

GCT Deltaport Expansion - Berth Four Project

Public Comment Period & Virtual Information Sessions

GCT Canada Limited Partnership is proposing to expand its existing GCT Deltaport Container Terminal, a container storage and handling facility located in Delta, British Columbia, approximately 35 kilometres south of Vancouver. As proposed, the GCT Deltaport Expansion - Berth Four Project would add a fourth berth on the east side of the Roberts Bank Causeway, include an expansion of the intermodal rail yard along the causeway (Roberts Bank Way) and dredging to provide safe access for ships. The additional land-based container storage and handling facilities would provide an additional two million 20-foot long storage containers (otherwise referred to as 20-foot equivalent units or TEUs) per year at the existing terminal.

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) and British Columbia's Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) have accepted an initial project description for the proposed project, which is subject to both the federal *Impact Assessment Act* and British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Agency and the EAO are working cooperatively for the initial phase of the project's review.

The unique circumstances arising from COVID-19 have presented challenges to the usual approaches of undertaking meaningful public engagement and Indigenous consultation. The Agency and the EAO continue to assess the situation with key participants, adjust consultation and engagement activities, and provide flexibility as needed in order to prioritize the health and safety of all Canadians.

Comments Invited

As part of the cooperative project review process, the Agency and the EAO are inviting the public and Indigenous groups to review the initial project description and provide feedback related to the proposed project. A summary of the document in English or French is also available on the Agency's website at canada.ca/iaac.

Comments received will support the Agency and the EAO in the preparation of a joint Summary of Issues and Engagement for the project. Once completed, the joint Summary of Issues and Engagement will be provided to GCT Canada Limited Partnership to inform the next steps in the process.

Comments only need to be submitted once to either the Agency or the EAO to be considered in both the provincial and federal review processes and may be submitted in either official language. Comments can be submitted online by visiting the project home page on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (reference number 81010), or by visiting the EAO's website at projects.eao.gov.bc.ca and conducting a search using the project name. Comments received by the Agency and the EAO are considered public and will be published online.

The comment period has been extended to 45 days and will take place **from October 13th to midnight Pacific Standard Time (PST) on November 27, 2020.**

Virtual Information Sessions

Due to COVID-19 and the associated physical distancing and self-isolation measures, the Agency and the EAO will host virtual information sessions **on November 5, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. PST, and November 10, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. PST.**

The virtual information sessions will include presentations on the federal and provincial review processes, a presentation by GCT Canada Limited Partnership on the project, and opportunities to ask questions online. Instructions and hyperlinks to join the online meetings will be found on the EAO's project page website (projects.eao.gov.bc.ca).

More information on how to attend the virtual information sessions is also available by contacting the Agency at IAAC.Deltaport.AEIC@canada.ca.

Additional Details

For more information on the project, the federal review process and alternative means of submitting comments to the Agency, visit canada.ca/iaac. For more information on the provincial review process visit gov.bc.ca/eao.

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