



THE LAURENTIAN PILOTAGE AUTHORITY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF RICKY G. FONTAINE AS CHAIRPERSON OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MONTREAL, DECEMBER 21, 2017 - The Laurentian Pilotage Authority (LPA) is pleased to announce the appointment, by the Governor in Council of Ricky G. Fontaine as Chairperson of its Board of Directors. His mandate, which began on December 14th, will be for a duration of five years. Mr. Fontaine will bring his extensive experience in management, governance and economic development to the LPA.

Mr. Fontaine succeeds Julius Spivack, who has served as interim Chairperson since December 2015, and remains in office as Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Directors. Mr. Spivack himself took over from Peter Henrico when his second three-year term as Chairperson of the Board ended.

"The arrival of Mr. Fontaine as Chairperson of the Board is excellent news for the LPA. His experience will be an important asset in fulfilling our vision of being a leader in marine pilotage through the provision of safe and efficient pilotage services in the public interest. We would also like to thank Mr. Spivack for his valuable collaboration, over the last two years as acting Chairperson", said Fulvio Fracassi, CEO of the LPA.

A rich and diversified path in management and economic development

A native of Uashat mak Mani-utenam, Mr. Fontaine has held senior executive positions with national, regional and local organizations in the private, public, part government-owned and non-governmental sectors. Since 2013, he has been Director General of the Uashat mak Mani-utenam local government. Between 2010 and 2013, he was the Executive Director of the Montagnais Economic Development Corporation, an Aboriginal financing company which has been in operation for more than 25 years.

For ten years, he was the founder and senior partner of Gestion Conseil RSF, a management consulting firm offering specialized services in management and policy analysis in Aboriginal matters and economic development. Earlier in his career, he also worked with the Assembly of First Nations, Industry Canada and CESO Aboriginal Services.

Mr. Fontaine holds a Bachelor's degree in administration from the *Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières*, has completed Master level studies in Finance from the *Université de Sherbrooke* and holds a certification in governance from the College of Corporate Directors of Laval University. He has also completed training with the Banff School of Management and Harvard-MIT University.

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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