

*CHAMBER OF MARINE COMMERCE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS*

*January 2026*

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<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>DIRECTORS</b>	<b>COMPANY</b>	<b>FIRST ELECTED</b>
<b>Shippers</b>	<b>Carsten Bredin</b>	Richardson International	Jun 2018
	<b>Keith Fowler</b>	Redpath Sugar	Jun 1995
	<b>Jack Frye</b>	Southwestern Sales	Jun 1994
	<b>Tyler Kohut</b>	Lafarge Canada	Jun 2020
	<b>Danielle Lewis</b>	ArcelorMittal Dofasco	Jan 2018
	<b>Brendan Marshall</b>	Rio Tinto	Jun 2024
	<b>David Morse</b>	Compass Minerals (Sifto)	Jun 2021
	<b>Jim Reznik</b>	St. Marys Cement	Jun 2018
	<b>Paul Simon</b>	STELCO – The Steel Company of Canada	Jan 2025
	<b>Fernando Sternberg</b>	Cargill Limited	Jun 2023
	<b>Denis Wilson</b>	Viterra	Jan 2015
<b>Shipowners</b>	<b>Louis-Marie Beaulieu</b>	Groupe Desgagnés	Jun 1999
	<b>Scott Bravener</b>	McKeil Marine	May 2019
	<b>Jean-Philippe Brunet</b>	Groupe Ocean	Jun 2014
	<b>Wesley Newton</b>	Algoma Central Corp	Jun 2018
	<b>Chantal Picard</b>	CSL Group	Jun 2025
<b>Ports / Seaway</b>	<b>Jim Athanasiou</b>	SLSMC	Jan 2025
	<b>Beardsley, Kevin</b>	Duluth Seaway Port Authority	Jun 2025
	<b>Fulvio Fracassi</b>	Halifax Port Authority	Nov 2025
	<b>Julie Gascon</b>	Montréal Port Authority	Jan 2025
	<b>Ian Hamilton</b>	Hamilton Port Authority	Jan 2017
	<b>Patrick Robitaille</b>	Québec Port Authority	Jan 2025
	<b>Steve Salmons</b>	Windsor Port Authority	Jan 2023
<b>Terminals</b>	<b>Michael Fratianni</b>	Montreal Gateway Terminal	Jun 2014
	<b>Frank Robertson</b>	Logistec Stevedoring	Jan 2025
<b>Marine Related</b>	<b>Marc Isaacs</b>	Isaacs & Associates	Jan 2017

## **Jim Athanasiou**

President & CEO

The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation

Jim Athanasiou took over as President and Chief Executive Officer of the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) on July 12, 2024. In this role, he is responsible for the overall operation of the Canadian portion of the bi-national Seaway system.

Mr. Athanasiou joined the SLSMC in 2008 having worked in pulp and paper. In 2016, he was appointed Vice-President, Engineering and Technology and, just prior to his appointment as President and CEO, he led the SLSMC's team in negotiating a 20-year Management, Operation and Maintenance Agreement (MOMA) with the Federal Government.

## **Kevin Beardsley**

Executive Director

Duluth Seaway Port Authority

Kevin's career spans more than 25 years of leadership in financial management, strategic planning and public-sector operations. He joined the Port Authority in 2014 as chief financial officer, serving also as interim executive director in 2018. A catalyst for regional economic development and port modernization, Beardsley's work has helped produce record tonnage totals at multiple cargo facilities throughout the Port of Duluth-Superior. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Wisconsin-Superior and an associate's degree in business from Hibbing Community College.

A Certified Public Accountant, he has also completed the Maritime Port Executive and Professional Port Manager programs. Beardsley serves on numerous boards throughout the community, having earned a reputation for financial acumen, strategic vision and collaborative leadership.

## **Louis-Marie Beaulieu**

Chairman and CEO

Groupe Desgagnés Inc.

