

## Container Traffic Slumping

VANCOUVER — Canada's ports face challenging months ahead as a global slump in shipping and weakening economies cut into traffic coming in and out of cities such as Vancouver, Montreal and Halifax.

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West coast container volumes are dropping, as US west coast ports are seeing container traffic declines anywhere from 6 – 23 percent, comparing September 2007 to September 2008. There is also indication that shipping lines are slashing capacity into the west coast by as much as 16 percent.

Vancouver ports' import volumes are static – practically unchanged from 2007 year to date. This is way below the Port Metro Vancouver forecasts.

Yet Stephen Harper, Gordon Campbell and Kevin Falcon are still fixated on building a second container terminal at Roberts Bank, putting taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars worth of infrastructure to support it.

The statistics cited in the Globe and Mail article are further proof that we do not need Roberts Bank Terminal 2. And without Terminal 2, Port Metro Vancouver has stated the South Fraser Perimeter Road is not needed.