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Communiqué

TWO NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Montréal, October 3, 2024 - The Laurentian Pilotage Authority (LPA) is pleased to announce the appointment of two new members to its Board of Directors:

Marie-Claude Cardin (Chairperson)
Georges Farrah (Administrator)

These new members bring a wealth of experience, along with a variety of perspectives that will benefit the organization's governance and strategic vision. "We look forward to their contributions as we pursue our commitment to providing more resilient, intelligent and sustainable pilotage services" - Marc-Yves Bertin, CEO.

The LPA also wishes to thank Julius Spivack for his 17 years on the LPA Board, first as an administrator, and then as Provisional Chairperson. "During his term of office, he showed tremendous dedication to our organization, along with a strong sense of public duty."

About Marie-Claude Cardin

Marie-Claude Cardin retired as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of VIA Rail Canada in December 2023 where she led its financial administration including its Corporate Plan, internal and external financial reports, budgets and controls, internal and external audits, corporate purchasing, corporate project management office, real estate, and pension investment plans.

Prior to joining VIA, she served as Vice-President, Head of finance and administration of PSP Investments. In this role, she managed Corporate Finance, Investment Finance, and Administrative Services. Ms. Cardin has also occupied strategic roles in finance and information technology at Rio Tinto Alcan, the National Bank of Canada, Desjardins Group and Fednav Limited. She holds an accounting bachelor from Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, is a Chartered Professional Accountant and a Certified corporate director (ICD.D).



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About Georges Farrah

Georges Farrah graduated from the Université de Moncton in 1976 with a Bachelor's Degree in Administrative Sciences. During his career, he gained extensive business experience in the Magdalen Islands. He also became involved in politics, serving as a member of the National Assembly for the Magdalen Islands between 1985 and 1998. During his term, he served as Parliamentary Assistant, Delegated Minister, and Chief Whip. Between 2000 and 2004, he continued his political involvement on the federal scene. Elected as a member of Parliament for Bonaventure-Gaspé-Îles-de-la-Madeleine-Pabos, he served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans from 2001 to 2003, as a member of the Privy Council, and as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food from 2003 to 2004.

Mr. Farrah worked as a business development consultant before serving as President and CEO of the Société des traversiers du Québec from 2006 to 2014. In 2014, he was appointed Associate Secretary General of the Executive Council Office, where he was put in charge of the Secrétariat à l'implantation de la stratégie maritime du Québec. He was also appointed Assistant Deputy Minister for the Department of Transport in 2018.

He holds ASC university certification in corporate governance and graduated from the Collège des administrateurs de sociétés before becoming a member of the Ordre des administrateurs agréés from 2008 to 2014. More recently, Mr. Farrah served as Strategic Advisor for the CEO of the Société des établissements de plein air du Québec (Sépaq) from 2020 to 2023.

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