



## New Fire Truck Manufacturer at CentrePort

**FORT GARRY FIRE TRUCKS** has opened the doors on its new, state-of-the-art manufacturing facility at CentrePort Canada – a move that will allow FGFT to continue to grow its leading-edge business of building high-quality fire trucks, customized pumpers, water deliver tanks, aerial ladders and other emergency equipment for export to countries all over the world.

The 50,000-square-foot facility is 20 per cent larger than the previous plant and will employ a workforce of approximately 100 employees, a 10 per cent increase. Building a new facility allowed the company to streamline its production system, implement new cutting-edge technologies, and gain the efficiencies of having production, inventory, sales and service located at one site.

“Our production system has evolved over time and we’d outgrown our previous space. Since we are in the business of making customized emergency equipment, it made sense for us to customize our own manufacturing facility,” said Rick Suche, president of FGFT, which also operates a custom rubber manufacturing business serving clients throughout Canada.

“With the majority of our equipment being built for export outside of Winnipeg, we felt that CentrePort provided us with an ideal location.”



“I’d like to congratulate Rick and his team at Fort Garry Fire Trucks on their new facility and their strong commitment to our community,” said Diane Gray, president and CEO of CentrePort Canada Inc.

“The company is world-renowned for its fire trucks and emergency equipment, and the opening of this new plant is an important milestone in the development of our inland port.”

FGFT manufactures emergency equipment for cities and municipalities all over the world including Canada, the United States, China, the United Arab Emirates, Africa, and Central and South America. The company’s global clientele reflects the success FGFT has had in making trucks and equipment that are built to perform in extreme environments, from the Arctic to the desert.



**FGFT’S NEW FACILITY** is located within the second phase of *Brookside Industrial Park West*, a 57.5-acre industrial park situated within CentrePort and adjacent to the new expressway, CentrePort Canada Way, which is expected to be completed in 2013.

CentrePort has been working closely with **DTZ Winnipeg** to market the industrial park and phase two sold out last year. DTZ is currently working to bring the next phase, approximately 100 acres, to market in the coming year.

## Congratulations to...

- **STAPLES CANADA** which will anchor the new 152,000-square-foot, multi-tenant distribution centre being built at *Inksbrook Industrial Park* by *British Columbia Investment Management Corp.*
- **DAVE ANGUS**, *president and CEO* of the *Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce*, on his election as chair of the *Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC)* of the *Commission for Environmental Cooperation*. The commission's members are from Canada, the United States and Mexico.
- **MARINA JAMES**, *president and CEO* of *Economic Development Winnipeg*, on her appointment as vice-chair of the *International Advisory Committee* of the *International Economic Development Council*.
- **YES! WINNIPEG** on its announcement that over the past two years, 46 client businesses have decided to launch, expand or stay in Winnipeg and together, these companies will employ more than 1,300 people.
- **BOEING CANADA** on hitting an all-time high of more than 1,600 workers at its Winnipeg plant, the largest composites manufacturing plant in Canada. Boeing, which is experiencing increased demand for composite airplane parts, recently signed a long-term collective agreement with its unionized employees. The stability provided by the agreement and the workforce will allow the company to bid on increasingly complex and strategic jobs, Boeing officials said.



**DON STREUBER**, pictured left, and **Joan Hardy** have been reappointed chair and vice-chair of CentrePort Canada's board of directors. Streuber is the president and CEO of *Bison Transport* and Hardy is the assistant vice-president (transportation) for *Richardson International*.

The board also welcomed two new members recently, **Carol Paradine** and **Michael Pyle**. Paradine is managing partner – Manitoba and Saskatchewan, at *Deloitte* and is the nominee of the *Manitoba Chambers of Commerce*. Pyle is the president and CEO of *Exchange Income Corporation* and the nominee of the *Business Council of Manitoba*.

## CentrePort: On the Move

**THE OFFICE OF CENTREPORT CANADA INC.** has moved to a new office location, Suite 100, 259 Portage Avenue in Winnipeg (postal code R3B 2A9). Phone numbers and email addresses will remain the same.

You can also keep in touch with us by visiting our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CentrePortCanada](http://www.facebook.com/CentrePortCanada), our website at [www.CentrePortCanada.ca](http://www.CentrePortCanada.ca), or by chatting with us on Twitter @CentrePort (Diane Gray), @RivaHarrison, and @AlbertoEvelasco.



## Join Us at the Launch of Bold Winnipeg

**DIANE GRAY**, president and CEO of *CentrePort Canada*, is the keynote speaker at Feb. 15's *Bold Winnipeg Conference*, sponsored by the *Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce*.

To register for the lunch address featuring Gray or for the entire conference, please visit [www.winnipeg-chamber.com](http://www.winnipeg-chamber.com). Special thanks to promotional partner, the *Transport Institute*.

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