Mr. Louis-Marie Beaulieu, O.Q., FCPA, C. Dir., is Chairman of the Board and CEO as well as majority shareholder of Desgagnés, a private company specialized in marine transportation of general cargo and passengers. Graduated from the Université du Québec à Rimouski (UQAR), Mr. Beaulieu also holds a diploma from McMaster University for the corporate governance program, granting him the Chartered Director designation. Prior to his purchase of Desgagnés in 1987, he occupied the position of finance and administration director from 1981 to 1987.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Beaulieu has served on many boards and audit committees, such as the St. Lawrence Economic Development Council (SODES), the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ), the Société Immobilière du Québec and the Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC). He also presided over a number of audit committees, amongst which the SAAQ, the CCC, the Standard Compensation Act Liability Association Ltd (SCALA), the Quebec Employers' Council (also as Chairman), and Transat A.T.

He was also member of various organizations, such as the UQAR's Academic Council, president of the National Marine Industrial Coalition as well as president of the Great Lakes / St. Lawrence Maritime and Industrial Coalition, and co-president with the Québec Minister of the Marine Industry Forum.

Mr. Beaulieu currently sits on a number of boards of directors, and is member of various organizations and associations, amongst which the Marine Transportation Advisory Council, the Ministerial Advisory Council on Supply Chains and Internal Trade, the Cercle des présidents, the QG-100 Network and the Business Council of Canada.

### **Scott Bravener**

President & CEO  
McKeil Marine Limited

Capt. Scott Bravener assumed the role of President, McKeil Marine Limited in March 2019. Scott joined McKeil with an impressive career of more than 35 years in the maritime industry. Scott was the founder of Lower Lakes Towing Ltd., which started in 1994 and grew under his leadership to own and operate, along with its U.S. affiliate Grand River Navigation Company, the largest binational fleet operating on the Great Lakes. Scott most recently served as Co-president and Chief Operating Officer of Rand Logistics Inc., the parent company of these two companies.

Capt. Bravener has worked in the Great Lakes shipping industry since 1982, serving in various capacities with Canada Steamship Lines Inc. and P & H Shipping prior to the formation of Lower Lakes. In 2013, he was selected as Great Lakes “Maritime Man of the Year” and inducted into the Great Lakes Marine Hall of Fame.

### **Carsten Bredin**

Vice-President, Grain Merchandising  
Richardson International

Carsten Bredin is Vice President of Grain Merchandising at Richardson International. Richardson was first established in 1857 and is a global agribusiness leader, providing agronomic inputs and advice to growers, grain handling and merchandising activities, and value-added processing of canola and oats.

Carsten joined Richardson in 1990 as a commodity merchant and has traded many commodities in both domestic and international markets. In 1997, he moved to Guelph Ontario to develop an export market for Richardson’s newly constructed export elevator in Hamilton Ontario. He moved back to Winnipeg in 2000 to manage the merchandising of eastern grains and pulses. In 2012, he was tasked with launching Richardson’s wheat merchandising strategy with the introduction of the open market. He has a vast experience in movement of grain in the Great Lakes over this time period. Currently he provides leadership and strategic direction to the merchandising group and Richardson’s international sales offices in Geneva, Singapore and Hong Kong.

Carsten was raised on a farm just east of Winnipeg and received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Manitoba, majoring in Agriculture Economics and serves as Vice Chairman for the North American Export Grain Association.

### **Jean-Philippe Brunet**

Executive Vice-President, Corporate and Legal Affairs  
Groupe Océan

Jean-Philippe Brunet has been with the Ocean Group since September 2011, acting as the Executive Vice President of Corporate Affairs and Partnerships. Mr. Brunet holds a law degree and has been a member of the Barreau du Québec since 1998.

From 2007 to 2011, he worked as Chief of Staff at the Ministère des Transports du Québec and before that, for one year as Chief of Staff to the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale. Previously, he served as Corporate Secretary of Kruger Inc. and its subsidiaries and as an Aboriginal Relations Advisor for the Secrétariat aux Affaires Autochtones and Hydro-Québec.

