



## News from Port of Gävle

2020 has developed in a quite unexpected way. It has been and still is a tough time for many people right now. COVID-19 has affected many people's lives and Port of Gävle wants to start by saying that we hope you all are well, which is nevertheless the most important thing in these times.

From a corporate point of view it has probably also affected us all in some way. We at Port of Gävle work from home as much as possible. We have delayed all planned events. They are either taking place later this fall or are scheduled for next year. We try to support local businesses as much as possible. We also try to make things run as smoothly as possible for the operators in the port, to be able to run their businesses as close to normal as possible.

### How does COVID-19 affect Port of Gävle?

In Sweden, the Public Health Authority has the overall national responsibility for the population's protection against infectious diseases. The Public Health Authority cooperates with the World Health Organization WHO and makes continuous assessments regarding the spread of infection and recommendations.

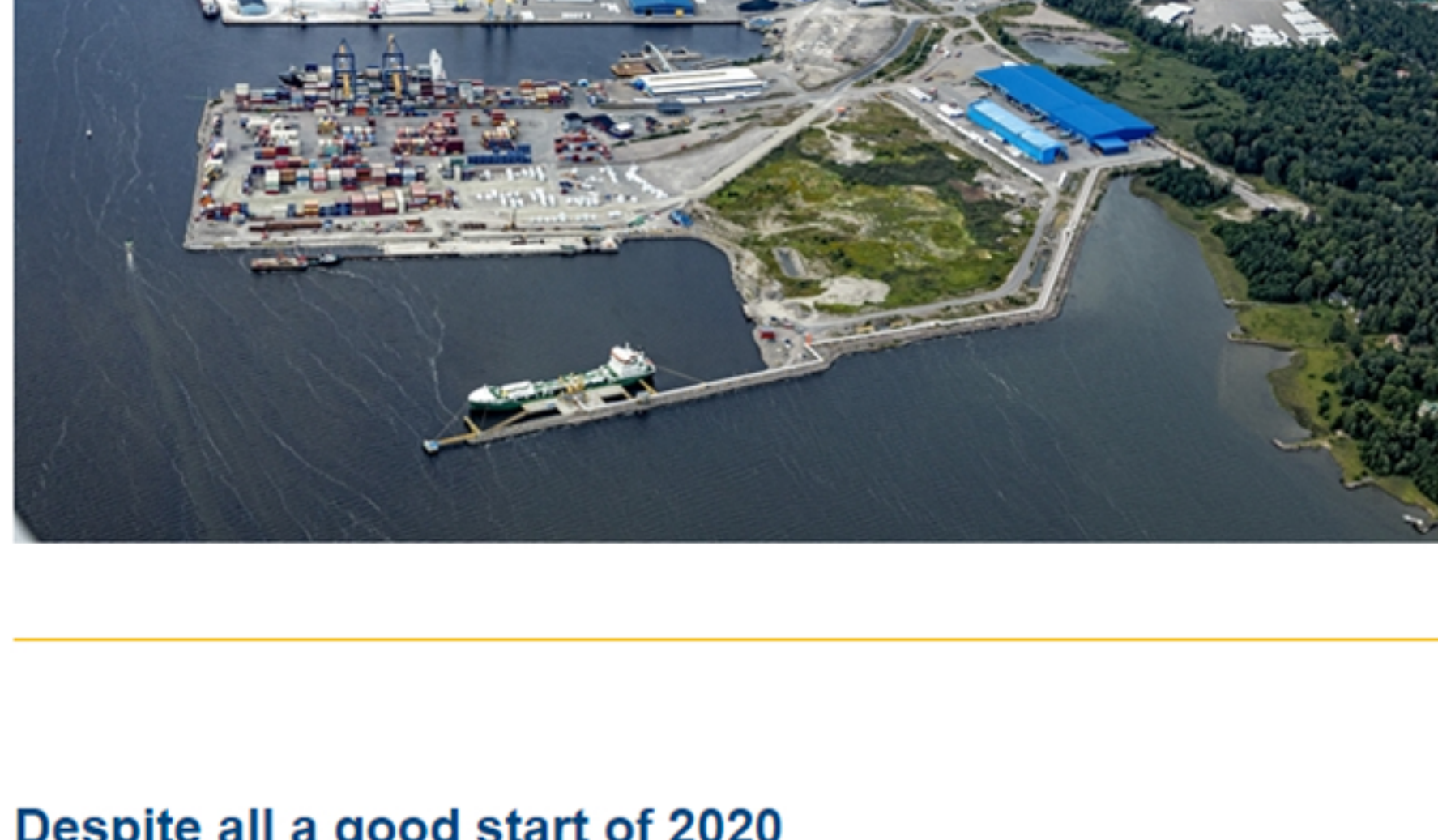
Port of Gävle is following the development of COVID-19 closely and follow the recommendations from the Public health Authority in order to avoid spreading of the virus.

