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CentrePort Canada Named Top Infrastructure Project

CENTREPORT CANADA was recently named one of the top 100 infrastructure projects in North America and will be recognized later this month at the 2nd Annual North American Strategic Infrastructure Leadership Forum.

The prestigious designation, awarded by Leadership Forum host CG/LA Infrastructure, recognizes CentrePort Canada's strategic contribution to long-term competitiveness in North America.



According to Forum organizers, the goal of the Top 100 is to showcase projects with the potential to be “the basis for our way of life in 2025.” CentrePort Canada is one of only two Manitoba projects to make the list. The other is the St. Joseph Wind Farm.

The Top 100 represents more than \$400 billion in infrastructure projects across Canada, the United States and Mexico. The projects are grouped under the broad categories of highways and bridges; energy; rail and logistics; transit; and water.

CentrePort Canada is being recognized for its development as a logistics and trading hub, and for projects underway such as the building of CentrePort Canada Way (CCW).

CCW is a \$212-million, divided expressway that will run through the inland port, connecting businesses to the Perimeter Highway. Funded by the federal and provincial governments, CCW is currently under construction and is expected to be completed in 2012.

The North American Strategic Infrastructure Leadership Forum, “Vision, Innovation & Speed,” will take place Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 in Washington, D.C.

CCW at a Glance

- \$212-million, 10-kilometre divided expressway linking Manitoba's 20,000-acre inland port to the Perimeter Highway.
- Expected to create more than 3,236 person years of direct and spin-off employment over the life of the project.
- Funded by the federal and provincial governments as part of a \$300-million upgrade to key trade and transportation routes including Highway 75 south and the TransCanada Highway.



A Railway Runs Through It

ONE OF CENTREPORT CANADA'S main assets is the fact that three Class 1 railways – CN, CP and BNSF – operate within the 20,000-acre footprint. But the big three aren't the only prominent railway presence on the site.

Manitoba's **Prairie Dog Central Railway** is also located within CentrePort Canada, with its Inkster Junction Station located on the north side of Inkster Boulevard, between Sturgeon Road and Route 90.

This past summer, **BNSF Railway** presented locomotive #1685 (pictured right) to the **Vintage Locomotive Society Inc.**, which operates the Prairie Dog Central Railway. Locomotive #1685 is significant because it was a Winnipeg icon for more than 50 years, serving all of its time operating in and around the Manitoba capital from 1957 to 2008 when it was retired.

Congratulations to BNSF and The Vintage Locomotive Society.



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Planes, Trains and Trucks

FALL IS SHAPING UP to be extremely busy with a number of important events that CentrePort Canada will be part of.

- **Business Mission to the Asia Pacific** – Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger and Lt. Gov. Philip Lee are leading an 11-day trade mission to China, Hong Kong and the Philippines, starting Sept. 14. The Asia Pacific region is an increasingly important trade partner for Manitoba and Western Canada.
- **Supply Chain Connection 2010 – Northern Exposure** will explore transportation options for moving goods and people to and from the north. Sept. 29 and 30, Delta Winnipeg.
- **Centrallia** – Global Business to Business Forum hosted by ANIM, Oct. 20 to 22.
- **Arctic Summit** – The Province of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg are hosting a summit designed to further position Manitoba as an "Arctic gateway." Nov. 8 to 10, University of Winnipeg.



Join us for Breakfast!

SUPPLY CHAIN AND LOGISTICS ASSOCIATION CANADA (Manitoba Chapter) is hosting a free roundtable on Sept. 21, titled CentrePort Canada – The Opportunities and Challenges of Making a Successful Inland Port.

The goal of the roundtable is to engage SCL members as well as transportation and logistics professionals on the opportunities awaiting Manitoba's inland port.

The breakfast session will begin with a presentation by Diane Gray, President and CEO of CentrePort Canada, followed by an interactive discussion.

Join us Tuesday, Sept. 21, 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. at the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce (Signature Boardroom). Please RSVP to Darlene Smith at Darlene.Smith@frontierscsc.com

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Tom Payne Jr.** on his election as President of the **Manitoba Trucking Association**. Tom is a member of CentrePort Canada's Board of Directors and is President of **Payne Transportation**.

Congratulations to **Kerry Hawkins**, chair of the board of directors of CentrePort Canada, on being a recipient of the Order of Manitoba this past summer.

Kerry was recognized for his outstanding commitment to education, the arts and Aboriginal communities, as well as for his leadership in business. The Order of Manitoba is the highest honor in the province.

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