

Annual General Meeting
Collaboration at the heart of the Port of Trois-Rivières'
activities and development

Trois-Rivières, June 27, 2024 – The Trois-Rivières Port Authority (TRPA) today held its Annual General Meeting, which was an opportunity to highlight the results and achievements of 2023. Over the past year, the Port welcomed 272 vessels, including 28 cruise ship calls, and recorded cargo traffic of 4.2 million metric tonnes, bringing net earnings to \$4.15 million.

“For many years, collaboration has been at the heart of the Port of Trois-Rivières' activities and development, and 2023 is no exception. Whether it's with our handlers, who constantly surpass themselves to make the Port more competitive, our various partners, who make our major projects possible over the coming years, or with the Trois-Rivières and Mauricie communities, which we support annually, a lasting collaborative relationship unites us for the benefit of our community,” said Véronique Néron (Esq.), Chair of the Board of Directors, and Gaétan Boivin, President and CEO .

Ms. Néron (Esq.) and Mr. Boivin also highlighted the quality of the companies and their teams that make up the port community. Handlers Alcoa, G3 Canada, Groupe Somavrac, Logistec and QSL, customers and collaborators such as Les Chemins de fer Québec-Gatineau, Groupe Océan, Hason and the St. Lawrence Pilots, as well as longshoremen and all those who work at the Port; all are recognized for their leadership and dedication, which enable the Port to achieve exceptional results year after year, and to move steadily forward in realizing its On Course for 2030 plan.

On Course for 2030

In this niche, the Port of Trois-Rivières has pursued the actions that will lead it to achieve its vision *To be an innovative and sustainable urban port, generating growth, at the heart of a competitive supply chain*. Proud of its urban character, in March the Port organized, in collaboration with CSL and the Coast Guard, a public visit of two ships, for which the visiting slots were quickly taken up.

The partnership with the ports of Montreal and Quebec City also took another step forward when, in May, the three ports jointly announced their participation in the Canadian government's Carbon Neutral Challenge. This is a voluntary initiative in which the ports implement credible and effective transition plans to make their facilities and operations zero-emission by 2050. In announcing their membership, the ports have committed to accelerating the decarbonization of the maritime industry along the St. Lawrence maritime corridor.

In 2023, we were also very busy setting up the Centre d'expertise en logistique portuaire, of which the Port is a founding member. Through this initiative and association, the Port aims to improve logistics and port activities in a context of sustainable development. The Centre is a partner of choice for the Port, which is constantly seeking to promote inclusive innovation practices, create synergies to develop new knowledge, and implement solutions adapted to its needs and those of the Quebec port ecosystem through innovative projects. Thus, to play its part in the collective future, the Port will sometimes transform itself, for the benefit of the Centre, into a platform for experimentation and learning.

Maritime and port communities gather in Trois-Rivières

The dynamism and solidarity of the port community were also witnessed by key Canadian players in the maritime and port sectors when the Port of Trois-Rivières hosted the 64th annual convention of the Association of Canadian Port Authorities last September. More than 260 representatives of the maritime and port industries gathered for the occasion, and the discussions were rich in themes such as sustainable infrastructure development, economic prosperity and community involvement.

It's worth recalling that during this convention, the Paquin family's important contribution to our Port and our region was highlighted and recognized. In particular, Madeleine and Marc Paquin, then respectively President of Logistec and President of Groupe Somavrac, were awarded the Medal of Merit. Indeed, the Port of Trois-Rivières saw the birth of these two family businesses on its wharves, and over the years they have become inspiring role models. Lucien Paquin, grandfather of Madeleine and Marc Paquin, created Three Rivers Shipping in 1943, which led to the founding of Logistec in 1952 by his son Roger Paquin, father of Madeleine, and Somavrac in 1963 by his other son Pierre Paquin, father of Marc. Entrepreneurs at heart, visionaries and maritime enthusiasts like their father and grandfather, Madeleine and Marc have taken over the family business, demonstrating creativity in the face of many challenges, making their respective companies industry leaders.

Community investments

The Port of Trois-Rivières is an important driver of our economy, and this is also reflected in the support it offers to its community. Thanks to donations, sponsorships and volunteer time, the Port has contributed to the mission of more than 40 non-profit organizations in the region, working in the fields of social, community, cultural, environmental, educational and economic development.

About the Port of Trois-Rivières

As part of the 17 Canadian Port Authorities and active since 1882, the Port of Trois-Rivières offers a wide range of facilities and services to the maritime industry throughout the year. The Port is an important player in regional, national and international economic development for major industrial sectors such as the aluminum industry, forestry and agri-food. The Port of Trois-Rivières accommodates 55,000 trucks, 11,000 railcars and more than 270 merchant and cruise ships annually originating from over 100 different ports in more than 40 countries around the world. It handles 4.2 million metric tonnes of traffic, is responsible for nearly 220 million dollars in economic spin-offs and generates more than 2,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs.

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