



ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN PORT AUTHORITIES  
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### **THE ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN PORT AUTHORITIES (ACPA) WELCOMES NEW BOARD AND INCOMING CHAIR, SYLVIE VACHON, CEO OF THE PORT OF MONTREAL**

**OTTAWA, ON September 26th, 2013** – Following a fruitful three days of networking and discussions on the future of the Canadian maritime industry at its annual conference and AGM in Nanaimo, BC, the Association of Canadian Port Authorities (ACPA) is pleased to announce its new Board of Directors, Chair, Vice-Chair and Corporate Secretary/Treasurer for 2013-2014.

Ms. Sylvie Vachon, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Montreal Port Authority (MPA), was unanimously selected by the Board of Directors to be Chair of the Board for 2013-14.

Ms. Vachon brings to the task extensive experience in the maritime sector, having joined the Montreal Port Authority in 1990 as Chief, Human Resources and quickly advanced to become, successively: Director, Human Resources; Vice-President, Human Resources; and Vice-President, Administration and Human Resources. She then managed numerous departments spanning all aspects of port administration before assuming the duties of Acting President and Chief Executive Officer at the MPA in March 2009. Ms. Vachon was named permanent President and CEO in August 2009. An avid volunteer, Ms. Vachon is Chair of the Board of Directors of the Logistics and Transportation Cluster of Greater Montreal (Cargo M), a Board member of Cascades, and a Governing Member of the *Conseil Patronal de l'Environnement du Québec*.

“I am deeply honored to have been chosen to hold the presidency of the Board of Directors of the Association of the Canadian Port Authorities (ACPA). I will always strive to be up to the task. I am also committed to contribute to the success of ACPA’s current and future initiatives and to promote relentlessly the strategic importance of Canada’s port authorities”, said Montréal Port Authority President and CEO Sylvie Vachon.

Mr. Bernie Dumas, President and CEO of the Nanaimo Port Authority, was selected as the incoming Vice-Chair of the Board. Mr. Dumas is a 30-year veteran of the marine transportation and shipping industries. He is credited with growing the Vancouver-based China (Canada) Shipping Agency from startup eight years ago to a firm that now ranks fifth in the global container trade. He is also the host of this year’s ACPA Conference in Nanaimo.

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The ACPA Board also welcomes Pierre Gagnon, President and CEO of the Port of Sept-Iles, as incoming Corporate Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Gagnon returns to the Board after a year-long hiatus.

Rounding out the complement of eight Board members are:

Sean Hanrahan, St. John's Port Authority  
Karen Oldfield, Halifax Port Authority  
Mario Girard, Quebec Port Authority  
Angus Armstrong, Toronto Port Authority  
Robin Silvester, Port Metro Vancouver (Past Chair)

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

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