developing fault-tolerant quantum computers. Evan Solomon, minister of artificial intelligence and digital innovation and minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, officially opened the facility at Xanadu's headquarters.

Xanadu opens \$10M photonic packaging facility in Toronto, June 26, 2025, <u>www.insidelogistics.ca</u>

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Ontario extends deadline to Oct. 1 for detailed MELT lesson plans

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has extended the deadline to Oct. 1, for truck driving schools to incorporate detailed lesson plans in their mandatory entry-level training (MELT) programs. On Dec. 24, 2024, the MTO had issued a bulletin to all MELT providers clarifying existing requirements for lesson plans in all programs conforming to the Commercial Truck Driver Training Standard (Class A). The bulletin mentioned that the driving schools had until July 1, 2025, to submit the minute-by-minute lesson plans to the ministry. Ontario extends deadline to Oct. 1 for detailed MELT lesson plans, June 26, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com



Forklift market in flux as tariffs, electrification and regional shifts reshape global landscape: report



Source: Inside Logistics

The global forklift market is undergoing significant changes in 2025, shaped by diverging regional growth patterns, shifting electrification trends and the impact of new U.S. tariffs, according to a June forecast update from Interact Analysis. "The 2025 forklift market is characterized by significant strategic adjustments," the report states. "In the short term, manufacturers are focused on managing the final stages of the inventory cycle and maintaining current profitability levels."

Forklift market in flux as tariffs, electrification and regional shifts reshape global landscape: report, June 27, 2025, www.insidelogistics.ca

Turk Enterprises to acquire Horizon International Distributors



Source: Todays Trucking

Temperature-controlled freight hauler Turk Enterprises will acquire Winnipeg-based Horizon International Distributors, provider of refrigerated transportation, on July 1, 2025. Following the acquisition, Horizon will be integrated into Turk Enterprises and all Horizon employees will join the Turk team, with operations transitioning to Turk's head office in St. Andrews, Man., according to a news release. "Bringing this operation into the Turk Enterprises family is a decision rooted in shared values and a mutual commitment to the people we serve," Dave Tyrchniewicz, president of Turk Enterprises, said. The acquisition adds additional fleet and service capacity to Turk Enterprises, the release added.

Turk Enterprises to acquire Horizon International Distributors, June 26, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com

US/WORLD

English Language Proficiency Standards Could Drive Rates Higher



Source: Freightwaves

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is intensifying enforcement of English Language Proficiency (ELP) standards, signalling major operational changes for the trucking industry. As of today, June 25, 2025, drivers who fail to meet these

requirements face immediate grounding, potentially straining trucking capacity, increasing tender rejections, and driving up national truckload rates. FreightWaves estimates that 10% of truck drivers currently fall short of the Department of Transportation's (DOT) English proficiency standards, highlighting the potential for widespread impact.

English Language Proficiency Standards Could Drive Rates Higher, June 25, 2025, www.freightwaves.com

North American Transborder Freight decreased 8.5% in April 2025 from April 2024



Source: BTS

Total transborder freight between the U.S. and North American countries, Canada and Mexico for April 2025 compared to April 2024 was as follows: 1. Total transborder freight: \$126.3 billion of transborder freight moved by all modes of transportation, decreasing 8.5% compared to April 2024; 2. Freight between the U.S. and Canada: \$56.6 billion, down 13.6% from April 2024; 3. Freight between the U.S. and Mexico: \$69.7 billion, down 3.8% from April 2024; 4. Trucks moved \$82.8 billion of freight, down 8.6% compared to April 2024; 5. Railways moved \$14.4 billion of freight, down 20.9% compared to April 2024; 6. Pipelines moved \$8.9 billion of freight, down 5.2% compared to April 2024; 7. Vessels moved \$7.3 billion of freight, down 25.3% compared to April 2024; 8. Air moved \$4.8 billion of freight, up 3.7% compared to April 2024. US-Canada trade in both directions was: Truck-\$31.5b; Pipelines-\$8.2b; Rail \$7.4b; Air-\$ \$2.4b; and Vessel \$2.2b.

