MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

On behalf of the Halifax Port Authority (HPA) and its Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to recognize the entire port community for a very solid year in 2018 for cargo, cruise, and real estate.

The container terminals handled a combined 547,445 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEU) of containerized cargo—one of the strongest years ever. Cruise operations welcomed 316,869 cruise guests on 198 vessels, the most the Port of Halifax has ever seen in a single year. And real estate continues to perform well, with a vacancy rate of less than 1%.

First and foremost, the value of this concerted effort is jobs. These are well-paying jobs for Nova Scotia families, providing salaries that go back into our economy and keep things moving forward. Jobs on the terminals, in the trucking industry, in marine services, in logistics parks, and across the tourism industry.

We are looking forward to our work together as we continue to position the Port of Halifax as a strategic cargo gateway on the East Coast of North America.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The shipping industry is the foundation on which so much of our economy is built, and it is evolving at a tremendous pace. In less than five years, vessel sizes have increased by one third, and digital transformation is changing how ports and supply chains around the world do business.

As Canada’s only East Coast gateway for Ultra-Class Container Vessels, it’s important that we keep pace with the global industry. As a vital link in the Canadian supply chain, we are enhancing our infrastructure to remain competitive, with the potential to grow.

Our immediate need is to get the right infrastructure in place to berth and service two Ultra-Class Container Vessels by 2020 to preserve cargo-related jobs and ensure Canadian cargo does not flow through U.S. ports. In August of 2018, we announced plans to further develop our infrastructure at the South End Container Terminal to welcome more of these Ultra-Class Container Vessels by extending the length of the existing berth by 135 metres. This will allow us to continue to serve Port customers, keep our waterfront working, and do it within our existing means.

Our vision for the future includes maintaining and enhancing cargo and cruise infrastructure, and mitigating the effects of traffic congestion in the core of the city as it relates to cargo trucks on the streets of downtown Halifax.

We remain committed to working with partners, the community, and all three levels of government to find a permanent infrastructure solution that will allow the Port of Halifax to support the growing momentum in our city and the great quality of life we collectively enjoy.
CONTAINERIZED TRADE — SUSTAINED GROWTH

Containerized cargo volume in 2018 remains strong.

Capitalizing on the momentum of the 2017 record-breaking numbers, we continue to sustain trade growth. The consistency at the Port of Halifax reflects the hard work of key port partners, including terminal operators, ocean carriers, rail provider CN, labour, marine pilots, and tug operators.

In 2018, we continued to see the arrival of Ultra-Class Container Vessels to the Port of Halifax. We are Canada’s Ultra Atlantic Gateway.

The Port of Halifax is a key link in the supply chain with its strategic location and deep-water berths. A strong, secure supply chain means a strong competitive Port that—with increasing trade opportunities on the horizon—is positioned to bring more business and prosperity to Canada by ensuring Canadian imports and exports are serviced by Canadian ports, vessels, and rail.

NON-CONTAINERIZED CARGO

The Port of Halifax is a vital asset for non-containerized trade. Canadian agriculture, 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. Developments this year included import of military trucks and wood pellet exports from Great Northern Pellet’s purchase of the Musquodobit mill. In 2018, non-containerized cargo throughput is 394,142 metric tonnes, with exports up 42.7% over 2017.

DIGITIZATION

Digitization is a key theme in the shipping world and we continue to move forward. For HPA, digitization is about making sure the different members of the port community are connected and working efficiently together. In 2018, we achieved several important accomplishments in our ongoing efforts to provide relevant and current information to stakeholders, such as:

- Publishing truck gate wait times and truck service times for our container terminals
- An overhaul of our online Port Operations Centre, including publication of dwell metrics
- Participating in the TradeLens Blockchain Platform, created by IBM and Maersk

The Halifax Port Authority’s digitization efforts aim to make us the most digitally enabled port on the eastern seaboard. This is a multi-faceted, multi-year program. Learn more at portofhalifax.ca/port-operations-centre.

HALIFAX PORT AUTHORITY CARGO, 2018

- Containerized throughput for 2018 is 547,455 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEU).
- Total cargo tonnage through HPA facilities in 2018 is 4,769,550 metric tonnes.

