

GCT Deltaport Expansion - Berth Four Project

HAVE YOUR SAY!

GCT Canada Limited Partnership is proposing to expand its existing GCT Deltaport Container Terminal, a container storage and handling facility located in Delta, British Columbia. As proposed, the GCT Deltaport Expansion - Berth Four Project would add a fourth berth on the east side of the Roberts Bank Causeway, include an expansion of the intermodal rail yard along the causeway (Roberts Bank Way) and dredging to provide safe access for ships. The additional land-based container storage and handling facilities would increase capacity by two million 20-foot long storage containers per year at the existing terminal.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

From November 10, 2021 to December 23, 2021, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) and the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) are inviting public comments regarding the documents mentioned below to inform the assessment process of this project.

Draft Joint Guidelines

[This document](#) provides direction and requirements for the proponent in preparing an Impact Statement. These guidelines were prepared jointly by the Agency and EAO. Please consider the following guiding questions when writing your comments.

- Which components of the environment, health, social, cultural or economic conditions are important to you or your community and why are they important?
- What locations are of importance to you and your community, why are they important, and how could they be impacted by the project?
- What should the spatial boundaries be for the assessment of impacts resulting from physical activities associated with the project, such as marine shipping incidental to the project, and road and rail activities?
- Are there any other issues you would like to see addressed in the Joint Guidelines?

Draft Joint Assessment Plan

[This document](#) was prepared jointly by the Agency and the EAO, and sets out an assessment process that will meet the requirements of a federal impact assessment and a provincial environmental assessment. The Draft Joint Assessment Plan describes how the federal and provincial governments will cooperate, the assessment process, participation opportunities and general timelines, as well as the roles and responsibilities of the assessment participants. Please consider the following guiding questions when writing your comments.

- Do you have any preferences and suggestions on communication and participation tools that could facilitate your participation?
- Are there any challenges that you or your community are facing that would prevent you from taking part in the project's public participation opportunities (for example, of a linguistic, social, economic, or technical nature)?

Send your comments to the Agency or EAO by December 23, 2021

Please submit comments using the '**Submit a comment**' feature on the Agency's website: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/81010?culture=en-CA>. Comments may also be submitted by email to Deltaport@iaac-aeic.gc.ca, by regular mail or telephone.

You can also submit comment to the EAO's Project Information Centre at: projects.eao.gov.bc.ca, click on "List of Projects" and then search for "GCT Deltaport Expansion – Berth Four".



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHAT THE AGENCY DOES

The Agency is responsible for delivering high-quality impact assessments and serves as the centre of expertise on this subject matter within the Government of Canada. The Agency is responsible for federal assessments of major projects and collaborates with other organizations as well as with provincial, territorial and Indigenous bodies. The Agency also leads consultations with Indigenous nations on behalf of the Crown throughout the assessment process.

2. WHAT THE EAO DOES

The EAO is a neutral regulatory agency within the B.C. provincial government that manages environmental assessments and works with and seeks input from scientific professionals, Indigenous nations, proponents, the public, local governments, and federal and provincial agencies to ensure that any potential environmental, economic, social, cultural and health effects that may occur during the lifetime of a major project are thoroughly assessed.

3. WHAT IS AN ASSESSMENT?

An assessment is a study of the potential effects of a designated project conducted to meet the federal requirements for an impact assessment under the *Impact Assessment Act* and the provincial requirements for an environmental assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act (2018)*. Effects are defined as changes to the environment or to the health, social, cultural or economic conditions and the positive or negative consequences of these changes. For this project, a federally-appointed review panel will lead the assessment process, and will be mandated to consider both federal and provincial matters. The Agency and the EAO will participate in the review panel process to support the shared objective of "one project, one assessment."

4. WHAT IS A REVIEW PANEL?

A review panel is a group of independent experts appointed by the Agency to conduct an impact assessment. The members are chosen on the basis of their knowledge and experience regarding the anticipated effects of the project or the interests or concerns of Indigenous peoples that are relevant to the project. The members must demonstrate impartiality and not be in a situation of conflict of interest with respect to the project.

5. WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION?

The participation of the public and Indigenous nations in an assessment ensures an open and balanced process, and makes it possible to increase the quality and credibility of a project review. Participants are invited to give their comments regarding the key documents, such as the draft Joint Guidelines and draft Joint Assessment Plan, as well as the Impact Statement. Anyone can also participate in activities, such as community sessions and hearings. The comments gathered will be taken into account in the review panel's impact assessment report. Opportunities for participation are described in further detail in the draft Joint Assessment Plan.

6. WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

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Canadian Impact Assessment Registry: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/81010?culture=en-CA>

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