

PROPOSED LOGISTICS PARK WILL ADVANCE SAINT JOHN AS GLOBAL TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS HUB

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SAINT JOHN, N.B. - - - J.D. Irving, Limited has proposed the modernization of its existing transportation and rail operations in West Saint John. The proposed development would facilitate the expansion of rail intermodal services, helping advance Saint John as a global transportation and logistics hub.

"This is an exciting growth opportunity for Saint John and the community," says Wayne Power, Group Vice President, Transportation and Logistics, J.D. Irving, Limited. "As intermodal transportation continues to grow, regions with robust and connected intermodal transportation networks will be in a strong competitive position and will enjoy the economic benefits that come along with that."

The project is expected to reduce long-haul trucking, lowering New Brunswick's carbon footprint while creating 17 full-time railway positions and 30 full-time short-haul driver positions.

Aligned with the Port of Saint John Modernization Project and City of Saint John's goal to be a global transportation hub, the proposed logistics park would also improve supply chain and competitiveness for local industry.

"New Brunswick's economy is grounded in trade and its future relies on a sustainable and strong multimodal transportation sector," says Jim Quinn, president and CEO, Port of Saint John. "Developing a world-class supply chain for shippers is essential. This is an important reason why projects like the Port Saint John Modernization and the Lancaster Logistics Park are linked and so essential."

In addition to the Port of Saint John, Moosehead Breweries and Envision Saint John have both expressed their support for the proposal.

Moosehead Breweries President and CEO Andrew Oland says, "Moosehead Breweries not only ships beer across North America – but also to many countries around the world. Having world-class infrastructure and freight options plays a vital role in our ability to reach markets and grow our business. We are excited to see the investment being made into Lancaster Logistics Park and look forward to future opportunities to develop Saint John."

Paulette Hicks, CEO of Envision Saint John, says, "More than at any point in our history, our region's success is tied to global supply chains, investment flows, and people migration. This proposal is a game-changing move toward capitalizing on those opportunities, optimizing our assets, and advancing Saint John as a global transportation and logistics hub."

J.D. Irving, Limited's proposal includes the rezoning of its Dever Road property from Light Industrial to Transportation. The rezoning application is currently with the City of Saint John for consideration.

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Community Open House:

J.D. Irving, Limited will host an open house on April 29 (two opportunities: 3:00-5:00 PM, 6:00-8:00 PM) at St. Mark's United Church in Saint John NB, under strict COVID-19 safety and compliance measures. Participants will be invited to tour available information booths and ask questions of the team behind the proposal. Please note attendees must register in advance and are required to wear masks and maintain physical distancing while attending the event.

To obtain more information or to register for the open house, please visit our website at <u>www.LancasterLogisticsPark.com</u>

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3D rendering and high-resolution photos are available upon request.