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A Pacific Coast Terminals publication for the residents of Port Moody



PCT Participates in Simulated Oil Response Exercise in Burrard Inlet

October 15th, Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC) conducted a marine oil spill joint exercise with Pacific Coast Terminals. The exercise was part of WCMRC's certification program with Transport Canada and proof of their capability to respond to a 150-tonne spill in Burrard Inlet.

The exercise was based on an early morning spill of 150 tonnes of canola oil into the inlet (please note that no actual product was used in the spill response exercise). The role-play exercise had PCT initiate their oil pollution emergency response plan, make all necessary internal and external notifications and prepare a simulated containment of the spill with preliminary booming.

WCMRC's role involved activation of additional containment, oil recovery, and storage resources within the inlet.

Seven WCMRC vessels were deployed in the simulation, and involved in the enactment of boom and skimming responses.

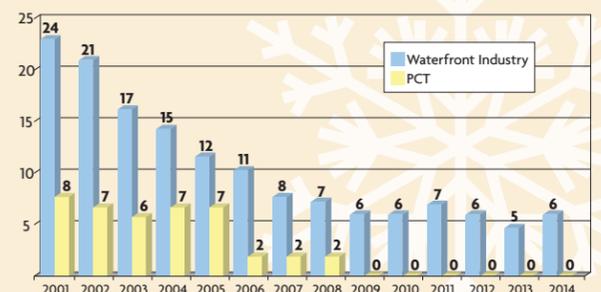
Western Canada Marine Response Corporation has a mandate, under the Canada Shipping Act, to deliver

safe and effective spill response services for BC's coast waters. They are the only Transport Canada response organization for Canada's West Coast. WCMRC is certified for response for spills up to 10,000 tonnes and have the capacity to respond to 26,000 tonnes. Further information on the organization can be found at www.wcmrc.com

PCT's Exceptional Safety Record

PCT has continued to demonstrate exceptional safety practices with the best safety record of all terminals within Port Metro Vancouver. In the area of operations, PCT has not had a lost-time accident in 2,366 days (6.48 years). In the company's maintenance division, it has been 3,156 days (8.65 years) since employee time was lost due to a safety incident.

"Safety is a top priority for our organization and we are proud to be recognized as an industry leader in this area," said Wade Leslie, PCT's Vice President and General Manager. The team is comprised of PCT employees and a labour workforce provided by the BC Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA).



A Community Partnership

Life at Mossom Creek Hatchery changed last December when a fire devastated the volunteer run facility. When staff at Pacific Coast Terminals heard the news, they knew they would be involved in the effort to rebuild the hatchery.

Staff at Pacific Coast Terminals and the volunteers of the Burrard Inlet Marine Enhancement Society (BIMES), which operates the hatchery, have a long-standing history of working together.

"PCT has been a supporter of our hatchery for over twenty years" says Ruth Foster, one of the founders of the non-profit organization. "Whenever we walk a visitor up the trail to Mossom Creek, we happily point out the evidence of our partnership, the beautifully built water intake piping system that was fabricated and installed by PCT in 1997."

Bill Glendinning, Assistant Manager of Maintenance at PCT was part of the original

staff team that was involved with the fabrication and design of that piece of equipment, which was critical in supplying the water that is required for hatchery operations.

Seventeen years later, Bill and other members of the PCT staff team were on hand to donate another significant piece of equipment to the hatchery. In November, everyone celebrated the arrival of a custom-fabricated secondary settling tank. The new stainless-steel vessel will be tied into the original intake system, and is an essential part of the new facility.

Over the years, BIMES volunteers have participated in tours of the PCT terminal and provided the company with advice on the development of environmental guidelines and plans.

Further information on the hatchery, its program, and the opportunity to contribute to the rebuilding efforts can be found at www.mossomcreek.org.

Ask an Employee

Jennifer Johnston, a five-year employee at PCT, was recently promoted to the position of Senior Accountant. Jennifer shares with us information on her position and what it's like to work for PCT.

1. When did you first start with PCT?

I was hired in May 2009 to the position of Accountant, with responsibility for the creation of financial reporting information for the company. I was entering back into the workforce after a maternity leave and the opportunity to work with Pacific Coast Terminals was an exciting one. I had been working on the completion of a Certified General Accountant (CGA) designation and this new role was a perfect transition that helped me to receive my designation in 2010.

