

September 17, 2020

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister, Environment and Climate Change Canada
200 Sacre-Coeur Blvd
Gatineau, QC
K1A 0H3

RE: Roberts Bank Terminal Expansion – Letter of Support

Dear Minister Wilkinson,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Delta Chamber of Commerce to express support for a Roberts Bank Terminal Expansion project.

The Delta Chamber of Commerce is a federally-registered, non-profit corporation of businesses and community organizations that serves as the only chamber of commerce in the City of Delta, British Columbia. Our goal is to create and maintain a prosperous environment for business, industry and commerce in our community, province and country. The Chamber speaks on behalf of its over 450 members to advocate for the interests of the Delta business community with many levels of government and stakeholders, while also considering the interests of our farming community and the environment. We seek to influence economic, social and government challenges and issues in support of economic growth and sustainability in our region.

As the Roberts Bank Terminal site is situated in Delta, we have a vested interest in ensuring that any expansion of Delta Port generates the maximum benefit for our community, while protecting our coastal ecosystems and the people who live alongside them. Delta has a complex land base and community of farming, residential and industrial uses that will be impacted by an expansion project in different ways. The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has stated its commitment to socially- and environmentally-conscious developments at Delta Port, and we will support any expansion that is in keeping with that commitment.

The Delta Chamber of Commerce supports a national strategy to build infrastructure to support commerce in Canada and provide economic benefits to Canadians for decades to come. Global trade dynamics are constantly evolving and it is in Canada's national interest that we continue to invest in expanding and improving trade-enabling infrastructure to ensure we, as a nation, can participate in global trade and support domestic economic prosperity. An expansion of Delta Port is an excellent opportunity to do just that.


A Delta Port expansion is fully aligned with the federal government's two objectives to deepen Canada's economic ties with fast-growing Asia-Pacific markets and to build on Metro Vancouver's position as a leading North American gateway. An expansion project will significantly increase Canada's container

handling capacity and reinforce Metro Vancouver's competitive advantages for Canadian producers and consumers.

We urge you to approve a Delta Port expansion project—a necessary investment in transportation, infrastructure, technology and trade that will allow businesses in Delta, in the Metro Vancouver region, and across Canada to thrive and grow.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yvonne Anderson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Yvonne Anderson
Chair – Board of Directors
Delta Chamber of Commerce

cc: Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
Garry Shearer, Executive Director for Delta Chamber of Commerce