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### **Port of Montreal Update: Negotiations with CUPE 375**

Port of Montreal collective agreements with longshoremen and checkers will end on December 31.

Negotiating teams from the Maritime Employers Association (MEA) and CUPE 375, which represents Montreal longshoremen, first met on September 13 to disclose demands.

On September 22, the union executive committee sent a notice of dispute to the Canada Industrial Relations Board (CIRB).

Mediators were appointed on October 6 by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, opening a conciliation period of 60 days that will be followed by a 21-day cool-off period, if required. The conciliation period can be extended if both parties agree.

On October 4, the MEA filed a complaint to the CIRB of bad faith negotiation, saying the union executive refused to negotiate before filing its notice of dispute. On October 6, the MEA filed an essential services request, aiming to ensure that activities at the port continue despite a potential conflict related to negotiations.

No pressure tactics or strike by the union or lockout by the MEA can be undertaken while the essential services process is ongoing.

### **Port of Halifax Releases Report on Building Workforce Capacity for a Net-Zero Future**

The workforce development team at the Port of Halifax has released its report on green skills for a net-zero economy.

Many employers continue hiring from conventional cohorts who possess traditional skillsets and expect their workers to not only thrive in an ever-shifting industry, but to lead the way in navigating a green shift toward a net-zero economy. This report proposes an informed and thoughtful approach to building and curating a company's workforce and contends that there is urgency to do so.

To read the full report, [click here](#).

Read more in a [press release from the Port of Halifax](#).

## **Canadian Business/Government**

### **Customs Notice 23-22: Consolidation and Deconsolidation of Goods to SF and SH Type Sufferance Warehouses**

The purpose of this notice is to announce that effective immediately consolidation and deconsolidation will be permitted at SF and SH type sufferance warehouses.

Find details in [CN 23-22](#).

## **International Business/Government**

### **WTO Lowers 2023 Trade Growth Forecast amid Global Manufacturing Slowdown**

Projections for growth in global merchandise trade in 2023 have been scaled back by WTO economists amid a continued slump that began in the fourth quarter of 2022, according to the latest WTO trade forecast released on October 5. The volume of world merchandise trade is now expected to grow by 0.8% this year, less than half the 1.7% increase forecast in April. The 3.3% growth projected for 2024 remains nearly unchanged from the previous estimate.

Read more in a [press release from the WTO](#).