

1. Why did you pick Regina as the site for your proposed facility? Did you consider other sites?

The site is ideally located in the heart of southern Saskatchewan canola production, where we have a proud history going back over 100 years. Through this project, we will be able to further leverage our strong relationships with farm customers and support Saskatchewan's growth plan for expanded value-added processing capacity.

Strong access to labour, power, gas, and water sources, as well as the existing road and rail infrastructure, also made this an ideal site for our facility.

The land parcel is located in an industrial area next to other longstanding, large industrial facilities. The parcel size is appropriate given the scale and scope of the project.

2. What will this new facility cost to build?

We will not be disclosing the cost of the project, however it is the single largest site investment in our company's history, one that we expect will create benefits for our customers, as well as the city and the province.

3. You say that once this project is completed, it will be the world's largest integrated crush facility. What do you mean when you say 'integrated'?

This facility will not only be able to crush canola seed into crude oil, but will be able to refine it into consumable canola oil. The fact that it is focused solely on canola is also unique, as opposed to other facilities of this nature that crush canola as well as soybeans.

4. Why are you building this facility now? What are the benefits for other stakeholders outside of Viterra?

Oilseed crush demand is expected to continue strengthening, given continued demand growth for canola oil in food, fuel, and industrial usage, as well as increases in meal consumption in animal feed markets.

Supports the Government of Saskatchewan's growth target for expanded value-added processing capacity by crushing 75% of canola grown in the province.

Creates significant new market options for farmers' canola seed, as well as additional marketing opportunities for meal domestically and globally.

Bringing new opportunities in the region - the facility is expected to generate an additional \$500 million in GDP to Regina and region, up to 1,000 jobs during construction and up to 100 permanent, full-time jobs.



5. What do you say to those who believe that diverting crops for fuel production creates food security risks?

Canada has historically had a large exportable surplus of canola seed, and we expect that our canola supply will continue to support a strong seed export program. Further, this facility will support Canada's overall sustainability efforts to shift towards greener fuel alternatives through the federal government's Clean Fuel Standard. It will be vital in helping the government meet its greenhouse gas reduction targets.

6. How will the facility support renewable fuel production?

In terms of renewable fuel, canola oil is a desirable ingredient, or feed stock, as it is low carbon intensity product. As more countries create new regulations to cut greenhouse gas emissions from transportation, and move away from fossil fuels, we expect demand for canola oil to grow. In Canada, the federal government is developing the Clean Fuel Standard, which will encourage the use of lower carbon fuels like renewable diesel fuel.

7. How will the canola get to the facility?

Canola seed will arrive at the facility by truck and rail via CP and CN. Truck access to the facility will be through Inland Drive.

8. How will the refined product leave the facility?

The majority of refined product will leave the facility by rail car.

9. What kind of a traffic impact will we see as a result of the facility?

We are in the process of completing a traffic impact study. We expect truck traffic to be minor, at approximately 15 trucks per hour in and out of the facility. We plan to pre-schedule truck deliveries to ensure a steady and efficient traffic flow to the facility, and will work with trucking companies to ensure they adhere to designated truck routes.

10. Will Winnipeg Street be used by trucks servicing the site?

Winnipeg Street will not be used by trucks servicing the site. Truck access to the facility will be through Inland Drive.

11. What about rail impact?

The facility's rail configuration will support efficient movement of product by full unit trains, which can consist of up to 134 cars per train. Our planned configuration will limit road blockages on neighbouring roadways, and will limit additional new train traffic to existing rail infrastructure adjacent to residential neighbourhoods. Further, receiving seed by rail will remove 30,000 trucks from the road per year, creating less congestion on roads and highways.



12. Where are you at in the environmental permitting process?

We are in the final stages of our environmental assessments as part of the permitting process, and plan to submit our proposal to the Ministry of Environment over the coming weeks.

13. What noise impact will the facility have on residents living near the facility?

Any noise generated by the facility will be well within industry standards. Also, the facility will be more than 1.4KM away from the closest neighbouring community, and most of our equipment will be located inside the facility which will greatly decrease noise heard externally. Further, as part of our design process, we will be moving rail away from the city which will also reduce noise. We are confident that we will meet and exceed standards.

14. What air quality impacts can we expect?

We have incorporated controls into our design to minimize emissions from the facility. We are very comfortable that through our planning and state of the art technology utilized at the facility, we will meet and exceed standards.

Further, we're incorporating modern odour controls into our design and also incorporating dilution and dispersion of the air streams. This, combined with the fact that we are spacing the development at a substantial distance from the residential areas, makes us confident that our operation will be well within accepted standards.

15. How will you protect the aquifer that the land is situated on?

We are finalizing an Aquifer Protection Plan to guide our processes throughout the project, from construction to full operation.

16. How are you sourcing the water you need for the facility?

Potable water will be provided by the City of Regina and the RM, while SaskWater will provide us with industrial water. There will be pre-treatment of wastewater to meet the City of Regina's posted standards.

17. How are you managing your procurement process?

Procurement for the project will be conducted through a tendering process. Our criteria for selecting companies will include their EH&S safety record, technical criteria, schedule requirements and costing.

18. What steps have you completed to date? What are your timelines for construction and full operation of the facility?

Since we originally announced the project in April, have been working on the facility's design, working through the environmental and development permitting process, and engaging with our stakeholders.



Our timelines for the rest of the project are:

May 2022 – March 2023:	Site development, foundation work
March 2023 – Dec. 2024:	Building and rail construction, equipment installation
Late 2024/Early 2025:	Commissioning, full operation

19. What are the next steps for this project?

We are finalizing the facility’s capabilities and design, and working with all the necessary parties to complete our environmental and development permits. We will continue our public engagement efforts with relevant stakeholders.

