

# CANADA Daily News and Updates June 10th 2024

## Ocean Updates

- Baltimore Harbor Channel expected to Fully Reopen by June 10

## Rail and Truck Updates

- CPKC Customer Advisory: Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) Potential Job Action

## Canadian Business/Government

- Public Service Alliance of Canada says mediation continues for its 9000 CBSA workers; no strike until at least Wednesday
- ILWU Local 514 to Vote on BCMEA Offer

## Other Business

- FIATA World Congress, Panama City, September 23 to 27

## Ocean Updates

### **Baltimore Harbor Channel expected to Fully Reopen by June 10**

Restoration of the Baltimore Harbor's 700-foot-wide and 50-foot-deep channel was expected to conclude between June 8 and 10. The channel has been closed since March 26, when the cargo ship Dali collided with the Francis Scott Key Bridge, causing its collapse. The incident resulted in six construction workers' deaths and halted most maritime traffic through Baltimore's port.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers partially reopened the Federal Channel last month and aims to fully reopen it by the weekend. Efforts include clearing wreckage, digging out the bottom cord of the remaining truss, cutting it, and lifting it from the water.

The state plans to have the bridge fully repaired by 2028, with a price tag of \$1.7 billion-to-\$1.9 billion, though who will foot the bill is still up for debate.

Read more [here](#).

## Rail Updates

### **CPKC Customer Advisory: Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) Potential Job Action**

CPKC issued a customer advisory Friday just as the Public Service Alliance of Canada released a statement saying that a strike is on hold until at least next Wednesday.

In the advisory, CPKC stated that:

“The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) had provided industry the following communique to crossborder partners concerning potential PSAC job action:

“On September 28, 2023, the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) declared an impasse in its negotiations with the Employer on behalf of the Border Services (FB) group. The Public Interest Commission (PIC) issued its recommendations on May 29, 2024 which could place PSAC in a legal strike position as early as June 6, 2024. Mediation has resumed on June 3, 2024 and the Government intends to seek a fair agreement without undue hardship for employees and the public caused by a strike. PSAC has publicly stated that job action will commence on June 7, 2024 at 16:00 pm (ET) if an agreement is not reached.

The border will remain open and safe as 90% of frontline Border Services Officers are essential workers, which means that they will continue to offer essential services in the event of a strike. Our officers will fulfill their duties with the highest level of integrity and professionalism. However, travellers and businesses could experience an increase in border wait times, picketing outside CBSA premises, and wearing of union-related accessories. The CBSA has been actively working to plan for these situations and has developed mitigation strategies to ensure operations will continue.”

Based on this, CPKC indicated it anticipates minimal impact to its operation and will continue to monitor closely and provide updates to affected customers as required.”

## **Canadian Business/Government**

### **Public Service Alliance of Canada says mediation continues for its 9000 CBSA workers; no strike til at least Wednesday**

The union that represents 9,000 Canada Border Services Agency workers says they won't strike until at least Wednesday, as mediation continues.

The Public Service Alliance of Canada initially said border workers were set to strike as early as 4 p.m. Friday if they hadn't reached a deal, but have decided to extend negotiations, said a Canadian Press [release](#) on Friday June 7. PSAC also released an update via social media on its X channel.

The union says similar strike action three years ago nearly brought commercial border traffic to a standstill and caused major delays across the country.

The government says 90 per cent of front-line border officers are designated as essential, which means they can't stop working during a strike.

But union members could work-to-rule, a tactic where employees do their jobs exactly as outlined in their contracts. Experts say that could still cause serious slowdowns, which could turn into massive disruptions given the volume of traffic that normally moves across the border.

### **ILWU Local 514 to Vote on BCMEA Offer**

The ILWU Ship & Dock Foremen Local 514 (ILWU Local 514) and the BC Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) continued collective bargaining last week in an effort to achieve a negotiated deal without a strike or lockout at Canada's West Coast ports.

ILWU Local 514 has agreed to conduct a full member vote on the terms of BCMEA's revised comprehensive offer. The ILWU Local 514 membership vote will be completed and either accepted or rejected by the end of day Saturday, June 15, 2024. If accepted, the BCMEA will hold its ratification process on Monday, June 17, 2024, it said in a release.

"The BCMEA's most recent offer to the ILWU Local 514 bargaining committee is a fair and balanced proposal that is beneficial for the 730 hardworking forepersons and for their families, while also ensuring West Coast ports remain reliable, competitive, and affordable for all Canadians. We will continue to provide updates as needed. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly with any questions," said Rob MacKay-Dunn VP, Government & Public Affairs, BCMEA.

## **Other Business**

### **FIATA World Congress, Panama City, September 23 to 27**

The [FIATA World Congress](#) is a major annual gathering that brings together leading professionals, thought leaders, experts and innovators from the logistics, transportation and freight industries.

During the event, there will be conferences, panel discussions, workshops and networking opportunities, all designed to foster knowledge sharing and promote collaboration among participants. Industry experts will provide up-to-date information on the latest trends, emerging technologies and best practices in the industry. You will be kept abreast of the latest developments and will be able to apply that knowledge in your own organization.

The 2024 FIATA Congress is a unique platform to get a complete overview of the global logistics industry. From supply chain and freight management to regulation and sustainability, you will have a holistic understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the industry.