North American Transborder Freight decreased 8.5% in April 2025 from April 2024, June 26, 2025, www.bts.gov



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Other Transport Updates

CANADA

Study: Travel arrangement, reservation and accommodation services industries, 2017 to 2023



Source: Statcan

On June 20, 2025, Statistics Canada is publishing a study titled "Workforce insights: Demographics in the travel arrangement, reservation and accommodation services industries. 2017 to 2023." It explores the demographic differences among employees in the travel arrangement, reservation and accommodation services industries by leveraging administrative data to examine the workforce distribution by gender, age, full-time work status and residency status. In most of these industries, the workforce was largely composed of women, with many holding part-time positions. The largest differences across industries were observed in the age distribution. Its conclusion was "While the COVID-19 pandemic was a big shock to the travel arrangement, reservation and accommodation services industries, leading to significant economic and employment losses, the distribution of these industries' workforce by gender, age and full-time work status did not vary meaningfully from 2017 to 2023, for the most part. However, the residency status of the workforce changed during and after the pandemic, with a greater reliance on non-permanent residents, including international students, temporary foreign workers,

and others who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents, as a result of their increased availability in the labour supply. Furthermore, most industries in the study have yet to regain pre-pandemic employment levels, despite a complete financial recovery."

Study: Travel arrangement, resonation, and accommodation, sonatons.

Study: Travel arrangement, reservation and accommodation services industries, 2017 to 2023, June 20, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

Travel between Canada and other countries, April 2025



Source: Statcan

In April 2025, the number of trips to Canada by US residents decreased 8.9% year over year, while the number of trips to Canada by overseas residents edged down 0.6%. The number of Canadian-resident return trips from abroad (United States and overseas combined) was also down in April 2025, declining 18.9% from April 2024. On a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, US-resident arrivals decreased 8.7% in April 2025, while overseas-resident arrivals increased 0.9%.

Travel between Canada and other countries, April 2025, June 23, 2025, <u>www.statcan.gc.ca</u>

Quebec's Écocamionnage program returns with increased \$415-million budget



Source: Todays Trucking

The unveiling of Quebec's 2025-2030 Green Economy Implementation Plan last week confirmed that the Écocamionnage program has been relaunched with a budget of \$415 million over five years. This represents an \$85-million increase over the previous program, which was temporarily suspended last September, a victim of its own success, as the budgeted amounts had all been allocated, according to a report from our sister publication *Transport Routier*. The broader plan, unveiled by Benoit Charette, Quebec's minister of the environment and the fight against climate change, wildlife and parks, calls for investments of \$3.9 billion over five years for the transportation sector.

Quebec's Écocamionnage program returns with increased \$415-million budget, June 23, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com





Source: Statcan

Tourism spending was virtually unchanged in the first quarter of 2025 after increasing 1.5% in the fourth quarter of 2024. Domestic tourism

spending increased 0.8% in the first quarter of 2025 as Canadians pulled back from international travel to the United States. Gains in tourism spending by Canadians at home were offset by lower tourism exports (-2.6%), which refer to non-resident spending in Canada. Tourism gross domestic product (GDP) grew 0.5% in the first quarter of 2025, compared to growth of 1.3% in the fourth quarter of 2024. By comparison, economy-wide GDP by industry was up 0.4% in the first quarter of 2025.

National tourism indicators, first quarter 2025, June 26, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

Senate adopts Carney's fast-tracked major projects bill — well before Canada Day deadline



Source: National Post

The Senate adopted Prime Minister Mark Carney's internal trade and major projects bill without amendments on June 26, 2025 making it the first government bill to pass through all stages during the spring sitting of Parliament and receive royal assent. That means that Carney will make good on his election campaign promise to eliminate all federal barriers to interprovincial trade by Canada Day to have "one Canadian economy." Many senators complained about the rushed process to adopt C-5, which did not leave them with enough time to properly review the legislation.

Senate adopts Carney's fast-tracked major projects bill — well before Canada Day deadline, June 26, 2025, www.nationalpost.ca

US/WORLD



U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Announces Agreement with Texas to Help State Build **Projects Faster**



Source: BTS

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on June 20, 2025 announced the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to help the state build infrastructure projects faster. The agreement would allow Texas to take more ownership of environmental permitting requirements – cutting down on red tape so critical bridge and highway projects are started and completed faster. This Federal-State partnership will serve as a model for other states interested in implementing Secretary Duffy's "America is Building Again" agenda. U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Announces Agreement with Texas to Help State Build Projects Faster, June 20, 2025. www.dot.gov

Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Launches Digital Medical Certification to Cut Fraud and Boost Safety

U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy announced that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) will implement the Medical Examiner's Certification Integration (NRII) rule on June 23, 2025, marking a major advancement in the safety and integrity of the commercial driver licensing process. This new process will replace outdated paper documents that are ripe for fraud, a hassle for truck drivers to maintain. and harder for law enforcement to assess.

Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Launches Digital Medical Certification to Cut Fraud and Boost Safety, June 23, 2025, www.dot.gov



EU Space Act: enhancing market access and space safetv



Source: Europa

The European Commission has proposed ambitious new measures to make Europe's space sector cleaner, safer and more competitive. Europe's space rules are currently fragmented, holding back innovation, reducing the European market share and creating extra costs. An EU harmonised framework would ensure safety, resilience, and environmental responsibility, while helping companies grow and scale up across borders. The EU Space Act aims to cut red tape, protect space assets, and create a fair, predictable playing field for businesses. It is based on 3 pillars: Safety, Resilience; and Sustainability.

EU Space Act: enhancing market access and space safety, June 25, 2025, www.europa.eu



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Other CILT News

EVENTS & WEBINARS



On June 26 CILTNA hosted the webinar: "Tariffs and Supply Chain Shocks: Bringing Order out of Chaos" with guest speakers Shri Madiwal, Vice President, Operations and Supply Chain, Port of Vancouver, Eric Harvey, President and CEO, Railway Association of Canada, Paul Courtney, President, CIFFA, and Robert Dick, Assistant Deputy Minister, National Supply Chain Office, Transport Canada and moderated by Ian Mackay, Transportation Lawyer.

To view the video recording of the webinar, please visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u8BWiL4XZXk



The Pacific Chapter of CILTNA invites you to join them for a reception and presentation by a distinguished guest speaker, <u>Peter Xotta</u>, President & CEO, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. Moderated by: <u>Martin Crilly</u>, Executive Member, Pacific Chapter.

When: July 8, 2025 4:30 pm – Registration 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Reception/Presentation

Where: Terminal City Club, 837 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC

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Cost:

Non-Member: \$75.00

Member: \$60.00 Student: \$50.00

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Job Postings

* Supply Chain Specialist, Safariland, Ottawa, ON

Summary

Under direction from the Strategic Supply Chain Manager and day to day guidance from the Strategic Supply Chain Specialist, purchases or negotiates to purchase materials, supplies and equipment commonly used by Med-Eng; assists with designated general service functions; performs other related work as required.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Will perform the full range of assigned tasks, under less supervision, while exercising discretion and independent judgment within established guidelines.
- Reviews purchase requisitions for completeness with appropriate authorizations and available funds, evaluates the method of procurement to be used; determines specification requirements and vendor pool.
- Secures and compares information regarding source of supply, price, quality, availability, terms and conditions and related information for varied materials, supplies, services and equipment; uses research sources, as appropriate.
- Minimize the number of GWTs going between plants by ensuring materials arrive at the correct plant when required according to MRP;
- Issues purchase orders to procure designated type of commodities and equipment; based on Med-Eng policy and prepares revisions to purchase orders when the requirements change, or costs will exceed original order.
- Ensures accurate and timely reporting (AX) to allow for internal visibility of material status and visibility to purchasing on time delivery

- Monitors contracts and orders and expedites delivery; compares invoices to purchase orders and reconciles discrepancies;
- Escalates disputes, delivery dates, material shortages and any other issues to Strategic Supply Specialist for resolution.
- Explains policies and procedures to individuals needing to procure materials, services and supplies; helps insure compliance with purchasing policies and procedures approved by the Strategic Supply Chain Manager; insures that any risk related to services and supplies is identified and controlled, such as by obtaining Material Safety Data Sheets, insurance requirements, maintenance manuals, and trade compliance certificates.

Travel is required.

Performs other related duties as required.

Qualifications

- Possession of a degree/diploma from an accredited college or university with a major in business administration, commerce, materials management or a related field.
- Certificate: Possession of a Certified Purchasing Professional or Certified in Production and Inventory Management is desirable
- A minimum of five (5) years' experience as a buyer.
- Knowledge of principles, practices and methods of purchasing in the private sector; International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and other applicable laws and regulations.
- Previous experience procuring materials, equipment and supplies commonly used in electronics and soft-goods manufacturing; sources of supply, marketing practices, and pricing methods; basic financial record keeping, contract management and inventory control principles and procedures; standard office practices and procedures; business English and basic mathematics.
- Strong organizational skills;
- Ability to prioritize work;
- Excellent working knowledge of Microsoft office, including excel and word.
- Ability to buy items of the right quantity and quality, at the right price, at the right time from the right source; clearly and accurately express needs of Med-Eng to wide spectrum of vendors; evaluate bids; reconcile discrepancies, expedite transactions, and follow up on purchasing matters.

