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## More than 150 Acres in Development at CentrePort

**NEW MANUFACTURING**, warehousing and trucking operations have either been built or are under construction by 27 different companies on more than 150 acres at two popular Brookside-area industrial parks located within CentrePort's 20,000-acre footprint.

The construction boom in the Brookside area – which will have direct access to the new CentrePort Canada Way – were highlighted in CentrePort Canada Inc.'s 2013-14 business plan, which was released earlier this month and is available at [www.CentrePortCanada.ca](http://www.CentrePortCanada.ca).

Among the buildings that recently opened is Trailer Wizards' new 37,000 square-foot facility. The expanded location will provide an additional 14 trailer bays, washing bays, complete trailer body work repairs, 5,000 square feet of office space, and will add 10 to 20 new employees to the company's workforce.

"Our updated facility will give us the opportunity to provide Manitoba with a larger volume of trailer rentals, trailer sales, trailer leasing, trailer service and trailer parts under one roof with the added bonus of service across Canada and our Emergency Roadside Service across North America," explained Gary Myroniuk, vice president of Trailer Wizards' Prairie Region.



**TRAILER WIZARDS** new 37,000 square-foot facility at CentrePort will allow the company to expand its operations and hire more employees.

"The new location at CentrePort also has direct access to the major routes in Winnipeg making it more convenient for our customers."

"Congratulations to Trailer Wizards," said Diane Gray, president and CEO of CentrePort Canada Inc. "There's been strong investor interest in these industrial parks, and I'd like to thank our real estate partners for working with us to joint market these lands. Growth at CentrePort means more jobs and economic activity for our city and our province."

Trailer Wizards' new facility is located within the second phase of Brookside Industrial Park West, a 57.5-acre industrial park. CentrePort has been working with DTZ Winnipeg to market this industrial park and phase two sold out in 2012. DTZ is currently working to bring the next phase, approximately 100 acres, to market.



**FULL STEAM AHEAD:** CentrePort Canada recently released its 2013-14 Business Plan ([www.CentrePortCanada.ca](http://www.CentrePortCanada.ca)).

In addition to highlighting 150 acres of new industrial development at CentrePort, the report also detailed plans for the development of a common-use rail facility and adjacent industrial park for rail-intensive business.

## Life is a Highway

**THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA** has announced increased funding for infrastructure, including a long-term plan to invest more than \$3.5 billion over the next 10 years.

For 2013-14, Manitoba's budget pledged more than \$620 million for roads, highways and bridges, including for roads connecting to CentrePort Canada Way (CCW). CCW is a new divided expressway, expected to be complete later this year, which will open up the inland port for greater development.

Infrastructure was also a prominent theme of the **Government of Canada's** 2013 budget, which committed \$70 billion for infrastructure over the next 10 years.

The federal budget also pledged to improve access to Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) programs. CentrePort is the only inland port in Canada to provide singled-window access to FTZ programs, which can help businesses manage cash flow. Two new customs-bonded warehouses have opened at CentrePort since the program began.



## Changes at CentrePort

**CENTREPORT CANADA INC.** has welcomed **Warren Thompson** to its board of directors. Thompson is a senior associate, program and project management, at **Stantec**.

Thompson, the nominee of the **Winnipeg Airports Authority (WAA)**, has experience in transportation infrastructure, most notably with airports. He is also a member of the board of directors of the **Assiniboia Chamber of Commerce**.

The corporation has also added another person to its professional staff – **John Spacek** is the new vice president, planning and development. Spacek previously served as an assistant deputy minister with **Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation**.

Spacek has extensive experience in a wide range of transportation policy areas including being a member of the **Prime Minister's and Manitoba Premier's Task Force on the Future of Churchill**.



**NEW BRUNSWICK PREMIER DAVID ALWARD** (centre) was in Manitoba last week for meetings including a roundtable discussion with members of **CentrePort Canada's** board of directors as well executives from **OmniTrax**, which operates the Port and the rail line to Churchill.

The meeting focused on the development progress to date at CentrePort, as well as future plans for growth at the **Port of Churchill**, the only Arctic seaport on the prairies. Some of these plans include opportunities to increase trade to New Brunswick and other Maritime provinces

## News and notes...

- **GE AVIATION** is making new investments in its 122,000 square-foot cold-weather engine-testing facility in order to make it functional year around. The \$50-million facility is located on the campus of the **Winnipeg Airports Authority (WAA)** and CentrePort's footprint.
- **WINPAK LTD.** Is undertaking a \$10-million expansion of its primary production plan that is expected to create up to 125 jobs over the next five years. Winpak is located at CentrePort **in Murray Industrial Park**.
- **COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVERS** in Manitoba may become the first in Canada to have their own designated occupation. The Province's Apprenticeship and Certification Board has agreed to develop the designation. Reports suggest truck driver shortages are a growing issue for Canada.
- **SURFACE TRADE** among the NAFTA partners continues to increase with trade between Canada, the United States and Mexico rising 6.2 per cent in 2012 to \$960 billion annually.

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