

Association of Canadian Port Authorities

6th PORT / GOVERNMENT INTERFACE

February 28 and March 1, 2006

HILTON LAC LEAMY

Hull, Quebec

Once a year members of the Association and the port community descend on Ottawa - early in the new year - to discuss current issues of importance to all. It is a time to exchange ideas, debate common and opposing views and generally get to the bottom of issues that impact the business of ports. Public policy and related regulations are an integral part of doing business. So, why wait? There's no time like the beginning of a new year to get down to business. The official program provides some of the more salient issues, but there will be other issues discussed in individual meetings and one-on-one discussions. The focus of the program will again touch on three critical areas for Canada's port community: security, environment and federal public policy/regulation. A freshly minted government will be installed on Parliament Hill with new people and new approaches. There will be new policies and programs flowing from the new federal government. This Interface will seek to provide the most current thinking from federal government decision-makers and, conversely, provide these officials an opportunity to obtain important feedback from those who must live with the decisions made in Ottawa. It is hoped that the end result will be better public policy and regulation for the entire port community.

Monday, February 27, 2006

5:00 - 9:00 p.m. CPA-CEO Meeting
Restaurant Arome
Hilton Lac Leamy



DAY ONE Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006

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8:00 - 9:00 Registration and
Continental Breakfast
Sponsored by:
Oshawa Harbour Commission

9:00 - 9:15 Opening Remarks
Donna Taylor
Chair, ACPA

SESSION A

Taking Care of Business

While the security file for Canada's ports has been addressed and we now have one of the safest marine security regimes in the world, there are still efforts underway to improve maritime security. This session will provide an update on recent efforts related to an overall transportation security strategy for Canada. There are other issues of concern related to ports such as customs that has proven to be a challenge for ports, carriers and cruise lines. What are the problems and can they be fixed?

9:15 – 10:15 Customs Concerns

There are a number of concerns related to customs policy in the maritime sector. Are there ways to ensure that government policy does not adversely impact the business at Canada's ports? What is the intent of the federal government's cost recovery policy related to customs? These and other issues will be explored in this session.

Barbara Hebert

Vice-President, Operations
Canada Border Services Agency

10:15 – 10:30 Nutrition Break

Sponsored by: Toronto Port Authority

10:30 – 11:00 Security and Prosperity Initiative

The Security and Prosperity Initiative, signed by the leaders of the US, Canada and Mexico a year ago is still on fast-forward. It will impact all sectors of the Canadian economy and is generally considered to be a positive initiative for the future. This session will provide an update on where the overall initiative stands at this point in time.

Chantal Maheu

Director of Operations
Canada-United States Secretariat
Privy Council Office

11:00 – 11:30 National Transportation Security Strategy

The national transportation security strategy has just been completed and this is a perfect opportunity to hear from the point man on this important initiative. After extensive con-

sultations with industry we now have a strategy for consideration by all stakeholders and to hear about the next steps planned with respect to effective implementation.

John Forster

A/ADM, Safety and Security
Transport Canada

11:30 – Noon Border Services Agency

In an effort to bolster Canada's efforts at tightening security at the border a new Border Services Agency has been created. How will this impact trade flows at the border? What can be done to ensure that a constructive intermodal approach can help facilitate trade at Canada's borders? Are there new initiatives related to the Container Security Initiative, Advanced Commercial Information and other programs? These questions will be addressed in this session.

Alain Jolicoeur

President
Canadian Border Services Agency

12:00 – 2:00 LUNCHEON

Hon. Lawrence Cannon, P.C., M.P. (Invited)

Minister

Transport, Infrastructure & Communities

Sponsored by: Transport Canada

SESSION B

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: A PRIORITY FOR CANADA'S PORTS

The Canadian port community is forever mindful of the important stewardship role it has with respect to ports and harbours.

There are many good initiatives underway to strengthen the work being done to make Canada's port community sustainable over the long term. However, to do so Canada's ports must work with all stakeholders to find the right balance between trade and commerce in the most environmentally friendly business environment possible. All levels of government are important stakeholders and leaders in the port community must continue to consult widely and regularly to ensure that no one is left out when important decisions are made impacting the environment. This session looks at the views of important participants in the decision-making process related to sustainable port development and trade.

2:00 - 2:45 The Environmental Steward

At the leading environmental steward at the federal level Environment Canada continues to look through the prism of environmental regulation with respect to Canadian business. This session will provide an update on key environmental initiatives related to sustainability, organizational changes, smart regulations and impact on environmental regulations, corporate sustainability reporting and more.

Michelle Brenning
Director General
Environmental Protection Operations
Environment Canada

2:45 - 3:15 Greening Ships and Ports

Transport Canada has been developing a Green Ship Award program for the industry and now seeks to partner with industry to make such a program work. This program looks at the many issues related to making such a program work in the Canadian context.

It looks at what incentives might be used to ensure the program is effective. It also looks at the benefits of such a program for Canada. Here about the program and provide your insight as to how it might work for Canada.

Gerard MacDonald
Director General, Marine Safety
Transport Canada

3:15 - 3:30 COFFEE BREAK

Sponsored by: Toronto Port Authority

3:30 - 4:00 Environmental Assessment: The Impact on Ports

Many in the port community are engaged in development and expansion projects that are subject to federal environmental assessment. The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act was recently amended to ensure that the assessment process did not adversely impact the progress of port-related projects. This session will provide an update on the Act and the lessons learned with respect to its application since amendments were completed.