- Make accurate mathematical calculations; organize work and utilize good time management techniques to meet critical deadlines.
- React with a sense of urgency and work independently within procedural guidelines to solve purchasing problems; read and interpret policies, procedures, drawings and specifications;
- Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; maintain detailed and accurate records; establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of the work using tact and diplomacy.

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* Warehouse Service Manager, Saint-Gobain North America, Ottawa, ON

About the Role - The Service Manager is responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the warehouse and shipping departments. This includes managing inventory, ensuring accurate and timely shipment of products, maintaining safety standards, and leading a team of warehouse staff. The ideal candidate will have strong leadership skills, a keen eye for detail, and a commitment to delivering high-quality service.

Responsibilities:

Oversee daily warehouse operations, including receiving, storage, inventory management, and shipping of products.

Manage and lead a team of warehouse associates, providing training, guidance, and performance evaluations.

Develop and implement efficient warehouse processes and procedures to improve productivity and accuracy.

Ensure compliance with safety regulations and company policies, maintaining a safe and organized work environment.

Monitor inventory levels and coordinate with purchasing to ensure adequate stock is maintained.

Prepare and maintain accurate shipping and receiving documentation, including bills of lading, packing slips, and inventory reports.

Collaborate with other departments (e.g., sales, customer service) to ensure timely order fulfillment and address any shipping-related issues.

Evaluate and optimize shipping methods to reduce costs and improve delivery times.

Conduct regular audits of inventory and warehouse operations to identify areas for improvement.

Stay updated on industry best practices and emerging technologies in warehouse and shipping management.

Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Supply Chain Management, or a related field (preferred), or equivalent experience in a related position.

One to two (1-2) years of experience in warehouse management, shipping, or logistics.

Strong leadership and team management skills.

Excellent organizational and problem-solving abilities.

Proficient in warehouse management software and Microsoft Office Suite.

Knowledge of shipping regulations and best practices.

Ability to lift heavy objects and operate warehouse equipment (e.g., forklifts, pallet jacks).

Strong communication skills, both verbal and written.

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* Logistics Manager, KBR, Inc., Houston, TX

What You will do:

In the role of Logistics Manager, your duties will include:

Supply chain Management: Oversee the entire supply chain process, ensuring that goods are delivered on time and in the right condition. To include managing relationships with suppliers and transportation providers.

Inventory Control: Monitor and manage inventory levels to meet customer demand while minimizing excess stock.

Transportation Management: Determining the most efficient and costeffective transportation methods for all shipments. The ability to negotiate contracts with vendors and track those shipments for a timely delivery.

Team Leadership: Manage and train logistics staff, fostering a collaborative environment to achieve operational goals.

Budget Management: Analyze budgets and financial reports to ensure that logistic operations are cost-effective. Identify areas for reduction and efficiency improvements.

This is a contingent position based upon contract award and will be located OCONUS

Requirements:

Requires a SECRET security clearance and the ability to be upgraded to TS/SCI w/ Poly level clearance.

Five (5)+ years of professional experience with the below: Managing contractor's logistics, procurement, transportation, and warehousing activities

Implementing and managing streamlined and cost-effective procurement and transportation processes
Tracking and Reporting supply chain status
Experience with FAR property classification and property life cycle.

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* Logistics Generalist - Senior, Amentum, McLean, VA

About the job:

Logistics Generalist - Senior Duties include adhering to the regulations/guidelines/SOPs of the Office of Logistics and the Sponsor's logistics and supply chain regulations, close coordination with senior Logistics staff officer (or their designated representative) in the appropriate Directorate/Mission Center/Component/Office of assignment, assisting with the administration and control for the purchase of materials and services; directing the complete process for transporting people and goods; overseeing materials management within area of assignment; coordinating and planning facility services; tracking cost issues and personnel resources; and administering elements of multi-faceted programs. Logistics Generalists could potentially travel to CONUS or OCONUS locations in support of temporary logistics requirements of the Directorate/Mission Center/Component/Office of assignment.

