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## Early Success for Husky CGS Project at Argentia

Husky Energy and the SDP Partnership met recently with Port of Argentia to discuss progress on the concrete gravity structure (CGS) construction at Argentia as part of the West White Rose Project (WWRP). Board Chair Hedley Burge states, “Husky is advising the company’s experience at Argentia has been a positive one and took the time to thank the Port for cooperating with them on infrastructure needs, providing office, storage and laydown space, and supporting the marine arrival of aggregates, reinforced steel and other materials and supplies”.

The CGS, being constructed at Husky’s purpose-built graving dock site reached a significant milestone last November 2018 when the central caisson reached a height of 46 metres. During this period, construction employment levels peaked at over 1900 workers. With the recent decision to reschedule the CGS tow out to the summer of 2022, Husky is advising



### Port of Argentia Fast Facts

- private not-for-profit organization
- incorporated in 1995
- headquarters at 1 Augusta Avenue in Argentia Southside Industrial Park
- volunteer Board of Directors and 17 staff (13 full time, 4 part time)
- provides effective stewardship of seaport and industrial property assets at Argentia to enhance economic development and quality of life in the Placentia region
- only port in NL with weekly calls by international cargo shipping line
- host site of the only active offshore mega project in NL
- has invested \$6 million in asset repairs & upgrades at Argentia since inception
- 40 business tenants inside Port property providing over 300 full and part time jobs
- partnerships with Town of Placentia, Genesis Employment, PADA, Placentia Chamber of Commerce and others
- strategic vision to be Newfoundland and Labrador’s premier heavy industrial seaport

## CGS construction site at Husky Graving Dock, Argentia



the project scope of work for Argentia has not changed, however the additional time provided may result in changing the scheduling for concrete pours and mechanical outfitting work.

Husky informed the Port that safety on site to date has been excellent and is pleased also with production levels.

## TMSI Domestic Container Shipping Plans Progressing

Transport Marine Service International (TMSI) plans to develop a regular Halifax – Argentina short sea shipping service are continuing. The company has established an office and equipment yard near berth 3 at the Port of Argentinia Marine Terminal (Fleet Dock) and in February added a second mobile harbour crane to the Port with the arrival of TMSI's newly constructed Gottwald harbour crane from Germany.

Port General Manager Chris Newhook states, "Our team has been working hard to build the case for Argentinia as a port of call into Newfoundland. The start of this weekly service from Halifax later this spring will make Argentinia the



**TMSI adds mobile harbour crane to support Argentinia operations**

only port in Newfoundland & Labrador served by a weekly year-round domestic and international carrier. That will be a banner day for our Port, our region and the entire province, so we are certainly wishing TMSI much success going forward".

TMSI has dedicated its vessel, the MV Nolhanava, to this weekly run. The Nolhanava is 120 metres in length with

capacity of 430 TEUs (twenty-foot cargo boxes) and has roll on roll off capabilities.

Prior to beginning the service later this year, TMSI has scheduled a mid-term drydock for the Nolhanava to ensure the vessel is in tip top shape prior to entering into this service.

## Port Mid-Way through 10 Year Fleet Dock Maintenance Program

Port of Argentinia's enduring advantage is its ability to provide safe year-round deep-water anchorage and dock facilities for short sea and deep sea vessels entering Newfoundland waters. Therefore, it is essential that the Port continue to keep its dock assets in a good state of repair.

With the help of Dillon Consulting, in 2014, the Port developed a 10 Year Fleet Dock Maintenance Program to address needed repairs to more than 350 steel piles under the Fleet Dock, though a process called 'jacketing'.

Port CEO Harvey Brenton states, "The Port is now 5 years into this

maintenance program and has invested some \$2 million in the installation of pile jackets on just over 200 steel piles under the Fleet Dock. The dock is now safe and fully functional, so our challenge going forward is to finish the job and complete the jacketing of the remaining 150 piles".



**Argentinia Fleet Dock**

Once this work is finished and other aspects of the dock system such as the sheet pile wall and pile caps are addressed, the life of the Fleet Dock will be extended approximately 30 years.

Mr. Brenton continues, "While Argentinia has fantastic natural and infrastructure potential, some of the Port's industrial buildings, roads and docks were built more than 30 years ago and need regular and ongoing repairs. The Port is pleased at its progress in getting ahead of these key dock repairs and looks forward to the day when it may be able to partner to invest in new infrastructure to advance the economic development of the Port".

## Port Plans Busy Year for Promotion and Business Development

As part of its ongoing marketing and promotional initiatives, Port of Argonia has a full slate of conferences and tradeshow on its agenda for 2019.

Attendance is planned at key industry conferences in St. John's hosted by St. John's Board of Trade and Newfoundland Offshore Industry Association (NOIA), as well as Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) events in Houston and Aberdeen.

