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OTTAWA -- The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, today announced the appointment of Mr. J. Douglas Smith of Toronto as chair of the Great Lakes Pilotage Authority.

"I am very pleased to announce that Mr. Smith has agreed to serve in this leadership role with the Great Lakes Pilotage Authority," said Minister Cannon. "His extensive experience in business administration, engineering and finance will be an asset to the Authority."

Mr. J. Douglas Smith holds a master's degree in business administration from York University and a bachelor of applied science in industrial engineering from the University of Toronto. He has been an independent consultant on energy supply arrangements, transportation, dispute resolution, and strategic alliances since 1995. Mr. Smith also served on the board of directors of the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation from 2000 to 2006, including two years as chair; and as president of the Chamber of Maritime Commerce from 1995 to 2000. He began his career with Ontario Hydro in 1968, where he rose to increasingly senior positions before leaving to pursue consulting work in 1995.

Mr. Smith has been appointed chair of the Great Lakes Pilotage Authority for three years.

The mission of the Great Lakes Pilotage Authority is to establish, operate, maintain and administer in the interest of safety, an efficient pilotage service for commercial vessels within the Great Lakes region.

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