

# Annual Report

For the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2015



OFFICE OF THE  
BRITISH COLUMBIA CONTAINER  
TRUCKING COMMISSIONER



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To the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

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The Honourable Minister Stone:

**Office of the BC Container Trucking Commissioner Annual Report  
For the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2015**

I am pleased to submit to you the first Annual Report of the BC Container Trucking Commissioner.

As required by Section 13 of the Container Trucking Act, the Report sets out briefly all applications and requests for decisions to the Commissioner under the Act, all orders issued by the Commissioner, the financial statements applicable to the Office of the Commissioner for the above period along with full disclosure of the expenses, of and associated with, the office of the Commissioner.

Yours truly,

Andy Smith  
BC Container Trucking Commissioner

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# Introduction

The BC Container Trucking Commissioner (“Commissioner”) regulates the regulation and licencing of container trucking operators under the BC Container Trucking Act (“Act”). Enacted on December 22, 2014, the Act comes as a result of the March 2014 Joint Action Plan, which ended a 28-day work disruption at Port Metro Vancouver (“PMV”).

In February 2015, Andy Smith of Vancouver, BC was appointed as BC Container Trucking Commissioner.

The Commissioner is tasked with ensuring labour stability within the drayage sector by:

- Bringing into force rate regulation as per the Act for the marine container trucking companies serving PMV;
- Administering oversight for investigations, enhanced auditing and enforcement of the Act;
- Establishing, and then consulting with an Industry Advisory Council (“Council”) on issues relevant to the sector;
- Monitoring the sector and making recommendations on future rates following consultations with industry and the Council;

This is the first annual report of the Commissioner, and prepared in accordance with Section 13 of the Act. Due to the date of appointment of the Commissioner, this report will provide a summary of activities of the Commissioner from February 2015 to March 31, 2015, as well as a set of preliminary financial statements of the Office of the BC Container Trucking Commissioner accounting for the same time frame.

# Summary of Activities

Due to the date of appointment falling so close to the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015, the activities of the Commissioner within this abbreviated time frame focused on 4 primary areas:

- Becoming familiar with the Act and Container Trucking Regulation (“Regulation”), and the specifics of the mandate of the BC Container Trucking Commissioner;
- Contact and consultation with licence holders, drivers (both directly employed and independent operators), and key stakeholders including PMV, terminal operators and union representatives;
- Identifying and appointing the membership of the Council;
- Contemplating staff and office space for the Commissioner.

Even in this short period, the Commissioner embarked on a level of outreach and consultation that has never been experienced by within the drayage sector. Many weeks were spent to ensure that the composition of the Council had a diversified balance of licence holders, representation from both unionized and non-unionized labour, as well as large exporters.

Further, the Commissioner began to engage in site visits for licence holders in order to better understand the players, their operations, and the way in which they conduct business. Meetings with groups such as the United Truckers Association (“UTA”) also proved to be invaluable in understanding the issues that led to 2014’s labour disruption, as well as generating ideas about how to craft a harmonious path forward.

The Commissioner is determined to establish open lines of communications with all players across the drayage sector, and these initial weeks after appointment were important in setting a foundation for stronger relationship building with licence holders and the driver community.

This new level of engagement was very well received across the sector, providing a new Commissioner in which to mitigate ongoing issues and collaboratively solve them to achieve long-term stability and growth.

# Financial Statements

## **Accounting Services**

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure provides accounting and payment services at no cost to the Commissioner. The Summary financial information provided below is based upon information provided by the Ministry.

## **Revenues and Net Budget**

The Commissioner is funded entirely by Revenue generated from the Provincial Truck Licensing Fee charged to each Truck.

## **Summary Financial Statement**

BC Container Trucking Commissioner

	(in \$Thousands) <b>FY 2015</b> <b>Actual</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>133</b>
Commissioner's Fees and Expenses	14
Professional Services and Other	119
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>133</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>0</b>

## **Actual Expenditures**

Actual expenditures for FY 14-15 for the Commissioner's budget totalled \$133,000.

## **Commissioner's Remuneration**

The Commissioner is paid a per-diem fee for his services. For this fiscal period, the Commissioner received \$14,000 in fees and had no reimbursements for travel and other expenses.



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