



Position Paper

Policy on Ship Building and Repair In Canada

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Canada has the longest coastline in the world, with three oceans on her shores along with inland waterway systems for transporting products to and from central Canada and the United States through the St. Lawrence and Great Lakes.

Canada has a duty to protect her citizens and economic interests by keeping a security watch over the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans along with the St. Lawrence and Great Lakes and to protect her sovereignty in the Arctic Ocean.

Canada uses her waterways as an extension of the highways of the nation to transport people and goods to inland and coastal communities. The need to have a reliable shipbuilding and ship repair industry is a must to maintain and to drive the economy of the country.

Canada also has some of the most active ports in the world on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts. This enables Canada to import and export goods with her trading partners that are connected to important landside services including critical connections to road and rail. The marine sector's positive impact on both taxes served to increase federal and provincial government revenues along with excellent wages and benefits for all who are impacted by a healthy Ship Building and Ship Repair Industry in Canada.

The International Brotherhood of Boilermakers support a policy on Shipbuilding and Ship Repair in Canada that includes:

1. All federal government shipbuilding contracts shall be shared evenly by the industry on the Pacific, Atlantic and inland waterway systems shipyards.
2. The Federal Government to maintain the 25% tariff protection on ships imported into Canada from subsidized foreign competitors.
3. The Federal Government of Canada to have a continuous investment on building, repairing, maintaining and upgrading of military and civil ships.

By enacting a "continuous build" policy, this will allow a more stable industry keeping a steady flow of finances coming into the shipyard allowing them to retain and train staff plus to invest in the latest technology permitting the shipyards a fair opportunity to bid on work for the private sector.

The International Brotherhood of Boilermakers supports the policy of sharing all federal government shipbuilding contracts, to maintain the 25% tariff protection on ships imported into Canada from subsidized foreign competitors and the Federal/Provincial governments to develop a continuous build policy.



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