

September 21st, 2026

Hon. Dominic LeBlanc

President of the King's Privy Council for Canada

Minister responsible for Canada-U.S. Trade, Intergovernmental; Affairs, Internal Trade and One Canadian Economy
Ottawa, ON

Via Email: RBT2Comment-CommentaireT2RB@mpo-bgp.gc.ca

Subject: Support for Roberts Bank Terminal 2 as a Project of National Interest

Dear Minister LeBlanc,

On behalf of the **Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce** and our **1330** member businesses across the Tri-Cities region, we are writing in support of listing Roberts Bank Terminal 2 in Schedule 1 of the Building Canada Act as a project of national interest.

Roberts Bank Terminal 2 (RBT2) is a proposed three-berth marine container terminal at the Port of Vancouver in Delta, British Columbia. It would increase container capacity at the port by approximately 50% and across Canada's west coast by more than 30%, strengthening Canada's connection to international markets. With the Port of Vancouver's four container terminals already handling 3.8 million twenty-foot equivalent units in 2025, RBT2 would provide the reliable infrastructure Canadian businesses need to export more grain, food, forestry products, critical minerals and manufactured goods. It would also support Canada's goal of doubling exports to non-U.S. markets by 2035.

RBT2 would strengthen Canada's economy and trade resilience. According to estimates from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, the project would:

- Unlock approximately \$100 billion in additional annual trade capacity;
- Add approximately \$3 billion annually to Canada's gross domestic product;
- Create tens of thousands of jobs;
- Support more reliable supply chains for businesses across Canada; and
- Help Canadian businesses reach more customers in non-U.S. markets.

In the Tri-Cities, businesses rely on the Port of Vancouver to receive equipment, materials and supplies; export manufactured and value-added products; and connect with customers and suppliers in markets across Canada and around the world. Additional container capacity would help local businesses improve supply-chain reliability, reduce the risk of delays and support cost competitiveness.

For many small and medium-sized businesses in the Tri-Cities, access to reliable transportation and supply-chain infrastructure is essential to remaining competitive. Local manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, retailers, construction-related businesses and other service providers depend on the timely movement of goods, equipment and materials through the region. When container capacity is constrained or shipments are delayed, the impacts can extend well beyond the port itself. Businesses can face higher transportation and inventory costs, longer delivery times, uncertainty for customers and challenges in planning production and investment. Additional container capacity at the Port of Vancouver would strengthen supply-chain reliability for businesses throughout the Tri-Cities, helping local companies compete in international markets, serve their customers more effectively and create opportunities for future business growth and investment.

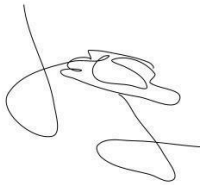
RBT2 is well positioned to move forward. Key environmental approvals are already in place, a construction partner has been selected, and the project has Mutual Benefit Agreements in place with 27 First Nations. This groundwork demonstrates that RBT2 is a well-developed and achievable project with the partnerships, planning and approvals needed to proceed.

Designating RBT2 as a project of national interest would recognize its importance to Canada's trade infrastructure, economic resilience and ability to diversify into non-U.S. markets. It would support a more coordinated and timely federal process while maintaining environmental protections and upholding the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

We recognize that RBT2 carries significant environmental and community considerations and support its advancement subject to the environmental conditions, Indigenous consultation and regulatory oversight applicable to the project. We ask the Government of Canada to add RBT2 to Schedule 1 of the Building Canada Act as a project of national interest and support a clear, coordinated and timely federal process as it advances. This work should continue in partnership with the B.C. Provincial Government, Indigenous rights-holders, nearby communities and affected stakeholders, while ensuring Canada has the port, rail and road capacity needed to manage growing trade volumes and reach more non-U.S. markets.

Thank you for considering this request. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss how RBT2 and additional container capacity at the Port of Vancouver would support businesses and communities in our region.

Sincerely,



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