The 2016 results demonstrate a solid year across all of our lines of business. Cargo numbers have been trending upward since August 2015. It was a good year for cruise; and real estate continues to perform well. We are working to create the conditions for businesses to grow, resulting in economic growth.

This diverse revenue stream at the Port of Halifax helps to provide long term stability. We are working with terminal operators, shipping lines, cargo owners, third-party logistics companies, and others in the supply chain promoting the advantages of moving cargo through the Port of Halifax—available capacity, big ship infrastructure, and our overall competitive advantage.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the various groups involved in developing and maintaining the positive momentum we are seeing. This is a long list that includes the terminal operators, ocean carriers, cargo owners, CN, labour, Atlantic Pilotage Authority, tug operators, and logistics providers. When you look beyond cargo, the list gets even longer and extends to tour operators, cruise vendors, and tourism providers across the tourism industry, long-term real estate tenants, and the thousands of people who attend and support the Halifax Seaport Farmers’ Market.

We look forward to our continued work with partners, stakeholders, and all levels of government as we further develop economic opportunities through the Port of Halifax.

Hector Jacques, OC, Chair, Board of Directors, Halifax Port Authority

The Port of Halifax is a national strategic asset that delivers significant economic and social benefits for its community, region, and for our country overall. The year 2016 was a year of positive momentum.

Containerized cargo volume continued to grow, finishing the year at levels not seen in over a decade. Non-containerized cargo and cruise saw year-over-year increases. The Halifax Seaport is now well-established as a tourism and cultural destination, especially during summer months. The Halifax Seaport Farmers’ Market has become a hub for local food and products.

Containerized cargo is a significant economic driver in our province. It means jobs for the men and women who handle the cargo. It means opportunities for those in the trucking and rail industries, work for those in marine services, and employment in logistics, and supply chain support facilities found across Nova Scotia. All told, over 12,000 jobs are generated by port operations each year.

The deep water berths at the Port of Halifax are economic engines for Canadian business expansion, providing cost-effective access to global markets thanks to regular calls from 18 shipping lines connecting Halifax to 150 countries. We are taking steps to develop the necessary infrastructure that ensures the Port of Halifax is fully prepared to meet cargo demands of the future and maintains our strong position as one of Canada’s global ports.

Karen Oldfield, QC, President and CEO, Halifax Port Authority
ATLANTIC GATEWAY FOR CONTAINERIZED TRADE

Building on the hard work and success of the entire port community, Halifax strongly remains the Atlantic Gateway for containerized trade. From the pilots and tug operations who direct vessels on and off berths, to the men and women of the ILA who work on our terminals, from our terminal operators interchanging with our rail carrier who delivers cargo to the inland markets, and to the truck carriers for Atlantic provinces, together we help to power the economy of Canada.

The Port of Halifax is a key link in the supply chain with its well positioned location and deep water berths. The port enables Canadian business expansion with cost-effective access to global markets, extending the reach of trade through Trans-Canada Highway connections, and on-terminal rail serving the largest number of container vessel services on the Atlantic Coast.

A NEW ERA OF GROWTH

The Atlantic Canada economic impact of the Port of Halifax has never been greater. With global export routes for seafood, forest products and agricultural products, and worldwide retail imports, all of Atlantic Canada is connected to the global marketplace. The Port of Halifax economic impact review shows that port-related industry supports 37,000 full time jobs and yields more than $3.6 billion in economic benefits to Nova Scotia.

OPPORTUNITY AHEAD

Unprecedented opportunities stand before the Port of Halifax from smart investments and tireless stakeholder effort. The Port of Halifax is the fastest growing port in Canada. With room to grow and infrastructure planning underway, the Port of Halifax is well-positioned to take advantage of the carrier industry deployment of ultra-class vessels.

HALIFAX PORT AUTHORITY CARGO 2016:

» Cargo up 14.9% (480,722 TEU)
» Intermodal cargo up 36.6%
» Non-container cargo up 4.0% (406,987 tonnes)
» Total tonnes up 16.2% (4,461,038 tonnes)
The Port of Halifax is a market leader in non-containerized trade. Canadian agricultural, forestry, manufacturing, vehicle, and energy industries employ the Port of Halifax’s RO/RO, bulk, breakbulk, and agricultural facilities for fast and cost-effective access to overseas markets.

