

# CPC Express

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## Ground-breaking Progress at CentrePort Canada

**EARTH IS MOVING** at CentrePort Canada as construction of the divided expressway, CentrePort Canada Way, moves full steam ahead and the area's two busiest industrial parks are buzzing with the sounds of bulldozers and backhoes.

CentrePort Canada Way (CCW) is a massive infrastructure project underscored by the giant building cranes and other earth-moving equipment in operation on the western edge of the city where CCW will link to the Perimeter Highway.

Construction is also underway on the eastern edge where CCW will connect to Inkster Boulevard and provide easy access for businesses located in the two rapidly-growing industrial parks, Brookside Industrial Park West (DTZ Barnicke) and Brookside Business Park (CB Richard Ellis).

CCW is now about 50 per cent complete and more than three million cubic metres of earth have been moved to date. The 10-kilometre expressway is expected to be complete in 2013.

"It's been a great summer of construction activity and there's much, much more to come," said Diane Gray, CentrePort's president and CEO.

"We know that new projects like CCW are one of factors prompting investors to take a close look at what's happening here at CentrePort and in Winnipeg and Manitoba as a whole," Gray added.



CCW is a \$212-million highway funded by the federal and provincial governments. (Photo: SNC-Lavalin Group Inc.)



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## CentrePort Honored

**CENTREPORT CANADA** has again been chosen as one of the top 100 infrastructure projects in North America for 2011.

The top 100 projects will be recognized this fall at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual North American Strategic Infrastructure Leadership Forum. This is the second consecutive year CentrePort has been honored with the designation, which is awarded by forum host CG/ LA Infrastructure.

# Trade Council Underway

CENTREPORT CANADA has been participating in Manitoba's new **Council on International Trade**, which was launched in 2011 and has released a strategic plan to increase domestic and international exports, imports and investment.

One of the purposes of the Council is to ensure a coordinated approach between the private sector and government.

"Manitoba is a strong trading province with many unique assets including tri-modal transportation, the Port of Churchill and a strategic central location," said Diane Gray, president and CEO of CentrePort Canada and a member of the Council.

"It makes sense to build on these strengths and bring together organizations like CentrePort that are already focused on increasing trade."

Gray noted that while the United States is, and will remain, Canada's most important trading partner, there are significant new opportunities emerging in the BRIC nations of Brazil, Russia, India and China, which are expected to continue to be some of the world's fastest-growing economies.



Staging **Centrallia 2012**, Oct. 10-12 in Winnipeg, is one of the several public-private sector initiatives underway to increase global trade.

## Cargo Volumes Reach New Heights

CARGO VOLUMES continue to increase at **Winnipeg's James Armstrong Richardson International Airport**, hitting record levels in 2010 and bucking a downward trend in volumes elsewhere in North America.

The **Winnipeg Airports Authority** operates one of the top cargo airports in Canada, and is number one in the country in dedicated air freighter movements. It is the second straight year that Winnipeg cargo volume is up. Winnipeg cargo tonnage has almost doubled over the past decade, rising to 173,000 tonnes in 2010 from 96,988 tonnes in 2000.



## Help Us Bring About Change

CENTREPORT CANADA President and CEO Diane Gray is taking part in this year's **Change For the Better** campaign, organized by **Downtown Biz**. She will be joining a group of CEO's who are "sleeping out" on Sept. 29 to raise awareness and funds for programs that help the homeless.

Please join us by donating to Diane's campaign. Personal and corporate donations are accepted and tax receipts are available. Please visit Diane's donor portal at [http://www.changeforthebetter.org/?person\\_type=ceo](http://www.changeforthebetter.org/?person_type=ceo). Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far!

## Congratulations to...

- **EUGENE KOSTYRA** on receiving the **2011 Order of Manitoba**. Kostyra sits on the board of directors of CentrePort Canada and is a former Manitoba cabinet minister. He was recognized for his contribution to the public service in Manitoba and abroad.
- **BIG FREIGHT SYSTEM** on acquiring Paramount Storage in Winnipeg as part of a move to expand the Steinbach trucking company's business to include supply chain management and warehousing options.
- **GERRY SCHWEBEL** on becoming the new president of **NASCO**. CentrePort Canada works closely with NASCO on issues involving the **Mid-Continent Trade and Transportation Corridor** and would like to thank **George Blackwood** for his strong leadership and commitment to increasing trade with Canada during his tenure as president.

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