


Council news

Recommendations committee **Preparing brief for fall**

In the last Quebec Shortsea Shipping Council newsletter, we announced that a committee would be created to analyze the context surrounding shortsea shipping and make recommendations to help implement and develop SSS services.

After two meetings, the committee has decided to take things up a level and present these recommendations to the provincial and federal governments in a brief, which, we hope, will help lay the groundwork for greater equity between transportation modes and encourage the development of new shortsea shipping services. The brief will also offer a vision for the future of SSS designed to fuel deliberations on how freight transport is regarded and carried out in Quebec from a sustainable development perspective. If you would like to share any comments or suggestions on this subject, please **contact us.**

SSS services map on the way



This summer, we will be working on a map presenting all shortsea shipping services currently available in and affecting Quebec province. We will contact companies involved in shortsea shipping in the coming weeks in order to inventory these services.

Changes in Council composition

Since last winter, the Quebec Shortsea Shipping Council has seen some changes. Here is an up-to-date list of members:

Council's members

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What's new in SSS?

McKeil Marine carries locomotives on barge!

The 2013 navigation season started early for McKeil Marine with the transportation of two locomotives from Sorel to Havre-Saint-Pierre, on Quebec's North Shore. The three-day transit was completed in mid-March by McKeil tug and barge combination *Florence M* and *GC37*.



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Federal budget acknowledges shortsea shipping

The Quebec Shortsea Shipping Council is pleased to note that the 2013 federal budget includes shortsea shipping in the *Community Improvement Fund's* list of eligible investment categories. This emphasizes SSS's importance for regional economies, and the national economy, and illustrates the role SSS can play in developing a sustainable transport system. The Council now hopes that SSS projects on the St. Lawrence River will enjoy their share of this funding.

Community Improvement Fund

The *Community Improvement Fund* represents \$32.2 billion over 10 years, comprising the indexed Gas Tax Fund and incremental GST Rebate for Municipalities. The new *Community Improvement Fund* will give municipalities greater flexibility in allocating federal funding to a broader range of infrastructure-related priorities.


Shortsea shipping abroad

UK extends ecobonus to shipping

The United Kingdom joined Italy, Basque Country and Norway in launching an ecobonus for shipping. Restricted to rail transport for the past year, this ecobonus—the Low Carbon Freight Dividend—was extended to coastal and shortsea shipping in March.

The *Low Carbon Freight Dividend* encourages shippers to use sea or rail for container transport. Eligible shippers can be reimbursed for up to 30% of the cost of the modal shift. The maximum per container transferred is £75, for a maximum total of £6750 per eligible company (i.e. 90 container journeys). The *Low Carbon Freight Dividend* is a £7.5-million project seeking to shift more than 30 000 containers from road to rail/water in order to eliminate at least 11.7 million kg of carbon dioxide from the logistics supply chain.

Source :  [Blog Shortsea](#) (in French)

More information on the  [Low Carbon Freight Dividend](#)