



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Association of Canadian Port Authorities Welcomes Returning Chair**

*Mario Girard, CEO of the Port of Quebec, will lead ACPA Board of Directors for another term - 2016/17*

**Thunder Bay, ON** — With the Association of Canadian Port Authorities having established itself as a leader in trade and transportation policy in Canada, the ACPA is renewing the term of Mario Girard as Chair of the Board.

Mr. Girard, President and CEO of the Port of Quebec, was re-elected for a second term at the association's Annual General Meeting, in Thunder Bay, on September 7. "I welcome this new mandate with the deep conviction that Canadian ports are more than ever called upon to play a key role for the prosperity of the Canadian economy. Our ability to further develop efficient port infrastructure is vital for our competitiveness in the global economy and will continue to work tirelessly to consolidate our essential role in Canadian supply chain," said Mr. Girard.

Mr. Girard has been pivotal in leading the ongoing expansion of ACPA's profile during his first term. "With Mr. Girard's leadership, the Association of Canadian Port Authorities is well positioned to lead in the critical policy discussions underway," says Wendy Zatylny, President of ACPA. "Our members, look forward to building the contribution of CPA's to Canada's sustainable, economic success."

The ACPA Board also re-elected Donna Taylor, President and CEO of the Port of Oshawa, as Vice Chair; and, Sean Hanrahan, President and CEO of the Port of St. John's, as Corporate Secretary/Treasurer for the coming year.

- Rounding out the complement of eight ACPA Board members are newly-elected Pacific region representative Zoran Knezevic (Port Alberni and returning members: Sylvie Vachon (Montreal)
- Don Krusel (Prince Rupert)
- Carl Laberge (Saguenay)
- Robin Silvester (Vancouver)



**About the Association of Canadian Port Authorities:**

The Association of Canadian Port Authorities was founded in 1958 and groups together ports and related marine interests into one national association. ACPA represents all Canadian Port Authorities, various government entities and companies doing business in the marine sector. It is the leading Association for the advocacy and advancement of the Canadian Port Industry. ACPA members contribute significantly to the local, regional and national economy of Canada, responsible for more than thousands of direct and indirect jobs and handling more than \$400 billion worth of goods annually.

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