

Raymond Johnston

Secretary Treasurer, Chamber of Marine Commerce

Mr. Johnston has a long and distinguished career in the marine industry, with deep experience in corporate governance and executive management, government relations, labour and workforce development, and environmental stewardship.

His career in shipping began with Canada Steamship Lines Inc. of Montréal, Québec, where he spent 23 years and held a number of senior executive roles, including President and Chief Executive Officer. During this period, Mr. Johnston developed extensive expertise across all facets of the Canadian and U.S. marine shipping industry, as well as international business development experience in Europe and Asia.

From 2000 to 2013, Mr. Johnston served as President of the Ottawa-based Chamber of Marine Commerce (CMC). He continues to serve the organization as Secretary-Treasurer and strategic advisor, providing guidance on corporate governance and long-term strategy. In this role, he has been instrumental in advancing sound marine policy to address industry competitiveness challenges and in raising awareness of the marine sector's critical contribution to the economy and society.

Mr. Johnston currently serves as Corporate Secretary of Green Marine International, the legal entity that manages the Green Marine environmental certification program. He was a driving force behind the creation of Green Marine, an industry-led sustainability initiative designed to address key environmental challenges facing shipowners, ports, and terminal operators. Originally focused on the St. Lawrence–Great Lakes region, Green Marine has since expanded across North America and established a presence in Europe and Australia. The program has achieved international recognition and received multiple awards for its success in bringing together industry stakeholders, governments, and environmental organizations to advance environmental excellence in marine transportation.

In 2019, Mr. Johnston played a key role in launching the Canadian Marine Careers Foundation (CMCF) and currently serves as its Corporate Secretary and Treasurer. The CMCF is dedicated to promoting careers in the marine sector and addressing workforce development challenges across Canada.

Mr. Johnston has served on numerous government advisory councils and on the boards of private companies, publicly listed corporations, and not-for-profit organizations, including as a Director of the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation from 2017 to 2023.



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