

QSL strengthens its logistics vision with the designation of the Port of Quebec as an international container port

Quebec City, April 24, 2026 – In a global context where supply chain resilience, economic security, and the acceleration of trade diversification have become priorities, QSL welcomes the designation of the Port of Quebec as an international container port by the Government of Canada.

This long-awaited milestone underscores the strategic importance of developing modern, sustainable, and resilient port infrastructure to meet growing international market demand.

The announcement represents a defining step in the development of the Quebec City container terminal project.

"Today, we are reaching a key milestone. The St. Lawrence River is a major economic lever, and the development of modern, sustainable, and resilient facilities is essential to secure our supply chain and support business competitiveness," said QSL President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Bellisle.

With this milestone reached, QSL will be able to finalize and submit its notice of project to the Port of Quebec. The project will then be subject to the Port of Quebec's impact assessment and mitigation process, including public consultations. The QSL team intends to propose an ambitious project that will generate benefits for stakeholders across the greater Quebec City region and throughout Canada.

A strategic maritime asset

At a time when containerized cargo transport is becoming the global standard, QSL believes economic development depends on fully leveraging the potential of maritime corridors, notably by enabling entrepreneurs to export their products to global markets.

The Beauport sector of the Port of Quebec offers several significant advantages, including a water depth of 15 metres at low tide and logistics servicing that supports intermodality.

Ultimately, the facilities could handle up to 200,000 containers (TEUs) annually.

A responsible environmental and logistics solution

The project is based on optimizing existing infrastructure without encroaching on the river. By promoting marine transportation via vessels travelling to and from Montreal, the project would also help reduce land-based freight traffic and greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation.

About QSL

A key player in the logistics chain with headquarters in Quebec City, QSL develops customized solutions to deliver innovative handling methods while paying close attention to cargo and contributing to the well-being of the communities in which it operates. Its socio-economic footprint is significant, with more than 2,000 employees and operations across more than 65 port terminals in Canada and the United States. QSL is a Gold-level winner of Canada's Best Managed Companies award and a proud participant in the Green Marine certification program. In fall 2021, QSL became the first marine company in Canada to join the United Nations Global Compact. In 2023, a significant portion of its operations obtained ISO 14001 (environment) and ISO 45001 (occupational health and safety) certifications. Today, this pursuit of excellence continues, including the rollout of these certifications across all operations. www.qsl.com

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