### How are freight flows in Port of Gävle affected?

The handling of goods at the Container Terminal has declined somewhat in recent weeks, but it is not possible to determine whether this is due to COVID-19 effects or a downturn. It is known that China's industrial production went down sharply for a time as a result of the Corona eruption and that it is now beginning to return to normal.

Regarding the other terminals (the bulk terminal, Terminal Granudden and the Energy terminal), COVID-19 has not yet significantly affected the handling of goods and it is difficult to say how they will be affected.

"Passenger transport such as cruise ships are those who are hit the hardest right now, and we do not work with that type of transport here in port of Gävle," says Fredrik Svanbom, CEO.



## Despite all a good start of 2020

### The year started with a record at terminal Granudden.

Two magazines of 5,000 m2 each, intended primarily for paper products, were completed at the end of 2019 at the Granudden terminal. Demand has been high since its inception and continues to be so even in 2020. The new maximum capacity that the magazines contribute to, has helped Granudden reach a new terminal record.

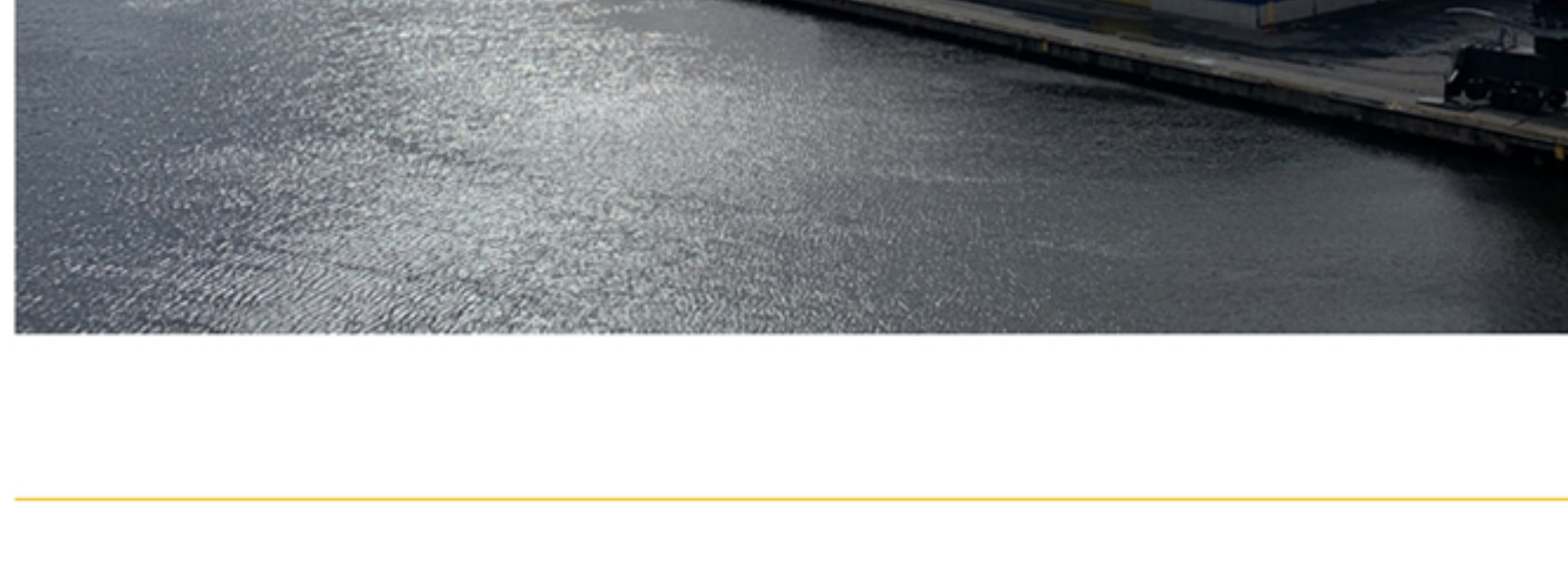
"This year has started really well with a new record in stored goods - we had 45,000 tonnes in the warehouse at one point in the terminal. On top of that, we see an average of 9000 tonnes in stock per week, just in the new magazines, and we also have many requests to store additional goods in them. Building the new warehouses has proven to be the right decision," says Terminal Manager Stefan Andersson.

