



Ian Hamilton named new President & CEO, Hamilton Port Authority

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HAMILTON, ON - The Board of Directors of the Hamilton Port Authority (HPA) is pleased to announce that Ian Hamilton will assume the role of President and CEO of the HPA, effective January 1, 2017. Ian has served as the Port's Vice President of Business Development and Real Estate since 2008.

Ian possesses more than 25 years of experience in international transportation and logistics in Europe and North America, and has held progressively senior positions in the liner shipping industry, including Transatlantic Trade Director (Europe) for CP Ships and Business Development Manager for Hapag-Lloyd. He holds an MBA from Aston University (UK) and a BSc in business administration and economics from the College of Charleston, South Carolina.

"In 1990, as an undergraduate at the College of Charleston, the South Carolina States Port Authority sponsored me to spend a week in Rotterdam to study port operations up-close," recalls Ian Hamilton. "That opportunity sparked an interest in international commerce and the crucial role that the shipping industry plays in our business and private lives. It was also the catalyst that started my career. Twenty-five years later I remain as fascinated by the industry as I was at 21."

Since 2008, Ian has been responsible for managing the port's \$500M real estate portfolio. In recent years, the Port of Hamilton has attracted more than \$300M in investment.

"Businesses continue to seek space for investment and growth, with access to robust multimodal transportation options. We'll continue to build on these strengths, fulfilling our role of facilitating trade and economic growth, in a way that is socially and environmentally responsible," said Ian Hamilton.

The Port of Hamilton is the largest port in Ontario, and a vital regional economic engine. Over the past eight years, the Port has seen employment grow by 30 per cent to over 2,100 people working on-site at port-based companies. Port jobs are high-quality jobs, paying 20 per cent more than the provincial average. The port's cargo base has diversified significantly over that time period, including an increase in agricultural cargo from nine per cent of the port's total in 2009 to 20 per cent in 2015.



“The environment in which we operate is always changing, from global commodity trends to the evolution of Hamilton’s economy at a local level. HPA has an excellent team of committed employees, who will be instrumental in moving us forward. We’ll work in partnership with the City of Hamilton and other stakeholders to ensure we are enhancing the Port of Hamilton’s role as a leading Canadian port; one that can help port users thrive, and our community prosper,” said Ian Hamilton.

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The Port of Hamilton is the largest port in Ontario; a multimodal hub comprising 630 acres on Hamilton’s working waterfront, and home to 130 tenant companies who together employ more than 2,100 people.

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