



June 6, 2019

The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Transport
Confederation Building, Suite 458
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Garneau:

RE: National Trade Corridors – Squamish Terminals

The BC Marine Terminal Operators Association represents the major marine terminals handling Canada's import and export cargoes that transit through our West Coast. Our members have been very supportive and have in fact participated in the many projects that have been undertaken to enhance trade corridors to and from tide water. Additionally, our members have spent billions of dollars in plant and equipment to ensure that we have state of the art facilities capable of handling the projected growth in cargo volumes in a safe, efficient and environmentally responsible manner.

We are writing in support of our member Squamish Terminals operating a deep water, break-bulk terminal located at the north end of Howe Sound, BC to continue to contribute to our ability to meet projected growth, especially in the break-bulk category where there is limited capacity in this region. Squamish Terminals has partnered with the District of Squamish to submit a Comprehensive Project Proposal under the National Trade Corridor Fund. This proposal is comprised of two important and necessary projects that include the following:

1. Marine Navigation Channel dredging to improve marine safety. The west berth is exposed to strong cross currents that impact vessels approaching at a critical juncture. The approach channel is multi-jurisdictional (Federal, Provincial and Squamish Nation) and includes stakeholder engagement, permitting, methodology, dredging and re-purposing of dredge material.
2. Truck Route Bridge Upgrades & Construction. The District of Squamish (DOS) will replace the single lane Third Avenue Bridge leading to/from the Squamish Terminal along the truck route, with a dual lane bridge aligned with Third Avenue centerline. The District of Squamish will construct a new, two-lane traffic bridge, which will cross a coastal channel and connect the truck route directly to Highway 99 bypassing downtown intersections and



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the CN Rail Track, which will significantly improve efficiency and reduce traffic congestion within the community.

We are pleased to add our support to this project which we believe will be instrumental in this regions ability to meet growth of break-bulk cargoes in support of Canadian exports and imports.
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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

R. Wilds, Executive Director