Duties/Tasks and Responsibilities:

 The Senior Logistics Generalist contractor is required to possess a highly diverse and experienced skill set regarding logistics operations. The duties/tasks and responsibilities described below are dependent on the office of assignment and subject to the priorities set by the senior Logistics staff Officer with purview over logistics operations where the Logistics Support Generalist is assigned. Duties tasks and responsibilities described below are dependent on the office of assignment.

- Assists with purchasing of materials and services within area of assignment to include:
- Assisting with the ordering of materials through a variety of internal and external sources; validating customer requirements against regulations and estimates costs.
- Reconciling routine to moderately complex financial statements to ensure expenses are properly recorded; reconciling accounts payable to ensure accuracy and funding availability; and reviewing bills/invoices for accuracy.
- Assists in the coordination and transportation of material and people.
- Coordinates transportation processing by completing proper transportation documentation; learns how to ship and receive material; and assists in arranging transportation of material.
- Arranges for appropriate stock levels of packing material /boxes/tape material for shipment of equipment (sometimes fragile equipment).
- Prepares material for shipment to include safe-handling and packaging for shipment in accordance with Sponsor standards.
- Arranges for courier and/or chauffeur services by coordinating with appropriate transportation office.
- In coordination with the appropriate component/mission support staff/or senior Logistics staff Officer, the contractor will research best transportation options for customers and determine best shipping methods based on customer, cargo type, and/or consignee timeline requirements.
- Obtain approval in advance from the appropriate Logistics Directorate/Mission Center/Component/Office staff officer (or their designated focal point) for any freight/aviation and aviation planning requirements (large or small) that require coordination with the Sponsor's Transportation Fusion Center or any other entity involved in arranging aircraft scheduling.
- Responds to courier and chauffeur requests; resolves scheduling problems.
- Maintain inventories of goods and materials in accordance with this organization's regulations.
- Processes inventory requests and validates receipt of goods and materials against requirements; ensures inventory requests are fulfilled.
- Coordinates the maintenance of a fleet of vehicles by maintaining table of vehicular allowances and tracking database; ensures vehicles are maintained.
- Where required, serves as the Responsible Officer of record.

- Coordinate with Sponsor's Facilities Management in the implementation of office moves, renovations, and maintenance.
- Implements office moves; establishes schedules and procedures; ensures proper number of staff are available.
- Assists Facilities Management in office renovations by serving as a liaison to customers and construction workers.
- Schedules routine office maintenance; works with Facilities Management to ensure offices are properly maintained.
- At any location: Coordinates with Facilities Management and IT Support to facilitate any computer movement, connections, and phone service.
- Other duties as assigned.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Must possess exceptional customer service skills, a willingness to help others, and be flexible throughout any given working day regarding tasks conducted.
- Ability to obtain extensive knowledge and application of overall Agency and logistics processes, policies, regulations, and unique authorities.
- Extensive knowledge of overall logistics processes, policies, and regulations.
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to use various databases and applications independently.
- Ability to comprehend the implications of process, policies and regulations against requirements.
- Ability to manage the general services functional areas: transportation processing, inventory management, vehicle management, and accountable property.
- Ability to work independently and responsibly.
- Ability to establish a new network of professional working relationships with customers, colleagues, and service providers, while further developing existing networks.
- Ability to make decisions and solve complex problems effectively and independently.
- Ability to anticipate customer needs and requirements.
- Ability to assist in the effective planning, organizing and management of resources
- Ability to develop self and mentor other contractors, and ability to effectively manage and lead other contractors.
- · Ability to identify alternative solutions.
- Ability to interact with people who have different values, cultures, or backgrounds.

- Working knowledge of Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) concepts and principles.
- Working knowledge of Project Management concepts and principles.

Work Environment:

Depending on assignment, work is primarily performed in an office environment and may including conditions vary from an office environment where work is primarily sedentary to environments where extensive standing and/or walking; bending; lifting light to heavy objects or being exposed to noise, dust, dirt, etc. is expected.

Tools used in this occupation:

General office equipment
Office moving equipment
Forklifts (must have the ability to obtain a certification for safe handling
every two years)
Hand tools

Technology used in this occupation:

Sponsor acquisition systems
Microsoft Office (i.e., Word, Excel, Access, Outlook)
Various Sponsor databases aligned to logistics activities (property, movement, purchasing, etc.).

Minimum Qualifications

Experience:

Ten (10) years of relevant logistics experience in the public or private sector.

Education:

High school diploma or GED equivalent. Bachelor's degree preferred.

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