

# Port Transportation Association

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To the Attention of Michael Crawford  
Office of the British Columbia Container Trucking Commissioner  
1085 Cambie St. Vancouver, BC V6B 5L7

August 10, 2021

RE: Current Off-Dock Capacity

Mr. Crawford,

Since the closure of Delco, we have seen continuous disruption to off-dock activity, with long delays resulting in missed reservations, angry customers, frustrated staff, and financial burden for carriers being the result. The PTA has reached out to you previously in attempt to determine what if anything was being done to alleviate the current pinch in empty container space with little success.

Consider August 8, 2021, this was a particularly frustrating day for the industry, with hours long waits all day at multiple depots. One member noted that after trucks waited more than two hours at a depot, they were turned away noting that there was no longer space to accept their empty containers, therefore resulting in them being unable to pick up the necessary empties from that location and very costly dead runs. Other members noted that the multiple trucks in a line that was well beyond VFPA land, and more than 2km from the gates, again costing hundreds of dollars an hour in waiting time and lost reservations/flex time.

The delays of August 8<sup>th</sup> are no longer unique, and the industry cannot possibly continue allowing these significant delays to become the norm. As such, we once again must ask what is being done to rectify this situation?

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We feel that it is important that the Commissioner engage with the industry, recognize problems, and respond with solutions, however at this point in time, we feel that your office has been and continues to only focus on driver pay.

It is important to fulfill the role of a trucking Commissioner and engage in all aspects of the industry.

With this in mind, the PTA would like the Commissioner to respond in writing to answer whether there are any plans to increase off-dock container space at this time, and if not, why the OBCCTC has not offered relief to the industry by offering additional company tags – even temporary company tags – in attempts to mitigate the stress and financial hardship being seen as a result of these continued delays until the off-dock depots can operate with some standard of timely service?

We look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

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