Mr. Brunet has also served as Chairman of the Board for the St. Lawrence Ship Operators and the Eastern Canadian Tug Owners' Association. Since 2024, he has been the President of the Board of Directors for the St. Lawrence Economic Development Council (SODES), and he is a member of the Chamber of Marine Commerce. From 2018 to 2024, Jean-Philippe sat on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority.

### **Keith Fowler**

Raw Sugar Logistics Manager  
Redpath Sugar Ltd.

Keith Fowler has served as Raw Sugar Logistics Manager for Redpath Sugar Ltd since 2009 and is responsible for all marine transportation, transshipment and raw sugar inventory including off-site storage operations. From 1994 to 2009, Mr. Fowler held the position as Refinery Trader / Logistics Coordinator responsible for raw sugar and currency hedging as well as inbound raw sugar logistics. Mr. Fowler's previous positions with Redpath Sugar included Purchasing Manager and Inventory Accountant. Mr. Fowler attended the University of Toronto, Ryerson Polytechnic Institute and Humber College.

### **Michael Fratianni**

President & CEO  
Montréal Gateway Terminals Partnership

Michael Fratianni is the president and chief executive officer of the Montreal Gateway Terminals Partnership ("MGT"). In this role he oversees all aspects of MGT's operations, including carrier relations, business development, expansion, safety and the terminals' impact on the local economy and job growth. During his tenure at MGT the terminals have increased cargo multifold and their capacity more than quadrupled, growing from 30 to 140 acres.

Mr. Fratianni is a seasoned senior financial executive with an extensive background in marine terminal management and banking. Over the course of his career Mr. Fratianni has applied his financial acumen and innovative thinking to help win new business, modernize and automate all areas of the business, improve productivity and generate new revenue streams.

Mr. Fratianni is a member of various industry boards. He is an executive member of the Board of CargoM (a transportation advocacy group within the economic development strategy of Greater Montreal), is a member on the boards of the St. Lawrence Economic Development Council (SODES), the Chamber of Marine Commerce as well as being a member on the boards of the Maritime Employers Association including as chairman for seven years. Mr. Fratianni served on Green Marine's board as well as held the position of chairman for six years. He is a director on the board of the Marie-Clarac Hospital and president of the hospital's foundation as well as the board of the Mariner's House of Montreal (a non-profit organization that assists seafarers), which he presided in the past. Mr. Fratianni plays an active role as a member the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal and the Chamber of Commerce of Montreal East.

Mr. Fratianni earned his Bachelor of Commerce from Concordia University, completed an executive development program at McGill University.

## **Fulvio Fracassi**

President & CEO  
Halifax Port Authority

Fulvio assumed the role of President and CEO of the Halifax Port Authority (HPA) in September 2024. He leads the strategic direction and operations of the Port of Halifax, a vital and strategic international gateway that plays a key role in enabling trade, transportation, and economic development for the region, province and country. The Port facilitates hundreds of millions of dollars in trade annually and supports thousands of jobs throughout the region.

As the CEO of the Laurentian Pilotage Authority (LPA) for more than 10 years (2012-2022), he led the strategic direction, 24/7 operations and legislative mandate of Canada's largest marine pilotage authority. In this role, he successfully developed and implemented an ambitious vision and strategy for the organization, led transformative initiatives and repositioned LPA as a leader within the industry it services. He also played a leading role in respect of legislative reforms to modernize pilotage services in Canada and improve the marine transportation system. Following his leadership as CEO of the LPA, Fulvio provided advisory and consultancy services and joined Delegatus, a Quebec business law firm.

Prior to joining LPA, Fulvio worked as Director General with Transport Canada, where he led the strategic direction, management and oversight of the National Marine Security Program, including inspection services and compliance activities within the scope of the Marine Transportation Security Act and Regulations. He was also Director General at the Labour Program, a federal institution within the department of Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC).

Fulvio also held a variety of legal counsel positions of increasing responsibility within the Department of Justice Canada for over 15 years providing advice in the areas of transportation law, labour law, and international trade law.

