



News from Port of Gävle

Inauguration of CFS Paper in Gävle

On August 19th the world unique automated high-bay warehouse for paper was inaugurated in the Port of Gävle. The ceremonial ribbon cutting was done by Sweden's Minister for Foreign Trade and Minister for Nordic Affairs, Anna Hallberg.

– This is an incredibly important investment and hub for Gävle, Sweden and the world to gain access to Swedish products. I'm incredibly proud to see this building. We will be a role model for modern logistics where we have thought sustainably, long-term and for growth, said Foreign Trade Minister Anna Hallberg.

The warehouse will be operational in September with the first trains coming beginning of October.

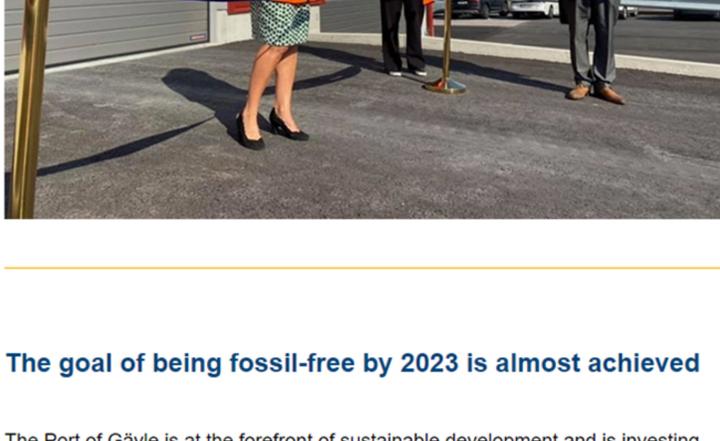
– This will be a competitive and sustainable solution for us and our customers. We will start with paper from our Frövi mill and later we might route more volumes here, step by step said Peter Olson, Logistics Director, BillerudKorsnäs.

Paper industry is core to the Swedish economy and growing. New infrastructure for smarter logistics is needed.

– Paper is the most important commodity in our region and we believe it has a huge potential for the port. This investment is our contribution and we are confident it will be successful said Eryn Dinyovszky, General Manager of Yilport Nordic.

The CFS Paper investment is part of a larger investment plan that will see a brand-new container terminal.

[Read more and see the film about the inauguration here.](#)



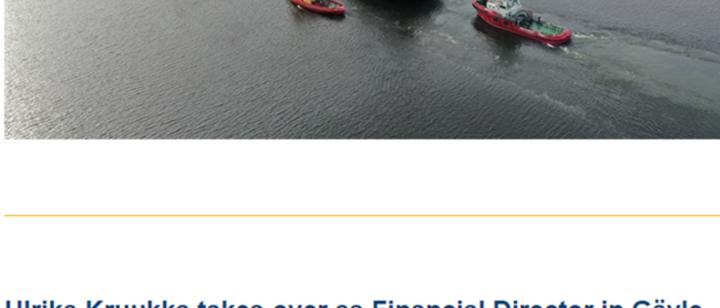
The goal of being fossil-free by 2023 is almost achieved

The Port of Gävle is at the forefront of sustainable development and is investing heavily in helping to achieve the UN's climate goals.

-In the port there are over 40 different companies and many, many more who use the port daily, therefore we cannot fully decide how other companies deal with the question of sustainability. But we can be an enabler for everyone who uses the port to work with sustainability. It is part of what the program "Energy-optimized port cluster" works with and which we will tell more about as we implement milestones during the next 10-year period which the program extends over, says Linda Astner, Sustainability Manager, Port of Gävle.

One goal we have been working towards is that the company Gävle Hamn AB would be completely fossil-free until 2023 - this has largely already been achieved. During the summer, the necessary permits came and also the rebuilding that was needed to be able to refuel both Gävle Port's tugs with HVO (hydrogenated vegetable oil) was carried out. HVO is manufactured from various types of fossil-free raw materials such as vegetable oils and animal fats, which in turn have been processed to become fossil-free fuels for diesel engines.

- For several years we have driven electric cars and used fossil-free fuels such as natural gas and HVO in our land-based machinery. But it is our tug boats that have accounted for most of our own emissions. The fact that we have now for the first time refueled the tugs with HVO is therefore an important milestone for Gävle Hamn AB. Now we are largely fossil-free, says Gävle Hamn's environmental engineer Henrik Rosengren.



Ulrika Kruukka takes over as Financial Director in Gävle Hamn

On July 1, Ulrika Kruukka began her position as CFO in Gävle Hamn. Ulrika has extensive experience in finance and has a long history in the auditing industry and as an authorized accounting consultant. But most recently she comes from Sandvikens Folketshus where she had the role of Finance Manager. Before Ulrika started at Sandvikens Folketshus, she worked as a controller at Sandvik and that was a bit why she was drawn to apply for the position of Financial Director in Gävle Hamn.

-It felt exciting to work in a large industry again and port of Gävle feels like an interesting environment to work in, says Ulrika. For a couple of weeks at the beginning of the summer, Ulrika worked parallel with Gävle Hamn's former Financial Director Gunilla Persson to get an understanding of her new position. Despite her previous work experience in the industry, each workplace is unique.

-I have a lot of new things to learn, but it feels good. I immediately felt when I came here for the job interview, that Gävle Hamn seems to be a healthy workplace with a good team spirit and lots of fun.

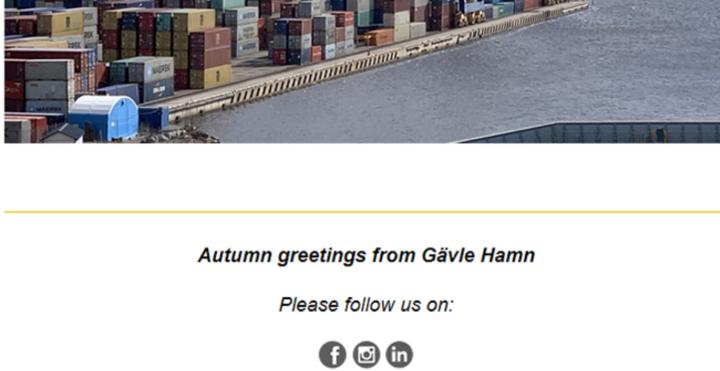


COVID-19's impact on goods flow so far

Until May, the levels of freight flows showed a better result compared with the previous year. On the other hand, the summer months of June, July and August have shown a 20-25% decline compared to the same time last year.

-We have seen a decline in ship traffic and goods flows during the summer. It is larger than what we normally see during the summer months. We know that at least part of the decline is due to the pandemic. It is difficult to predict the future and how long it will take before we might start seeing a recovery again, says Fredrik Svanbom, CEO of the Gävle Hamn.

- The autumn will be very crucial and we will have to follow the development to see if the downturn continues and how we will have to deal with it in that case.



Autumn greetings from Gävle Hamn

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