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As Director General of International Relations and Trade Policy at Transport Canada, Sandra LaFortune plays a leadership role in advancing department-wide policy objectives and engagement at the international level as part of a government-wide approach. Ms. LaFortune provides strategic advice to further Canada's transportation sector interests on a full range of trade-related issues, and coordinates initiatives to improve the efficiency and reliability of the supply chain to facilitate international trade and transport through Canada's strategic gateways and trade corridors.

After an initial career as a consultant in the communications field, Ms. LaFortune joined the federal public service in 1990. Since then, she has held various policy, program, and management positions with the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Privy Council Office, and the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat.

Ms. LaFortune joined Transport Canada in 2009 as Director General of Strategic Policy and Innovation, where her responsibilities included department-wide policy integration, advancing a framework for emerging transportation technology and innovation, and elaborating policy directions regarding the department's approach to Arctic and northern transportation issues. She undertook a two-year assignment from 2013 to 2015 at the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency as Director General of Policy and Planning, where she supported key policy issues with northern economic implications, including infrastructure, connectivity, labour market and skills development.

A native of Montréal, Québec, Ms. LaFortune holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with first-class honors from McGill University, and has undertaken study at the Master's degree level at the University of Victoria.