

## Seaway Express adds to fleet, equipment, real estate holdings

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CORNWALL, Ont. -- Seaway Express has announced additions to both its truck fleet and real estate holdings, with plans for further investments later this year.

The company has added four new trucks and eight heated trailers to its fleet with three additional trucks on order for delivery in the first quarter.

Seaway has also purchased new electric forklifts for its warehouse systems, bringing its total investment to more than \$500,000.

“The new trucks offer increased fuel efficiencies, lower maintenance costs and increased driver comfort, all while increasing our capacity to serve our local area,” says Melanie Hamel, general manager of Seaway Express. “It fits with our overall goal of enhancing our level of service.”

Seaway Express has also installed a new dispatch system, designed to improve driver communication by sending pick-up requests via text.

The company also hired 10 new employees in 2012, including drivers and office staff.

“The increase in distribution centres locating in Cornwall creates new opportunities for Seaway Express to assist vendors in local deliveries,” Hamel said. “We plan to keep pace with Cornwall’s growth.”

Seaway Express officials say the company has also “significantly expanded” its real estate holdings in Cornwall. The company now has more than 266,000 sq.ft. of commercial warehousing space in the Cornwall Business Park.

“We have been providing warehousing and distribution services for many years,” Hamel said. “We are responding to increased demand by expanding our footprint, ensuring that our customers are well served into the future.”



**Seaway Express general manager Melanie Hamel (left) with parents Bob and Linda Gauthier.**