

McNabb Valley port proposed

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Columbia National Investments Ltd. wants to build an international ocean port at McNabb Valley on the Sunshine Coast.

The proposed port is approximately five kilometres up Howe Sound from Port Mellon and historically has been used mainly for industrial purposes, said company president Steve Dunton.

The property, already owned by the private company, is 321 hectares with 1.5 km of 250-metre-deep moorage.

"This port facility is much needed," said Dunton. "Our proposal is to build a world-class port facility that will not only help to meet the growing international demand, but will also provide an excellent, high-quality job base for both the Sunshine Coast and the Squamish area.

"It is common knowledge that B.C. ports do not have the capacity necessary to keep up with international demand," he added.

CNI is committed to working with both federal and provincial governments as well as with the Sunshine Coast Regional District with the objective of turning the proposal into a reality.

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