



Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 09, 2026

Office of the BC Container Trucking Commissioner

1085 Cambie Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 5L7

9:30am - 11:30am

In Attendance:

Gary Brar	BC Trucking Association
Sucha Seikhon	Port Transportation Association
Paul Nagra	Unifor
Gurinder Pooni	United Container Drivers Association
Gagan Singh	UTA Truckers Society of BC
Glen MacInnes	OBCCTC, Chair
Karm Jauhal	OBCCTC, Vice Chair
Anupam Sandhu	OBCCTC
Tarandeep Deol	OBCCTC

Regrets:

No Rep Assigned	Shipping Federation of Canada
Rishi Luthra	Chamber of Shipping
Andy Sekhon	Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
Amrik Dhillon	Teamsters Local 31

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

1. COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE

A. 2026 Licence Application Update

- The Commissioner advised that the application intake for the 2026 licensing period is closed, and staff have reviewed all submissions for completeness. Applications are currently in the validation stage before detailed analysis begins.
- The Commissioner noted that the OBCCTC received a record number of applications from

new applicants for this licensing round.

- The electronic submissions have significantly improved efficiency and reduced administrative burden, and the office will consider continuing this approach for future cycles.

Judicial Review Update

- The Commissioner provided updates on ongoing court matters, including:
 - A Court of Appeal hearing scheduled regarding Simard Westlink Inc.'s prior judicial review decision. The court hearing date is set for September 2026. The IAC will be informed as the updates become available.

A stay application filed by 3 Licensees regarding the removal of truck tags in January 2026 as a result of Performance review remains outstanding, with a decision pending. The Commissioner advised that he will not reallocate tags until the completion of the stay application to avoid too many tags being in the system.

B. Industry Advisory Committee Structure

- The Commissioner emphasized that the IAC is a critical advisory body intended to provide practical and solutions-based input, and that he wants to formalize it a bit more.
- He noted the concern that discussions can at times become position-based rather than focused on solutions and implementation and that he encourages input that includes both issues and proposed solutions.
- The Commissioner also proposed conducting direct engagement sessions with stakeholder groups (licensees, drivers, port, shippers) to gather unfiltered, first-hand feedback.
- The Commissioner advised that a formal proposal on IAC structure will be presented at a future meeting.

C. Review of the OBCCTC Policies and Procedures

- The Commissioner stated that there will be review of the policies and procedures including the tag management policy and the change in control policy.
- The policies exist to guide the OBCCTC, but they are not unbendable.
- The Commissioner invited members to provide early input on emerging issues, noting that detailed feedback will be formally requested after draft revisions are released later this year for Tag Management and Change in Control policies.
- The Commissioner raised concerns regarding multiple licenses under common ownership and administrative and compliance complexities. The Commissioner is exploring options to streamline licensing structures and preserve accountability for compliance history across licensees.

2. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A. UTA Correspondence

- The Committee discussed issues raised in correspondence from the UTA requesting clarification on the regulatory decision-making, discretionary authority, and enforcement practices of the OBCCTC. The topics in the correspondence included:
 - Inconsistencies in conditional tag allocation
 - Enforcement disparities
 - I/O nominations
 - Inconsistent work volumes
 - Proposed tag flexibility and minimum earnings
 - Proposed immediate tag forfeiture
- The Commissioner advised the IAC that many of these topics would require changes to the OBCCTC policies and procedures and should be raised when the review takes place later in the year.

B. PTA Correspondence

- The Committee discussed the PTA's request that the OBCCTC transition from monthly to weekly fuel surcharge (FSC) updates to protect companies and I/Os from potential losses due to rising Middle East fuel costs and proposed that the OBCCTC host an annual, moderated roundtable for licensees, drivers, terminals, and the port authority to better surface such industry challenges.
- A member noted that monthly adjustments create administrative and operational challenges and price volatility leads to instability and proposed that quarterly model may provide more predictability and stability.
- The Commissioner acknowledged these concerns and advised that the calculation of the fuel surcharge was a product of the joint action plan and was part of the *Container Trucking Regulation* (and now Rate Order). Any changes would require industry-wide consensus if there was to be a change to the calculation set out in the Rate Order. He advised that no changes are being considered at this stage, but he indicated that he would review any consensus-based proposal brought forward by the industry.

3. ROUNDTABLE/ OTHER MATTERS

- A member asked whether the 50/50 allocation between I/O and company tags remains in effect.
 - The Commissioner confirmed that up to 750 company truck tags and up to 750 I/O truck tags are available in the 2026 CTS licence round, noting that future

adjustments will be considered as part of the policy review. The Commissioner emphasized that allocation is based on industry stability, fairness, and market needs.

- A member raised concerns regarding perceived over-hiring of drivers by companies, uneven distribution of work and impact of part-time or casual drivers on full-time earnings.
 - The Commissioner advised that he relies on data to better understand workforce composition, including full-time and part-time utilization rates.
- A member raised concerns about port reservation system inefficiencies, terminal delays and broader operational constraints.
 - The Commissioner confirmed that the office continues to engage with these stakeholders and encouraged committee members to reach out directly to the VFPA but stressed that systemic operational issues cannot be resolved through licensing mechanisms alone.

4. NEXT MEETING

- The next IAC meeting is scheduled for 9:30 am on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at OBCCTC's office and an invitation will be sent in advance.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 am.