



ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN PORT AUTHORITIES
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**STATEMENT BY THE ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN PORT AUTHORITIES, REGARDING
THE NEB'S REPORT ON THE NORTHERN GATEWAY PIPELINE PROPOSAL**

The Association of Canadian Port Authorities (ACPA) welcomes the decision by the National Energy Board to endorse the Northern Gateway pipeline project, subject to strict conditions to protect the environment and communities. Canada's economy is fundamentally resource-oriented, and Canada's marine sector is critical to supporting the federal government's quest to ship our many resources to overseas and continental customers, for the benefit of all Canadians. This must be accomplished, however, in a manner that ensures the safety and integrity of the natural environment and of the communities affected. Canada's Maritime industry has a solid track record in the safe handling of bulk liquids of all sorts. Canada's Port Authorities work with their sister agencies to ensure full compliance and demonstrate continued environmental stewardship, in balance with their roles as enablers of trade. With technological advancement in shipping, vessels maneuverability and strength, we will continue to do so in the future.

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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