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Still Working. Still Supporting its Community.

(Windsor, Ontario)

Port Windsor has issued locally sourced, and locally produced, face masks to all 846 port workers to assist them in doing their part to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Canada's Chief Public Health Officer has asked all Canadians to do their part to protect their fellow citizens from unintended nasal and mouth borne aerosols. The medical experts tell us that when we sneeze, cough, or even while we talk, viruses can attach themselves to micro-particles of water and mucus that spray out around us, and onto other persons, or surfaces. We can all do our part to help rid our community of COVID by taking every available precaution. Wearing a mask says I care about the people in my community, and I will do what I can not to infect you, just in case I am infected and don't know it. Of course, a cotton mask protects others, not the wearer.

“We could have easily sourced the masks online, but it was important to Port Windsor that the masks support local companies, and local workers. After all, they are for our local workers in the Port of Windsor who continue to support our local economy throughout this COVID crisis.”

Steve Salmons, President and CEO, Windsor Port Authority

The masks were locally sourced through the assistance of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. Local company, CoachWorx used a Leamington source to produce the masks, and the Port Windsor graphic was applied by Windsor-based Merch Runners.

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Background: Port Windsor

Ontario's third largest port, each year the Port Authority receives more than 600 ships, delivering more than 5 million tonnes of aggregate, salt, steel and grain to Windsor-Essex, and port across the Great Lakes, and into Europe. It also hosts Ontario's largest ship fueling depot.

The Windsor Port Authority is a federal Corporation under the Marine Act (1999) as one of just 17 national port established to promote the growth, competitiveness and prosperity of Canada's economy.

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