Halifax’s diverse carrier service, convenient location, and ample infrastructure provides opportunities for growth across the business sectors served by the port.

» Richmond Terminals is a modern multipurpose facility geared to ship building, energy, offshore oil and gas development, and mineral extraction.

» Ocean Terminals provides RO/RO, bulk, and breakbulk commodity services. This facility specializes in the cross-docking of forest products.

» The Halifax Grain Elevator handles dry bulk cargoes and provides solutions for the export of agriculture products, including vertical storage.

» The Port of Sheet Harbour continues to be utilized for oversized project cargo.
CRUISE HALIFAX

The Port of Halifax welcomed over 238,000 guests arriving on 136 cruise vessels during the 2016 cruise season. The busiest passenger day was October 11, 2016, a five-ship day. This year saw an increase of just over 7% in overall passenger counts. The Port of Halifax is the marquee port for cruise in Eastern Canada. The cruise season in Halifax typically runs from mid-April to the end of October and generates over $100 million in annual economic benefits.

FACILITIES: MAXIMIZING LAND ASSETS

Properties managed by the Halifax Port Authority include: container terminals, the grain elevator, cargo handling facilities, non-cargo facilities, Halifax harbour, and the Halifax Seaport. Demand at these properties remains high. The Halifax Seaport, thanks to key tenants including the Halifax Seaport Farmers’ Market, Cunard Centre, NSCAD University, the Cultural Federation of Nova Scotia, the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, Garrison Brewing Co., and several others, is a popular arts and cultural district within Halifax. The Seaport continues to deliver the best in local food, culture, and entertainment to the estimated 1.2 million yearly visitors.
ENVIRONMENT

As the first port in Canada to achieve ISO 14001 certification, the Halifax Port Authority is committed to the sustainability of the Halifax harbour, and the local community in which the port operates. The highlight of 2016 was Halifax being awarded as the top-rated Canadian port in qualifying categories measured by Green Marine. Since 2005, the port has participated in Green Marine, a North American environmental program. Waste management initiatives and measureable diversion targets were also established in 2016. The Halifax Port Authority will continue to encourage environmental stewardship throughout the port.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND ENGAGEMENT

Yearly, the port supports various community events and causes in the areas of direct port-related activities, arts and culture, and the environment. The Halifax Port Authority supported the Mission to Seafarers, Halifax Experience, Atlantic Film Festival, Neptune Theatre, NSCAD Artist for a Day, Eastern Shore Cold Waters Seafood Festival, A Woman on the Waterfront–The Volunteers/Les Bénévoles Project, and Nocturne. As part of ongoing outreach efforts, the Halifax Port Authority is involved with several engagement sessions each year, including stakeholder meetings, industry workshops, and public port tours.

2016 Eastern Shore Cold Waters Seafood Festival (Photo Credit: Dick deGier)

Green Marine Recognition of Participation

The Volunteers/Les Bénévoles announcement at Halifax Seaport
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Halifax Port Authority is governed by a board of seven directors who are appointed, chosen as follows:

» One member nominated by the Minister of Transport and appointed by the Governor in Council (Federal Director)
» One member chosen and appointed by the Province of Nova Scotia (Provincial Director)
» One member chosen and appointed by the Halifax Regional Municipality (Municipal Director)
» Four members nominated by the Minister of Transport in consultation with Port User groups and appointed by the Governor in Council (Port User Directors)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (AS OF MARCH 31, 2017)

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Chair
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*1, 3, 4, *5

Tom Hayes
Vice-Chair
Provincial Director
1, 2, 5, *6

Ted Larsen
Port User Director
2, *4, 6

Lantz Siteman
Port User Director
*2, *3, 4

Jim Spatz
Federal Director
1, 6

BOARD COMMITTEES

1 Governance Committee
2 Audit Committee
3 Human Resources and Compensation Committee
4 Security, Environment and Safety Committee
5 Seaport Committee
6 Infrastructure and Gateway Strategy Committee

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