Steve Burgess
Executive Director
Special Projects and
Regional Liaison and Guidance
Canadian Environmental
Assessment Agency

3:45 - 4:30 SustainableTransportation on the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway

The Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway is working toward a sustainable development strategy to counter recent criticisms related to the environment. This session will show

what is being done and how a cross section of leaders in the marine industry can and must come together to show that environment is indeed a priority.

Ray Johnston

President

Chamber of Maritime Commerce



DAY TWO Wednesday, March 1, 2006

8:00 - 9:00 Continental Breakfast
Sponsored by: Montreal Port Authority

SESSION C

**POLICY AND REGULATION:
TAKING STOCK**

There continues to be many regulations that impact the way Canada's port community does business. From time to time we must take stock of where we are and look at ways and means of making the regulatory world better. Is there really smart regulation as the federal government says there is? How can we make smarter regulation for Canada's port system? This session endeavours to make some sense of the regulatory maze and peek at upcoming policy initiatives that may benefit ports and marine trade in general.

**9:00 - 9:30 a.m The Regulatory World
of Marine**

There are many regulations impacting the way the marine sector does business. What are some of the big ones? Are there too many? How might they be impacting the competitiveness of Canada's port system?

Can we do better? Too many questions; the session seeks to outline the many regulations by a member of the Working Group on Regulatory Affairs for the National Marine and Industrial Council (NMIC).

Don Morrison

President

Canadian Shipowners Association

**9:30 - 10:00 A New Policy
Framework
Trade and Transportation**

Transport Canada has already announced a Pacific Gateway Strategy for the Pacific Coast. It is now engaged in a larger task of developing a policy framework for Canada's major trade corridors/gateways. Going forward there will be other initiatives in other trade corridors to recognize the importance of the gateways and how Canada can best maximize and integrate its efforts. Will other Canadian gateways and corridors be designated soon and where?

Brian Bohunicky

Director General, Strategic Policy
Transport Canada

10:00 - 10:15 Nutrition Break
Sponsored by: Fraser River Port Authority

**10:15 - 10:45 Smart Regulation:
How Smart?**

The Privy Council Office has much over the last two years to put in place what is referred to as 'smart regulation'. Is this an oxymoron or is there really smart regulation? This ses-

sion will provide some insight into smart regulation and how it might work for the port community in Canada.

George Redling

Assistant Secretary to the
Cabinet Regulatory Affairs and
Orders in Council
Privy Council Office

10:45 - 11:15 Let's Talk PILT

The question of Payments in Lieu of Taxes has long been with the port community and all those who manage federal lands. There have been recent efforts made to have best practices for the valuation of taxes related to federal property. While this effort has stalled, it is now back on track and we will hear how fast it will move down that track and what it might mean for the bottom line for port operators in Canada who manage federal property.

Colin Boutin

Manager, PILT Branch
PWGSC

11:15 - 12:00 The Canada Marine Act

The proposed Bill C-61 died a merciful death on the Order Paper when the general election was called last November. We are now 'back to the drawing board' to work toward having a better Bill whenever it comes back on the public policy radar screen. There must be more work done to ensure a better

Act for more competitive ports. Central agencies like Finance and Treasury Board have a role to play with respect to public policy decision-making. This session will seek to hear directly from them what issues or concerns they might have with respect to an amended CMA.

Helen MacDonald

Assistant Secretary, Economic Sector
Treasury Board Secretariat (TBD)

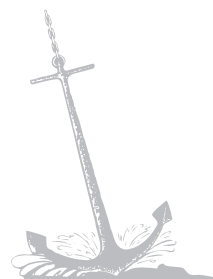
Rob Dunlop

General Director - Assistant Deputy
Minister's Office
Economic Development and
Corporate Finance
Department of Finance

12:00 - 2:00 LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Hon. Stockwell Day, P.C., M.P. (Invited)
Minister
Public Safety
Sponsored by: Hamilton Port Authority

2:00 - 4:00 ACPA Board Meeting
Hamel Room
Hilton Lac Leamy



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Tuesday & Wednesday, February 28 & March 1, 2006

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1. REGISTRATION

- () I will attend the Port/Government Interface Conference.
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Please **FAX** your completed registration and mail forms with cheque made payable to "Association of Canadian Port Authorities", Suite 1502 - 85 Albert Street, Ottawa, CANADA K1P 6A4.

- Please note that the registration fee is transferable, but **non-refundable**.
- Final date for registration is February 21, 2006.
- If you have any special dietary requirements, please provide details:

2. HOTEL

For your convenience a block of rooms have been reserved for this event onsite at the **Hilton Lac Leamy, 3 boul. du Casino, Hull, Quebec**. The bedroom rate is \$179.00 per night, single or double occupancy plus applicable taxes. Please call and book your rooms in advance toll free at: 1-819-790-6444. Please quote ACPA, Association of Canadian Port Authorities.

For questions regarding registration, please contact Gary LeRoux at (613) 232-2036 or by email: leroux@acpa-ports.net

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