During the first quarter of 2020, Granudden has shipped, on average, 395 containers per week and continues to see a large flow of goods in the coming year. New bale mass flows to the bulk terminal in Port of Gävle.

### New bale mass flows to the bulk terminal in Port of Gävle

A local paper mill recently relocated its import flows for bale pulp to Port of Gävle. For the Bulk Terminal, this means an increase of 50% in handling of pulp, which in turn means 50 new ship arrivals to the terminal.

"This will be a major increase in our handling of balm and we will handle 150,000 tonnes of balm in 2020, compared to 2019 when we handled 100,000 tonnes," says Terminal Manager Jörgen Flank.



## New collaboration opens for hydrogen investment in Port of Gävle

Port of Gävle, Gävle Energi and the energy company Statkraft have signed an agreement to investigate the possibilities of creating a hydrogen plant in the port of Gävle.

Electricity from sun and wind cannot be stored. But when an excess of electricity prevails, this can be converted to hydrogen. The hydrogen gas can then be stored for use when there is a shortage of electricity. The use of hydrogen gas does not cause any other emissions than water vapor.

The companies will jointly investigate the possibility of establishing a plant for the production of green hydrogen, installing intermediate storage facilities and establishing a gas station. The hydrogen gas can then be used when needed or distributed and sold to external buyers.

[Read more about the hydrogen plant here](#)



## New Traffic- and Security Manager

Already in the last newsletter, we wrote about our new sustainability manager Linda Astner. Her previous role has now been taken over by Niklas Hermansson, who now leads the same department, but under the new name Traffic and Security. The responsibilities Linda has brought with her in to her new role are first and foremost about sustainability and digital development, other issues remain with the Traffic and Security Department. Niklas department is thus given a more streamlined function and the tasks with traffic, freight, logistics and security issues are now easier to keep together than in the old organization's "Port Authority". Under the umbrella of the department there are, among other things, the port's tugboat operations and the Port Traffic Office.

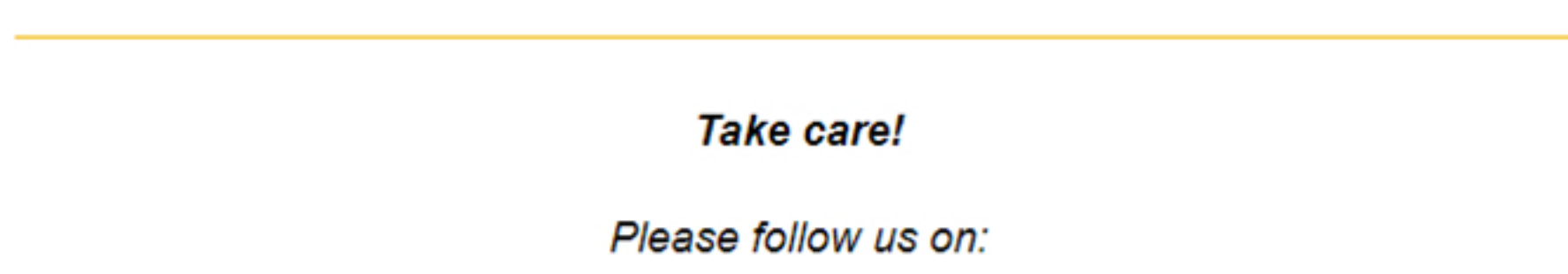
"When there was a job opening in Port of Gävle in 2018, I saw the opportunity to work in a municipal port business and still with several types of traffic. I started as a logistics developer. Then after only about a year in the port the opportunity opened up to take the job as the manager of Traffic and security. It feels both exciting and challenging, after all, the leadership is a new role for me. The department has incredibly talented and ambitious employees, so a lot of the operations are almost like a self-playing piano, and that makes me feel very comfortable in the new role. Port of Gävle has a vision to become Sweden's best port and my impression so far is that it is not far from achieving that "

[Read more about Niklas Hermansson and his new role here](#)



## Port of Gävle has changed its address.

Which, however, does not mean that we have moved. We remain on the same place as we have been for the past 115 years. But our address has not been really searchable in different search engines, which has led to us sometimes receiving calls and getting to guide trucks and other vehicles from various parts of the region to the port. Therefore, we now have a more traditional address - Depåvägen 20. Easy to find on Google, Hitta, Eniro etc So please enter our correct address and pass on the information to those who may need it.



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