## **Jack Frye**

President & CEO  
Southwestern Sales Corporation

Jack is Chairman of the Board and CEO of Southwestern Sales Corporation Limited. Jack is no stranger to the industry, having spent 59 years working in the family-owned business that was incorporated in 1959. He is also President and owner of Detroit Bulk Storage in Detroit, Michigan. His companies own eight docks in Ontario and Michigan that handle high quality aggregates and uses, efficient shipping services to and from the quarries throughout the Great Lakes, the largest being Carmeuse Lime & Stone. His company docks are located in Detroit, Marine City, Kingsville, Windsor, Sarnia, Sombra and Owen Sound.

Jack's companies on both sides of the border have proudly served as the primary source of aggregate materials for the construction of the new Gordie Howe International Bridge. All aggregate materials were sourced from Carmeuse's inland quarry and proudly supplied by Southwestern Sales Corporation and Detroit Bulk Storage.

He has been on the Chamber of Marine Commerce board of directors for 31 years. He is also a senior member of the Windsor Port Users and is the chairman of the board of the Kingsville Non-Profit Port Users Association. Jack was a serving member of the Essex-Kent Scottish Regiment of Windsor. In the winter his spare time is spent following his beloved Montreal Canadiens to their various games around the league. Summer is a time of meeting with friends throughout the shipping industry. His favourite saying is "When you go the extra mile it is never crowded".

## **Julie Gascon**

President & CEO  
Montreal Port Authority

Julie Gascon has been the President and CEO of the Montreal Port Authority since February 2024. A native of Greater Montreal, Julie Gascon began her public service career as a graduate of the Canadian Coast Guard College.

Julie spent most of her maritime career sailing on Canadian Coast Guard vessels. Starting in 1998, she also sailed on the global fleet on large ships to obtain her Master Mariner certification. Having held numerous strategic positions within Transport Canada and the Canadian Coast Guard, she was also the Chief Executive Officer of the Pacific Pilotage Authority until her appointment to the Montreal Port Authority. Ms. Gascon holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Montreal (HEC Montreal) and a Bachelor's degree in Nautical Science Technology from Cape Breton University.

## **Ian Hamilton**

President & CEO  
HOPA Ports (Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority)

Ian Hamilton is President & CEO of HOPA Ports (Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority). He assumed this role in January 2017, after serving as the Hamilton Port Authority's Vice President of Business Development and Real Estate since 2008, in which he was instrumental in the Port's success in attracting more than \$300M in external investment.

Ian possesses more than 25 years of experience in international transportation and logistics in Europe and North America, and has held progressively senior positions in the liner shipping industry, including Transatlantic Trade Director (Europe) for CP Ships and Business Development Manager for Hapag-Lloyd. Ian holds an MBA from Aston University (UK) and a BSc in business administration and economics from the College of Charleston, South Carolina. Ian is a Charter Member of the Institute of Logistics and Transport North America, and currently serves as a director of the Ontario Marine Council.

## **Marc Isaacs**

Partner  
Isaacs Odinocki LLP

Marc Isaacs is a Partner with Isaacs Odinocki LLP, a leading Toronto maritime, transportation and insurance law firm. The firm represents clients from all areas of the maritime industry including ship owners, ship managers, ship suppliers, freight forwarders, domestic and international marine insurers and Protection & Indemnity clubs. Marc's practice includes resolving maritime, commercial and insurance disputes; emergency response to marine incidents; and commercial legal advice to the marine industry, including the drafting of bills of lading and negotiating contracts.

Chambers Global 2013, in its first-ever rankings of Canadian Shipping lawyers, ranked Marc as a Tier 1 lawyer. For the past six consecutive years, Marc has been included in the peer reviewed publication Best Lawyers in Canada for maritime law. Marc has received the highest ranking from L'expert ("Most Frequently Recommended"), Canada's guide to leading lawyers. In addition, Marc has been named in the International Who's Who of Maritime and Shipping Lawyers and Canadian Lawyer Magazine has named Isaacs & Co. one of Canada's top Maritime law boutique firms. In 2015, Best Lawyers named Marc as the Toronto Maritime Lawyer of the Year.