2. How has PCT helped support you in your career development?

PCT has always been very supportive of my continued growth as a financial professional within the company. On an annual basis, I am provided the opportunity to take advantage of professional development courses; which has allowed me to further extend my knowledge in areas of governance, taxation, and cash management, develop key productivity indicators (KPIs) and start the process of establishing a leaner, more efficient and paperless office environment.

Last year, I was encouraged to enroll in the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) Controllership Program and participated in the Operational Skills component in May and have plans to do the Management component in 2015.

In terms of general industry knowledge, it was incredibly interesting to participate in "Oil Patch 101" a few years ago, which was valuable in helping me to understand the oil and gas business, the sulphur industry, and its effects on our business model.

3. How does your role work with other departments?

Over the years, as PCT's operations have increased, the accountant's role has changed. There is a need to work quite closely with both the Operations and Maintenance departments to improve reporting efficiencies. This ensures holistic and inclusive reporting by the Accounting and Administration department for use in ongoing management decision-making and strategic planning.

Part of my daily functions includes determining where expenses/purchases are recorded in our financial records. To be able to classify costs properly, I need to fully understand in detail the operational and maintenance activities that take place at our facility so that when purchase orders come across my desk, I know exactly what they are for. This often means having to put my steel-toed boots and hard hat on and getting out on site to understand what machinery and equipment we have on site, what components belong to what, and how best to financially report this.

4. What is the most interesting thing you have learned about PCT?

For years I had been driving by PCT's big yellow piles and wondered what went on down at Port Moody's waterfront. Now I'm excited to know and be able to explain to others where sulphur comes from, how it is formed and what its uses are. To this day, still the most exciting thing to watch is when an individual railcar, while it's still hooked up to a train, is moved into our rotary dumper and turned upside down to unload its full load of sulphur. It's also fascinating to see how the automation controls on the stakrake work to make such nice neat piles of sulphur that don't ever seem to fall down. The canola oil expansion is pretty exciting; I can see changes to the site every day, and I'm looking forward to the new reporting challenges that the new business and operations are going to bring.



Community Connections

This regular section is dedicated to showcasing some of our partnerships and providing important information to the residents of Port Moody.

CP RAIL HOLIDAY TRAIN

Thursday, December 18

By CP Rail and City of Port Moody

www.cpr.ca

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Saturday, January 31

By Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce

www.tricitescchamber.com

WEARABLE ARTS

Saturday, February 21 and Sunday, February 22

By Port Moody Arts Centre Society

www.pomoarts.ca

EAT YOUR HEART OUT

Kick-off, Monday, March 2

By Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation

www.erh.ca

IMAGINE GALA 2015

Saturday, April 11

By Share Family and Community Services

www.sharesociety.ca



For 12 years, PCT has been supporting the Port Moody Public Library "Links to Literacy" golf tournament.



Pleased to see the number of residents that came out to attend our recent Community Open House, sharing information on our potash expansion project.



PCT proudly sponsors an artist's studio at the newly-opened Appleyard House at the Port Moody Arts Centre.

PCT Recognized for Business Excellence

On October 23rd, the City of Port Moody held its annual Spike Awards, and Pacific Coast Terminals was presented with the prestigious 2014 Technology and Innovation Award.

For nine years, the City of Port Moody has been recognizing business excellence by local companies with their annual Spike Awards. Residents are encouraged to nominate their favourite organizations and this year PCT was

nominated in two categories (Environmental Sustainability, and Technology and Innovation).

PCT has been nominated several times over the past few years and this is the second time the company has received the Technology and Innovation Award. The company was recognized for their use of state-of-the-art equipment, creative use of automation and best use of technology solutions for operations and maintenance.

One week later, on October 30th, Pacific Coast Terminals was honoured by the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce with nominations for their annual Business Excellence Awards. PCT received two nominations, with the company being recognized in the category of Business of the Year and with retired VP and GM, Ken Catton being recognized in the Business Leader of the Year category. Winners of these distinguished awards will be announced in January 2015.



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