



**Annual Border Workshop Agenda
September 26, 2017
Marriott Château Champlain
1050 Rue de la Gauchetière O, Montréal, QC H3B 4C9**

***“Where Do We Go Now?”
The Next Chapter in Canada-U.S. Border Collaboration***

September 25, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Pre-event casual dinner, location to be provided at a later date. Open to all attendees to meet and network.

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8:00 Coffee and Registration

8:30 Introduction and Welcome

Outline of the day’s sessions and the desired outcome

- **Cathy DeCoste-Whitlock**, Executive Director, **Eastern Border Transportation Coalition**
- **Government of Quebec** (invited).

9:00 Diplomatic Perspectives: Consul Generals

Providing insight into the border and trade-related plans of the Canadian and U.S. governments. Perspective on trade agreement and pre-clearance

- **Robby Thomas**, newly appointed **U.S. Consul General in Montreal**
- **David Alward**, **Canadian Consul General to New England**, in the states of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont

9:30 Logistics & Freight Movement in the Northeast

- **Mathieu Charbonneau**, Executive Director, **CargoM** will discuss their mission to bring together all players in the logistics and freight sector in Greater Montreal and how it is initiating projects to promote Montreal’s position as a hub for transportation of goods
- **Tony Boemi**, Vice President, Growth and Development **Montreal Port Authority**. The evolution of inter-modality at the Port of Montreal, including modal transfer

from rail to trucks and vice –versa. Comments and/or updates on the BTB pilot program implemented at the Port.

- **Natalie Kinlock**, Treasurer, **Federal Bridge Corporation** (the Crown corporation responsible for Sault. Ste. Marie, 1000 Islands, Blue Water Bridge and Seaway International)

10:30 Break

10:45 *The Latest in Border Research – The Academic Perspective*

The new U.S. Administration and its approach to international trade and security potential impact cross-border trade and transportation. This session will focus on the latest research and thinking on the subject, and consider the future of Canada-U.S. relations.

- **Frédéric Gagnon**, the Raoul Dandurand Research Chair in Strategic and Diplomatic Studies, **University of Quebec in Montreal**
- **William Anderson**, **University of Windsor**, Cross-Border Institute
- **Dr. Daniel Lynch**, **Dalhousie University**, Centre for Trade and Transportation Innovation (invited)
- **Laurie Tannous**, **Institute of Border Logistics and Infrastructure** (invited)

11:30 *Where we're at... Progress Reports from Federal Agencies*

Canadian and U.S. federal agencies directly involved with border transportation and security operations will provide updates on key border-related initiatives, including border infrastructure and what might be expected in terms of a follow up to the Canada-U.S. *Beyond the Border Action Plan*.

- **Ralph Scalise**, **U.S. Government Services Administration** (infrastructure at the border)
- **U.S. Customs and Border Protection** – speaker TBD (invited)
- **Melissa Dawn Newhook**, **Transport Canada**
- **Canada Border Services Agency**, (invited)
- **Chris Dingman**, **Federal Highways Administration (FHWA)**

12:30 Lunch (to be provided)

1:15 *Implementing Preclearance*

A discussion on the latest developments in approving and implementing preclearance and the potential for future expansion.

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- **U.S. Department of Homeland Security** (invited)
 - **Giovanni Matrisciano – Public Safety Canada**
 - **ED Courtemanch – Amtrak**
 - **Via Rail** (invited)
 - **CN Rail** (invited)

2:30 Break

2:45 Trade Corridors, Gateways & Strategies

Ten years ago, coalitions were created to articulate the importance of trade corridors and support efficient transportation systems between provinces, states and even regions. How are governments and stakeholders advancing the idea of trade corridors and gateways today?

We need to settle on which speakers we want, no more than 4. Want those most representative but do not want to offend friends of EBTC

- An overview of the Government of Canada's plans to invest \$10.1B in trade and transportation projects, including transportation corridors to international markets. (invited)
- **Mark Fisher, CEO, Council of the Great Lakes Region (CGLR)**. Overview of CGLR's collaboration with partners to develop a Multimodal Transportation Strategy for the Region..
- **Garry Douglas, CEO of Plattsburgh North County Chamber of Commerce**, involved in CanAm BTA and actively advocating for the importance of Can-US trade, especially within the Qc-NY Trade Corridor

4:00 Wrap Up

Wrapping it all up, with the knowledge gained from the workshop, and determining next steps. What should states and provinces consider to be the main challenges at the border over the next few years? How can we collaborate to address these challenges?

For those who wish to attend:

4:30 Tour of Montreal's Central Station Proposed Preclearance facilities - An inside look at the plans for passenger rail preclearance, tour expected to last 30-45 minutes