Marc Isaacs graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1994 (LL.B.) and was called to the Ontario Bar in 1996. Following his graduation, Marc spent several years with a downtown Toronto litigation firm in a varied litigation practice, with a special emphasis on insurance related cases. Marc has had (and continues to have) a long-standing passion for Maritime Law. In 2001, he received the Stiles Graduate Fellowship from the Admiralty Law Institute at Tulane University School of Law to pursue graduate studies in the area. In 2002 Marc received his Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Admiralty (with distinction) and the Edward A. Dodd Jr. Award as the outstanding candidate in the graduate Admiralty Law programme.

## **Tyler Kohut**

Director, Supply Chain and Cement Logistic Eastern Canada  
Lafarge Canada Inc.

Tyler Kohut is currently the Director of Supply Chain and Cement Logistics Eastern Canada for Lafarge Canada Inc., Canada's largest provider of sustainable construction materials and a member of the global group, LafargeHolcim. With 6,000 employees and 400 sites across Canada, their mission is to provide construction solutions that build better cities and communities.

Mr. Kohut's background includes more than 27 years of experience with Lafarge in the Construction and Logistics industry. Mr. Kohut began his career with Lafarge in 1993 in Western Canada with the Calgary Aggregates group. In 1997 he moved to the Cement group holding positions in Terminal Operations Management and the Project Engineering Group, constructing cement terminals in locations such as Winnipeg MB, Fargo ND, Spokane WA, and Eugene OR.

In 2005, Mr. Kohut moved to Detroit Michigan with Lafarge, shifting his focus to Logistics Management. In his seven years in Detroit, Mr. Kohut managed the Marine, Rail and Truck operations for the Lafarge Cement Group operations in the Great Lakes and Seaways for the US and Canada. In 2012, Mr. Kohut moved back to Canada to work with Lafarge Canada's newly created Eastern Canada Cement Group. In his current role since 2016, Mr. Kohut works with marine, rail and truck carriers to supply cement and cementitious products for Lafarge in Ontario, Quebec, and Atlantic Provinces, as well as the export of product to the US in the Great Lakes and Northeast US markets.

Mr. Kohut holds a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from the University of Calgary, Alberta.

## **Danielle Lewis**

General Manager, Raw Materials  
ArcelorMittal Dofasco

Danielle Lewis serves as the General Manager of Raw Materials at ArcelorMittal Dofasco, where she oversees the sourcing and transportation of key raw materials including coal, coke, iron ore, scrap, FABM, and slabs. Danielle began her career at ArcelorMittal Dofasco in 2002 in the Primary Technology department, where she led various improvement initiatives and held leadership roles within the Coke and Iron business unit. In 2008, Danielle transitioned to the Purchasing department, focusing on strategic sourcing of raw materials.

Danielle holds a Bachelor of Engineering Science from the University of Western Ontario and has been a licensed member of the Professional Engineers of Ontario (PEO) since 2006. She joined the Chamber of Marine Commerce (CMC) Board in 2018 and has served on its Executive Committee since 2019.



## **Brendan Marshall**

**Principal Advisor, External Affairs Canada**

Rio Tinto

Brendan Marshall is Principal Advisor External Affairs Canada at Rio Tinto – the second largest mining company globally and the largest diversified mining and metal manufacturing company operating in Canada.

Bringing more than 15 years of public and private sector experience to the role, Brendan leads federal government engagement providing advice to the business on government affairs, regulatory issues, and policy, including in the climate change, energy, critical minerals, tax, trade and fiscal spaces. He partners closely with Rio Tinto's product groups, communications, legal, and strategy teams to advance Rio Tinto's key projects and growth opportunities in Canada and globally. Brendan also currently serves as a Director on the Board of the Canadian Manufactures and Exporters and is a founding member of Canada's Battery Task Force.