Stevedore, Port of Halifax
PORT PLANNING: BUILDING OUR PORT FOR THE FUTURE.

A vibrant, working waterfront is a fundamental part of our port city and has tremendous benefits for Halifax and Nova Scotia.

The Port of Halifax is proud of our contributions to the region and we are working to ensure the future is even brighter. To stay competitive, meet business needs, and continue to grow Nova Scotia’s economy, the Port must be able to berth and service two Ultra-Class Container Vessels simultaneously. In 2018, HPA has commenced a $35 million infrastructure berth development project to temporarily extend its South End Container Terminal (SECT). To learn more on the options evaluated and engagement opportunities, visit portcityhfx.ca.

- Expands capacity at SECT to berth and service a second Ultra-Class Container Vessel
- Cost-effective and environmentally sustainable solution that ensures the Port has the capacity it needs to remain competitive
- Delivery expected Q1, 2020

For longer term expansion plans, HPA has been evaluating options and gathering input from terminal operators, partners, municipal planners, customers, residents, and the business community. To assist us, HPA has engaged a number of industry-leading global and local firms to ensure breadth of scope and full consideration of options.

Collaboratively, we are developing an infrastructure plan focused on our stakeholders and community, while enabling an increase in containerized cargo capacity that satisfies customer needs in the Ultra-Class Container Vessel era.
CRUISE HALIFAX
The Port of Halifax welcomed 316,869 cruise guests arriving on 198 cruise vessels during the 2018 cruise season. This is an 8% increase in the number of cruise guests over 2017 and a 14% increase in the number of vessel calls. Prior to this, 2017 had been the busiest year for cruise in Halifax for both passenger visits and vessel calls. The Port of Halifax is the marquee port for cruise in Eastern Canada. For more information on Cruise Halifax and the cruise schedule, visit cruisehalifax.ca.

LAND ASSETS
Properties managed by the Halifax Port Authority include: cargo handling facilities, container terminals, the grain elevator, Halifax Harbour, Halifax Seaport, and non-cargo facilities. Demand at these properties remains high.

The Halifax Seaport continues to be a hub of activity thanks to key tenants including: the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, Centre for Craft Nova Scotia, the Cultural Federation of Nova Scotia, Cunard Centre, Designer Craft Shop, East Coast Lifestyle, Garrison Brewing Co., Halifax Seaport Farmers’ Market, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design University, Tomavinos Pizzeria, and several others. Keep up-to-date on Halifax Seaport tenants and events by visiting halifaxseaport.ca.

HALIFAX PORT AUTHORITY CRUISE, 2018
- 198 cruise vessels
- 316,869 cruise guests

A popular arts and cultural district within Halifax, the Halifax Seaport continues to deliver the best in local food, culture, and entertainment to its estimated 1.2 million annual visitors.
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND ENGAGEMENT

Yearly, the Port of Halifax supports various community events and causes in the areas of direct port-related activities, arts and culture, and the environment. In 2018, the Halifax Port Authority supported several groups and initiatives such as the United Way, Mission to Seafarers, Nocturne, Nova Scotia International Tattoo, Eastern Shore Cold Waters Seafood Festival, and Oceans Week Halifax.

As part of ongoing outreach and engagement, the HPA is involved with several engagement sessions each year, including: stakeholder meetings, annual business stakeholder session, annual general meeting, industry and business development workshops, Halifax Port Days and tours, including the annual Port Community Tour. The Port Community Tour is hosted by HPA and Ambassatours Gray Line, offering the local community free educational waterside tours aboard Ambassatours Harbour Queen. In 2018, HPA added additional dates and increased the number of tours, welcoming over 1200 guests to the sights and sounds of the Port of Halifax.

ENVIRONMENT

As the first port in Canada to achieve ISO 14001 certification, the Halifax Port Authority is committed to a sustainable Halifax Harbour and local community in which the Port operates.

In 2018, Halifax was awarded as a top-rated Canadian port in qualifying categories measured by Green Marine—for which the Halifax Port Authority has been a member since 2005—and we published our first Sustainability Report. The Halifax Port Authority will continue to encourage and promote environmental stewardship throughout the port.
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 COMMITTEES

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

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