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“Reward green transportation”, Canadians tell government

OTTAWA – A new national poll reveals that Canadians almost universally want the government to reward the use of greener transportation.

Among the one thousand Canadians surveyed, fully 90% support the government offering incentives to encourage companies to use more environmentally friendly methods, like marine transportation, to transport their goods.

In terms of specific rewards, 69% of Canadians recommend the government offer tax incentives and 63% want the government to reduce or eliminate government fees that companies now pay to use the greener marine transportation.

Referring to the marine industry’s plan to surpass environmental regulatory standards in return for government fee rebates, Chamber of Marine Commerce President Raymond Johnston noted, “This is proof positive that our green incentive plan is a winner: a winner for industry, for government, for the environment and now obviously for the people of Canada.”

This survey of one thousand Canadian adults was conducted by [Praxicus Public Strategies Inc.](#) between January 6-12, 2008, with a margin of error of $\pm 3.1\%$ nineteen times out of twenty.

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About the [Chamber of Marine Commerce](#)

The Chamber of Marine Commerce (CMC) is an Ottawa-based association that represents more than 185 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 the safest and most environmentally sound method of carrying bulk freight, the increased use of marine transportation offers opportunities to alleviate highway congestion, improve utilization of waterway capacity and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.