Prior to joining Rio Tinto, Brendan served as Vice President Economic Affairs and Climate Change at the Mining Association of Canada where he led the industry's critical minerals engagement federally in support of Canada's first Critical Minerals Strategy. Brendan also led engagement in the climate change, energy, tax, trade, infrastructure, and transportation areas in addition to the association's work in mining policy and regulation in Canada's North. Previously, Brendan held several federal government appointments. Brendan holds two Masters degrees in Political Philosophy and Energy Management.

## **David Morse**

**Logistics Supply Manager – Great Lakes**

Compass Minerals

David Morse joined the Global Logistics Team at Compass Minerals in 2015. His first position was Logistics Manager – Canada, where he managed order fulfilment in Ontario and Quebec for the Highway Division. David took on a new role in 2019 as Logistics Supply Manager – Great Lakes. In this role, he is the focal point for operations, commercial and logistics. He manages all aspects of the vessel supply out of the Goderich Mine for the Highway, Chemical and Customer & Industrial segments of the salt business.

David came to Compass Minerals from the Canadian National Railway. During his 9 years there, he managed CN's intermodal operations from both the Brampton, Ontario and Edmonton, Alberta terminals. In various roles, he oversaw all aspects of the supply chain, which included truckload, rail and ocean vessels. Ocean shipments were wide ranging, including ports in Halifax, Montreal, Roberts Bank, Vancouver, Prince George and New Orleans.

David received his Business Degree from Canadore College in 2004. He is currently enrolled and completing his CSCP Logistics Designation through the Association for Supply Chain Management.

## **Wesley Newton**

**Executive Vice President, Strategy and Business Development**

Algoma Central Corporation

Wesley Newton directs the corporate development, legal and regulatory affairs of the Company including government and industry relations. Mr. Newton is also Corporate Secretary for the Company. Prior to joining Algoma in 2011, Mr. Newton held a position as senior corporate counsel with the Canadian subsidiary of a large international express air shipping company and had practised litigation and

commercial law in private practice. Called to the Ontario Bar in 2004, Mr. Newton holds a BAH in History from Queens University and an LLB from the University of New Brunswick. Mr. Newton is a member of the Canadian Maritime Law Association.

### **Chantal Picard**

The CSL Group Inc.

Chief Operating Officer, Canada, Americas and Australia

Chantal Picard joined The CSL Group in November 2009 as a member of the Corporate Finance team, where she advanced through various senior finance roles before becoming Vice-President, Commercial for Canada Steamship Lines. In April 2024, she was promoted to the global role of Chief Operating Officer, overseeing operations in Canada, the Americas, and Australia.

With extensive global maritime experience, Ms. Picard has played a key role in several acquisitions and investment projects for CSL. In her current position, she is responsible for managing the company's global fleet and ensuring the delivery of superior customer service.

Prior to joining CSL, Ms. Picard served as a manager at Ernst & Young, LLP, where she led various global external audits for large international organizations in the maritime and construction sectors.

### **Jim Reznik**

Director of Logistics – North America

St. Marys Cement - Votorantim Cimentos North America

Jim Reznik has oversight of logistics for all modes of transport for VCNA, better known in the Great Lakes as St Marys Cement. With 25 years of experience in sales, logistics and operations within the cement industry there has been many challenging opportunities and assignments. Marine transportation has been a primary focus for Mr. Reznik to lead the organization forward. Mr. Reznik holds a BA in Business Administration Management and Marketing from Baldwin Wallace College (Ohio).

### **Frank Robertson**

Vice-President, Operations

LOGISTEC Stevedoring

Frank is a seasoned cargo handling expert with over 20 years of experience in the marine industry. His in-depth knowledge of the wide range of different cargo types and the unique challenges that come with each one is an invaluable skill to the LOGISTEC team. He is known for his innovative approach to the challenges faced by customers and develops creative solutions to move their cargo efficiently and safely. Frank works closely with customers and his team of experts to implement customized plans, leveraging LOGISTEC's North American network and unparalleled experience in cargo handling.

