

We have four critical asks for the BC Government that would directly support our efforts to strategically develop the port in a timely, responsible and sustainable manner:

- **Reinvigorate the Pacific Gateway strategy, with a particular emphasis on Prince Rupert, to provide a strategic view of trade corridor development from both a trade and transportation perspective.** Previous initiatives have proven successful in coordinating the future development of the full supply chain as it moves goods to and from western Canada through BC, and allows for coordination of public and private sector infrastructure investment and relevant policy. Such an initiative would also identify priority issues related to rail traffic in corridor communities and enable collaborative solutions.

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- **Include the modernization of forest industry supply chains in BC's strategic action plans to revitalize the provincial forest industry.** Prince Rupert's unique ability to provide a faster, more reliable access through a dedicated and integrated export logistics platform will support a more competitive transition to diversified product and market development. BC Government support in accelerating the development of directly related port infrastructure would seem timely given the economic challenges currently facing the industry.
- **Maintain the basic framework of BC's Ports Competitiveness Initiative, and the Ports Property Tax Cap Act, to ensure certainty for new investment.** This initiative has had a significant positive impact on unlocking investment in the Port since its implementation in 2004, and has grown property-related revenues to local governments by two and a half times over that period. With over \$2 billion of private sector capital investment expected over the next decade, the certainty it provides remains very important.