



In the fight against Covid-19, States have taken widespread containment measures which have particularly disrupted transport. Among the latter, seaports are indispensable links. We wished to give the floor to our member Daniel Dagenais, Vice-President of Operations at the Port of Montreal.

The Port of Montreal is one of the most important ports in the North Atlantic. The St. Lawrence River that borders it connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes region, one of North America's economic lungs and one of the world's major reserves of fresh surface water: nearly 20% of the world's fresh surface water.

Over the last few weeks, the Port of Montreal has reaffirmed its role as an inescapable link in river and maritime logistics.

It quickly reorganized its activities to respond to the emergency and prepare for the future with continuous innovation and extensive local and international collaboration.



While the world is living at the pace of the pandemic, evolving day by day in the midst of a situation whose next steps we do not know, certain ramparts of our society remain unshakable and essential. **Ports, as drivers of logistics chains and as vectors for the supply of critical goods such as medical equipment,** are among them.

Prioritized by governments and recognized as an essential service by global authorities, activities related to the land and sea transport of goods continue to contribute significantly to the maintenance of local and regional economies.

In ports around the world, despite major changes dictated by the health crisis, life goes on and operations are sometimes at full speed and sometimes with some slowdowns. The men and women who supply essential goods and products to citizens and businesses on a daily basis are mobilized and have had to adapt.

"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent; it is the one most adaptable to change." — Charles Darwin, British naturalist

Adapting and reorganizing...quickly!

At the Port of Montreal, our trademark has always been to reinvent ourselves and be innovative, and this, since the founding of our organization in 1830. The current pandemic period is no exception and this strength we have is, in the context, being used to its fullest capacity.



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