



April 20, 2012

Dear Neighbour:

Work continues at Richmond Terminals to ensure our Port is competitive in attracting breakbulk cargo. Breakbulk is cargo that will not fit in a container such as telephone poles or wind turbine components.

We want to thank each of you for your patience during the first phase of construction at Pier 9C and let you know about the next phase that will be starting shortly and continue to the end of the year. The first phase of the project is now nearly complete. It consisted of the dredging of 65,000 cubic meters of silt, till and armour stone and the blasting and removal of 5,000 cubic meters of bedrock.

The second phase of the project has five components:

- mattress stone;
- concrete crib construction;
- crib filling;
- site backfilling;
- steel sheet pile closure wall;

For all of the phases listed above, we intend to work within the guidelines of the Halifax Regional Municipality noise bylaws, with the exception of the crib construction. There will be occasions when crib construction will continue through the night.

The first part of this project will be constructing a rock mattress for the cribs to sit on and will involve trucking rock to the site, transferring it to a barge and then placing and leveling it underwater. This will begin in late April 2012 and steps will be taken to minimize dust.

Work on the 12 concrete cribs will begin in mid-May and continue to October 2012. They will be cast on-site one at a time then towed into position and placed on the prepared rock mattress starting at the west end of the pier working east. The cribs are cast in one continuous operation from start to finish which will require working around the clock for approximately six days per crib. As the cribs are placed, the operations of filling each with rock and backfilling behind them will proceed. The existing stockpile will be used along with imported material. When crib 12 is placed, a steel sheet pile closure wall will be constructed and joined to the end of the existing Pier 9B.

Next year the copewall will be constructed along with final site grading, lights, rail track and asphalt pavement.

We recognize that you may hear increased activity as construction proceeds and we thank you in advance for your understanding. This project is important to local breakbulk cargo activity and to the continued growth of breakbulk cargo, which contributes to the many jobs in our city and province that depend on Port of Halifax activity.

We have included a drawing of the Richmond Terminals site with a preliminary outline of the site with final engineering plans to be completed which could change the drawing over time.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Carrie Keating at (902) 426-3642.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Baker".

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PIER 9C EXPANSION

* PLEASE NOTE PENDING FINAL ENGINEERING DESIGN AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

