

Laurentian Pilotage Authority (LPA) and Transport Canada sign memorandum of understanding

## THE LPA AND TRANSPORT CANADA STEP UP COOPERATION

**Montreal, January 27, 2017 –** The Laurentian Pilotage Authority (LPA) announces the signing of a memorandum of understanding with Transport Canada Marine Safety and Security (TCMSS) on the coordination of marine casualty operations between the two organizations.

The LPA and Transport Canada will work together to ensure efficient information sharing and clear and open communication, to optimize resources and processes, and to promote the safety of navigation.

In light of the LPA and Transport Canada's common objective of ensuring maritime safety, the memorandum of understanding will help them coordinate operations with a view to promoting and facilitating cooperation, consultation, and mutual assistance. This cooperation will also build positive relationships, foster the exchange of information, and encourage clear and open communication, while staying within the mandate and responsibilities of each organization.

"The signing of this memorandum of understanding is significant for the LPA," said Fulvio Fracassi, Chief Executive Officer of the LPA. "It will mean greater collaboration with Transport Canada, which will lead to more effective cooperation in keeping Canadians safe on the navigable waters of the St. Lawrence and Saguenay rivers."

## About the Laurentian Pilotage Authority

The Laurentian Pilotage Authority (LPA) is a financially self-sufficient federal Crown corporation responsible for administering and providing marine pilotage services on the St. Lawrence and Saguenay rivers. The LPA's mission is to ensure navigation safety by providing efficient marine pilotage services at a reasonable cost in cooperation with pilots, their corporations, and the shipping industry.

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