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CMC and Port Montreal host federal Liberal Caucus

MONTREAL – Yesterday, members of the federal Liberal Caucus had lunch aboard a three football field –long container ship while touring Canada’s second largest marine port.

Organized by the Chamber of Marine Commerce (CMC) and the Montreal Port Authority (MPA) with federal Liberal Industry Critic, Marc Garneau (MP, Westmount—Ville Marie), the event allowed parliamentarians and marine industry executives to tour port facilities, a container ship and discuss pending issues and future opportunities.

Montreal Port Authority’s President & CEO, Sylvie Vachon noted, “These events are great opportunities to remind Canada’s decision-makers of the importance of ports and the entire marine industry to our prosperous standard of living.”

“This is the latest in a series of parliamentarian-industry events that we’ve organized over the past couple of years,” said CMC’s Vice President, Stephen Brooks. “These are perfect opportunities for our country’s lawmakers to witness firsthand how marine delivers more than just valuable goods, ... marine delivers to the economy, the environment and also delivers innovation,” continued Brooks.

The tour began with a presentation by MPA President & CEO, Sylvie Vachon, followed by a visit through MPA’s world-class security control room. Participants were then escorted out to Montreal Gateway Terminals’ (MGT) facilities to witness the latest imports being unloaded in containers from Orient Overseas Container Line’s vessel, *OOCL Montreal*.

Participants were then welcomed aboard the bridge of the vessel by OOCL President, David Watson, along with MGT’s Chief Executive Officer, Kevin Doherty. After lunch aboard, the group returned to a reception at MPA’s Dominic Taddeo Room, where they were joined by other senior industry executives.

Liberal parliamentarians participating in the event included, Marc Garneau (MP, Westmount—Ville-Marie), Senator Dennis Dawson (Lauzon, QC), Senator Céline Hervieux-Payette (Bedford, QC), Francis Scarpaleggia (MP, Lac-Saint-Louis), Marcel Proulx (MP, Hull—Aylmer), Dr. Bernard Patry (MP, Pierrefonds—Dollards) and Alexandra Mendes (MP, Brossard—La Prairie).

Besides Mr. Brooks, Mme. Vachon, Mr. Watson and Mr. Doherty, industry participants included Tony Boemi (Montreal Port Authority), Holger Oetjen (Hapag-Lloyd Canada), Madeleine Paquin (Logistec Corporation), Jean Mongeau (Montreal Port Authority), Peter Hinge (CMA CGM Canada), Michael Broad (Shipping Federation of Canada), Roger Carré (Termont Montreal), Jean Bédard (Maritime Employers Association), Claudio Minello (Canadian Pacific), Jeremy Ayling (OOCL) and Ross Kenny (Cerescorp).

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About the Marine Industry Caucus

The Marine Industry Caucus is a collaborative effort between parliamentarians and marine industry executives, formed out of a desire for parliamentarians to learn more about the importance of marine commerce to industrial shippers and Canadians. The caucus was formed in 2007 and has since held events in Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Toronto, St. Catharines, Welland, Quebec City, Halifax, Goderich and Montreal.

About the [Chamber of Marine Commerce](#)

The Chamber of Marine Commerce (CMC) is an Ottawa-based association that represents more than 160 marine industry stakeholders including major Canadian and American shippers, ports, terminals and marine service providers, as well as domestic and international shipowners. The CMC represents the interests of its members by addressing government issues affecting marine transportation. Advocacy extends to both the federal and provincial levels of government and, when appropriate, to U.S. federal and state governments and agencies. The marine industry is vital to our prosperity by enabling efficient trade within North America and around the world. As a safe, efficient and environmentally smart method of carrying freight, the increased use of marine transportation offers opportunities to alleviate highway congestion, improve utilization of waterway capacity and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

