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Rail Freight Service Review
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The Halifax Shipping Association is an organization representing various stakeholders including ocean carriers, shipping agents, stevedoring companies, terminal operators, contractors, as well as general service providers and port users operating within the Port of Halifax.

The HSA represents the interests of its members by addressing port related issues affecting all aspects of marine transportation. Our advocacy further extends to both the federal and provincial levels of government. A major goal of the Association is to increase both public and private sector awareness as to the vital and valuable role of marine transportation in Canada's continued economic prosperity.

Our Current Membership

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The Halifax Shipping Association is taking the opportunity to put forth comments, suggestions and concerns to the panel on the Rail Freight Service Review.

-Each member is directly or indirectly affected by the Rail Service provided to the Port of Halifax.

-The Inland transportation rail system is one of the key components for shipping lines when they decide on Ports of Call.

-Halifax for some shipping lines is a discretionary Port of Call so has to rely on a superior Inland Transportation solution to compete with other Ports.

-Presently there is only one railway that operates into and out of Halifax. This puts the service at a Monopoly and the Port at a distinct disadvantage to other ports that offer other options.

-The Service in recent years has suffered with service failures and a loss of business to both carriers and the Port of Halifax.

MOVING FORWARD

-More in depth and continual involvement from the Federal Government on present policy and any further changes. Monitor any changes in policy as well as service levels.

-Level of Service Standards between Rail, Terminals, Shippers and other stakeholders to include but not limited to Notification periods for any service change plans and K.P.I.'s, similar to framework set out with the recent agreement between HPA, CN, Ceres, Halterm.

-Dispute resolution processes.

-Expansion of the complaint process to include Terminal and Port Operators as well as Stakeholders which could include Associations such as the Halifax Shipping Association representing a broad spectrum of users.

The rail review process is a great opportunity to improve the Inland Transportation for the Port of Halifax, as well across the Country. This will only further enhance the competitive of the Port of Halifax which in turn will drive the economy in a positive direction.

We look forward to any further discussion on these matters as it pertains to the users of the Port of Halifax.

Sincerely,

The Halifax Shipping Association
Richard Danells Chair