

Annual General Meeting: Highlights of 2014 at the Port of Trois-Rivières

Trois-Rivières, June 4, 2015 - The Trois-Rivières Port Authority (TRPA) held its annual general meeting today, during which Mr. Cléo Marchand, Chairman of the Board of the TRPA, gave a brief overview of the highlights of 2014, an exceptional year for the Port.

“The Port of Trois-Rivières experienced an excellent year in 2014, as its amount of total traffic reached a new high. The Port plays an important role in the local, regional and national economies, so these results are encouraging not only for the TRPA, but also for the population in view of the number of direct and indirect jobs that our industry creates and supports. It is beneficial for the entire community,” said Mr. Marchand.

Operations Data on the Rise

Traffic at the Port of Trois-Rivières increased from 2.7 million metric tons (MMT) in 2013 to 3.8 MMT, an increase of 37%, which is a record for the Port. This increase is the result of a strong rise in solid bulk traffic, which reached 3.3 MMT, due in particular to grain transport. The TRPA’s operating revenues increased from 6.1 million dollars in 2013 to 7.2 million dollars in 2014, while net profit increased by over 50% to reach 3.1 million dollars. A total of 243 ships called on the Port in 2014, 11 more than in 2013.

We also want to mention the three international cruise ships that called on the Port in 2014, carrying a total of 1,796 passengers and 865 crew members. Moreover, Croisières AML, which offers cruises on the St. Lawrence River, began operating in Trois-Rivières last year.

“We are very proud of these results, which we consider to be a reflection of the investments we made in recent years, not only in terms of infrastructure, but also in terms of innovation and collaboration with our partners and users. For example, we have been able to rely on the development of new markets, particularly the transportation of imported steel. And we are looking to the future with optimism, because the second phase of *On Course for 2020* will take us even further,” said Gaétan Boivin, President and CEO of the TRPA.

In 2014, the TRPA began work on Phase II of *On Course for 2020* with the construction of a new megadome. The continuation of this work, awaiting funding, involves rebuilding Dock 13 and the new 23,000 m² terminal along this dock, as well as two new warehouses.

Regional and National Involvement

At the regional level, the TRPA continues to pursue its numerous partnerships and is active in several organizations, such as the Chambre de commerce et d'industries de Trois-Rivières, the Fondation régionale pour la santé de Trois-Rivières (RSTR), the Fondation de l'UQTR, the Fondation du Centre de réadaptation InverVal, and the Club Richelieu. In 2014, the TRPA was associated with the 26th Jeux du commerce, which brought together more than 1,200 UQTR students.

The TRPA is also involved with maritime associations and panels of experts with the goal of protecting the Port of Trois-Rivières' competitiveness and promoting maritime transportation, especially its economic and environmental benefits.

Increased Visibility

In order to better inform the Port and regional communities, the TRPA recently opened accounts on the most popular social media.

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One of 18 Canadian Port Authorities, the Port of Trois-Rivières has been in operation for over 130 years and offers a broad range of facilities and services to the maritime industry, year round. It plays an important role in regional, national and international economic development. For more information visit www.porttr.com.

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