### **Patrick Robitaille**

Vice President, Business Development and Innovation

Quebec Port Authority

Patrick Robitaille has a strong port / maritime experience in business development. He has held several positions over his 31 years working at the port. He is now in charge of the business development of the central business units of the organization, such as cargo and international cruise activities, as well as land use planning. Over the past few years, he and his team have integrated the Innovation and Business Intelligence sector into the department and are developing this expertise as a strategic sector

for the port's commercial development. Mr. Robitaille has worked alongside other senior managers on various projects to grow the organization's commercial potential. Throughout the years, he has been a frequent guest speaker for various groups and has lectured at multiple educational institutions. Patrick graduated from Université de Sherbrooke with a degree in Economics.

## **Steve Salmons**

President & CEO  
Windsor Port Authority

Steve Salmons was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Windsor Port Authority in 2018, bringing to the position 40 years of experience in growth, development and economic expansion. Prior to joining Port Windsor, Steve oversaw community development at the Town of Lakeshore, held the positions of Senior Advisor to the Minister of Finance (Ontario), Senior Advisor to the Minister of Transportation (Ontario), Senior Advisor to the Chair for Management Board (Ontario), General Manager of Community Services at the City of Windsor, CEO of the Windsor Public Library, and Manager Branch Services and Operations for the Royal Bank of Canada. Steve has spent his career serving in senior executive roles, providing strategic leadership with a consistent focus on economic expansion.

Steve is a life-long resident of Windsor. His education includes an MBA (Strategic Studies), an Honours BCom (Labour Relations) and a BA (Psychology) from the University of Windsor, ON. Steve serves as a Board member for the Association of Canadian Port Authorities, Chamber of Marine Commerce, the Ontario Marine Council and is active with the Windsor Transportation Club.

## **Paul Simon**

President & General Counsel  
STELCO – The Steel Company of Canada

Paul Simon is President and General Counsel of Stelco Inc., where he oversees all aspects of Stelco's business and operations in Canada. Prior to his appointment as President, Paul served as General Counsel of Stelco since 2017. From 2004 to 2017, Paul practiced corporate and securities law at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, where he started as an Associate and eventually became a Partner. Paul attended McMaster University from 1996 to 2000, studying Commerce. He then went on to Queen's University from 2000 to 2003, where he studied Law.

## **Fernando Sternberg**

Senior Supply & Inventory Planner  
Cargill Limited

Fernando Sternberg is a Senior Supply & Inventory Planner with Cargill. Cargill was founded in 1865 and since its inception has been one of the world's leaders in the agriculture and food production industry. Headquartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Cargill Canada employs over 8,000 people across multiple business ranging from grain handling to meat processing and retailing of crop inputs.

Fernando joined Cargill in 2013 as a summer intern in the crop input business and has since held a variety of logistics and supply chain management roles in several of Cargill's businesses. In 2021, after completing an MBA from the University of Manitoba, Fernando re-joined the Canadian grain supply chain in his current role. As a Senior Supply & Inventory Planner Fernando is responsible for the flow of grain from Manitoba through the Great Lakes to ensure Cargill's end customers receive their purchases on time and with the right quality.

**Denis Wilson**

Manager, Marine Transportation  
Viterra Inc.

Denis Wilson is the Manager of Marine Transportation for Viterra. In his current role, he is responsible for the company's bulk vessel, domestic laker and container programs for Eastern and Western Canada.

He began his career in 1994 with United Grain Growers in Winnipeg, holding a variety of progressively responsible positions in accounting, rail and vessel logistics. In 2001, he became Assistant Manager of Vessel Freight for Agricore United. In 2007, he became Senior Manager of Vessel Freight for Viterra overseeing its North American vessel chartering and operations, eventually assuming responsibility for risk management of Viterra's global freight book. Most recently he served as Manager of Vessel Operations.

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