



Our History

We're Proud of Our History

Clark Freightways' experience and expertise comes from over 50 years of service, growth, and innovation. You can be assured that we're personally invested in company operations, remaining a privately-held, family-run operation committed to quality service and placing a high value on our customer partnerships throughout British Columbia.



Humble Beginnings – 1957-1959

Our longstanding track record of providing fast, efficient service at a fair price began with Jim Clark in 1957. That year, Jim began trucking operations serving a small region covering Williams Lake, Quesnel, and the Okanagan. In late 1959, Jim initiated our enduring expertise with handling perishable commodities when he obtained a license as a public carrier to haul frozen foods for his customers. It was at this pivotal moment that Clark Transport was founded.



Growth and Incorporation – 1960s-1970s

Business was booming, and Clark Transport's growth included delivering meat products, fish, poultry, and any foods requiring temperature control. In 1962, Jim Clark incorporated as Clark Reefer Lines Ltd., opening our first real terminal at 1st Avenue and Boundary Road in Vancouver.

In the early 1970s, Jim obtained the authority to haul all food products at a temperature not exceeding 50 degrees Fahrenheit from the Motor Carrier Commission of BC. The Commission later decided, however, that this authority was too broad and insisted that Jim reapply. His subsequent refusal to reapply was the catalyst to Clark Reefer Lines becoming a major LTL food carrier in BC.

Rapid Expansion – 1980s-1990s

Clark Freightways continued growing in the 1980s, expanding services west from Prince George to include Smithers, Terrace, Prince Rupert, and the Queen Charlotte Islands. To handle increased demand, Clark expanded the Burnaby Terminal on Norland Avenue to 24 doors and moved the Kamloops terminal to a larger, more modern facility.

In the early 1990s, Clark expanded service coverage to virtually every region and community within British Columbia when we opened terminals on Vancouver Island in both Victoria and Nanaimo. To accommodate this continuing growth, Clark added over 3,000 square feet of office space to the Norland Avenue head office.

Innovation for the New Century – 2000s to Present

Clark Freightways has continued to lead the industry in new technologies and equipment while enhancing service. We've made shipping, tracking, and delivery easier than ever by introducing our Web Services. Our well-trained drivers use high-tech GPS navigation systems and operate under green initiatives to reduce our carbon footprint.

With a current fleet of over 175 trailers and 75 power units, Clark is well-equipped to meet all your transportation requirements. To meet the changing needs of our customers throughout British Columbia, Clark continues to develop and implement new and innovative quality control procedures and Human Resources practices.

As always, Clark Freightways puts you first.

