



ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN PORT AUTHORITIES  
ASSOCIATION DES ADMINISTRATIONS PORTUAIRES CANADIENNES

**STATEMENT**  
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*Statement from Wendy Zatylny, President of the Association of Canadian Port Authorities, on the release of Canada's Federal Budget.*

ACPA welcomes the recognition in the Federal Budget of the importance of infrastructure in creating good, well-paying jobs and delivering sustained economic growth, but notes that greater clarity is needed in defining the opportunities for ports within this funding envelope.

Ports can continue to be powerful trade enablers for Canada, but to do so we have to be flexible and able to adapt to changing market forces. Greater autonomy, enhanced commercialization and the removal of barriers to financial flexibility would give port authorities the power to pursue trade-related opportunities and reduce current restrictions that may serve as obstacles to growth.

An ACPA - Transport Canada<sup>1</sup> study of port infrastructure requirements found a capital investment requirement of \$5.8 billion to meet growing demand. Of this, \$1.9 billion (or 33%) is related to the rehabilitation of existing port assets. This public funding of strategic port infrastructure is needed to assist in maximizing Canada's economic output.

We look forward to engaging with the Government of Canada to clarify phase 2 efforts to deliver fast, efficient trade corridors and enable ports to help Canada capitalize on the potential of global trade. ACPA will also seek to integrate immediate funding needs of \$1.9 B for port rehabilitation within the New Building Canada Fund. Ultimately, an investment in port infrastructure will have a multiplier effect on the Canadian economy. The initial injection will go into supporting the local economy and labour force while the secondary bounce will come from the ability of the port to grow its cargo.

**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 250,000 direct and indirect jobs and handling more than \$162 billion worth of goods annually.

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<sup>1</sup> CPCS Transcom, Canada Port Authority Infrastructure Study: Port Infrastructure Investment Needs and Plans, Association of Canadian Port Authorities, Ottawa, 2011

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