Ray Greene, Marketing Manager for the Port states, "Participation at these quality business events provides Port personnel with key industry insider access, networking opportunities and serves as the foundation for the Port's economic development strategies".

The Port is also partnering with the local Placentia Chamber of Commerce in the delivery and presentation of the 2019 Placentia Bay Industrial Showcase in September. PBIS brings together key industry players in support of major provincial projects.



The Port was presented with the Top Marketing Award for Communities over 3000 at the 2018 Economic Developers Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (EDANL) annual general meeting in Grand Falls- Windsor.

## Port Secures Funding Partners for Signage

Port of Argonia is currently carrying out a key signage project that will include the installation of a variety of directional and information signs installed in high-visibility areas around the Port's industrial property. These signs will enhance safety, efficiency and productivity, and make the facilities more user friendly.



The Port Board of Directors approved significant funding for this project and is delighted to partner with provincial (TCII) and federal agencies (ACOA) on this initiative.

Signs will be installed at key locations approaching Argonia, around the industrial site, and affixed to permanent structures. The signs will assist in wayfinding and directional efficiencies and will be a combination of wooden structures and digitally mounted electronic signage on secure concrete bases.

Improved signage will help support Port ongoing marketing activities and business development efforts.

## Argonia Gold Building Cannabis Facility at Argonia

Local businessman Ed Maher has partnered with mainland investor Bill Higgs in the purchase of the former Windjammer Club at Argonia for the purpose of refitting the building as a cannabis production facility.

Argonia Gold is expected to be among a select number of companies to acquire a cultivation licence from Health Canada and receive distribution authorization from the Province.

Extensive leasehold improvements and security measures have been installed creating significant work opportunities to date for local personnel.

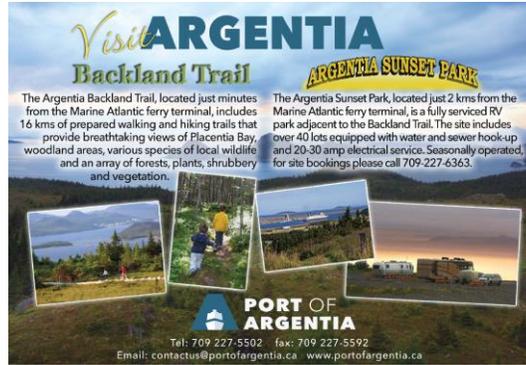
Maher indicates that jobs could reach 35 to 50 employees in this facility once purpose-built renovations are complete and regulatory inspections are conducted.



# Port of Argentia Extends RV Park Partnership with PADA

Port of Argentia and Placentia Area Development Association (PADA) have committed to a continued partnership in promoting and operating the Argentia Sunset RV Park. The RV park features 40 fully-serviced lots in close proximity to industrial activities and the Marine Atlantic ferry terminal at Argentia.

Through the partnership, PADA provides staffing during the seasonal operation, supervises daily operations and oversees reservations while the Port maintains the site as owner of the park. Activities for 2019 include continued trails clearing and installation of directional signage. The partners are also



increasing electrical capacity to the park and is considering installation of additional camp sites.

The Argentia Sunset RV Park is operational from April 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019; reservations can be made by calling 709-227-6363 or 709-227-2072.



## Port Signs MOU with AS-Works on Drone Pilot Project

Port of Argentia has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with AS-Works Inc. This MOU covers Phase 1 of a pilot project to refine AS-Works proprietary Port Monitoring System technology designed to provide security, heat loss and emission detection, and other monitoring services for the Port, its tenants and other users.

The monitoring system involves the deployment of an automated drone to conduct aerial intelligence collection. The project will commence during the spring of 2019 and continue for approximately two months. AS-Works will collaborate with the Port and tenants during this time to improve drone reliability as well as optimize video, data and other collection activities.

### PORT OF ARGENTIA COMMUNITY SUPPORT



- Town of Placentia Winter Carnival • [Unity PARC Figure Skating Club](#)
- Placentia & Area Community Food Bank • [1st Dunville Group Scouts Canada](#)
- Laval High School Ken Browne Memorial Scholarship • [Freshwater Community Centre](#) • Placentia Recreation • [Festival of Flags](#) • Placentia Intertown Minor Hockey Association • [Dunville Lions Club Santa Claus Parade](#)
- Placentia Area Theatre d' Heritage • [St. Anne's Academy](#)
- Janeway Children's Hospital • [Epilepsy NL & Labrador](#) • [Daffodil Place](#)
- [Stepping Stones](#) • Giving from the Heart Program • [Placentia Lions Club Happy Tree](#) • Trinity Placentia Conception Health Foundation • [Children's Wish Foundation](#) • Placentia Rowing Club • [CNA - Heavy Equipment Program](#)
- Placentia Area Development Association • [Placentia Area Historical Society](#)
- Placentia Chamber of Commerce – PBIS Conference & Age Friendly Fair

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