



# Acting Commissioner's Bulletin

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I am pleased to write this first bulletin since being appointed as Acting BC Container Trucking Commissioner. I am also pleased to report that Vince Ready, Acting Deputy Commissioner and Elena Miller, Legal Advisor, join me at the Office of the Container Trucking Commissioner.

As many in the industry know, Vince and I were very involved with the drayage community last year as authors of the recommendations report. Some of that report informed the new *Container Trucking Act* that was enacted on December 22, 2014. Through riding along with two independent operators, conducting in-depth consultations with TLS licence holders, and participating on an industry Steering Committee, we gained insight into the key issues facing the sector and the individuals that make up its core. Both Vince and I hope to take this knowledge and move forward in our new roles as Acting Commissioner and Acting Deputy Commissioner.

In my term as Acting Commissioner, it is my intention to work with stakeholders to embark on the important journey of building long term stability in the industry. This work will include looking at licensing and enforcing the rates of pay for truck drivers as detailed in the legislation.

I am getting up to speed on the activities and initiatives undertaken by the Office of the Container Trucking Commissioner up until this point. I hope to take steps towards creating an environment where the free exchange of information serves as one of the foundations of the Office. We welcome your input.

I have already met and spoken with many key players in the drayage industry. I have also connected with several of the organizations representing licence holders, labour and sectoral stakeholders, and plan on conducting meetings with these various groups in the coming weeks. Vince and I look forward to attending an upcoming Advisory Committee meeting scheduled on November 4, 2015. It is our hope that this Advisory Committee will serve as a venue to discuss, with a solution oriented approach, some of the issues in the industry. As this committee is intended to represent and serve the drayage industry, it is my goal to report the items discussed and the solutions canvassed through the Commission's website regularly. If you have any thoughts or solutions to any of the issues canvassed, please contact any one of the Advisory Committee representatives to share your insights and industry solutions.

The importance of drayage to the smooth functioning of Port Metro Vancouver's operations, and ultimately to British Columbia serving as Canada's economic gateway to the globe, cannot be underestimated. There is still a great deal of work to accomplish to promote sound economic conditions for all those who participate in the marine container trucking industry.

At the Office of the Container Trucking Commissioner, we are optimistic about the path forward. We look forward to interacting with you in the near future.

Best regards,  
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