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The trucking industry continues to be under a lot of pressure to meet the current freight demands within the supply chain. That pressure stems from a driver shortage, new hours of service requirements, parts shortages and limited access to new equipment. The driver shortage problem is growing, with fleets reporting up to 10% of their fleet being parked. According to Trucking HR Canada and the Canadian Trucking Alliance, there were nearly 20,000 vacant truck driver positions this year and could be as high as 30-40000 by 2023. To close these gaps, we require more training funds to make it financially viable for young people to enter the industry, more education on the opportunities within our sector and more recruitment of foreign workers.

A Connected Atlantic Canada is the mission of our Association, and our diverse board of industry professionals is excited to work with all stakeholders to move the needle forward and keep the wheels turning. On behalf of our Board, our Staff, and our 340-carrier membership, we are grateful for the support during the pandemic and appreciate our communities ongoing support as we work diligently to deliver.

Trevor Bent  
APTA Chair

### **The Atlantic Provinces Trucking Association Announces Board of Directors and Executive Committee for 2021-23**

*Dieppe, NB* – On October 14, 2021, the Atlantic Provinces Trucking Association (APTA) elected a Board of Directors for 2021–2023 during its virtual Annual General Meeting & Conference.

Members of the Board of Directors for this term are:

#### **OFFICERS**

Chair: Trevor Bent, Eassons Transport Limited  
Vice-Chair: Maryse Doucet, Way's Transport  
Treasurer: Todd Seward, Classic Freight Systems  
Past Chair: Doug Tingley, Day & Ross

#### **DIRECTORS**

- Scott Annear, Morley Annear Ltd.
- Denise Beaupré, Auction Transport Services Inc.
- Richard Boone, Professional Carriers Inc.
- Ruby Murphy-Collins, Armour Transportation Systems
- John Cotterill, Clarke Road Transport

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- Mélanie Desjardins, GM Rioux
- Bill Doherty, Day & Ross
- Gerry Dowden, East Can Transport Services Ltd.
- Brian Easson, Eassons Transport Limited
- Donnie Fillmore Jr., Atlantic Pacific Transport Ltd.
- Andrew Fisher, Sunbury Transport
- Joe Flinn, Seaboard Transport Group
- Frederik Godbout, Noël Godbout Transport
- Chris Haines, RST Industries
- Kelly Henderson, Trucking Human Resource Sector Council - Atlantic
- James Johnstone, Giant Tiger
- Andy Keith, Seafood Express Transport
- Ryan MacDonald, Tom MacDonald Trucking Ltd.
- Larry McConnell, McConnell Transport Ltd.
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- Guy McIsaac, Grote Industries
- James McKay, CN Road Operations
- Vicki McKibbin, Armour Transportation Systems
- Dave Miller, Way's Transport
- Scott Newby, Midland Transport Limited
- Colleen O'Toole, Lighthouse Transport
- Gord Peddle, Riverbend Freight Services Limited
- Shawn Reilly, RST Industries
- Robert Sangster, Midland Transport Limited
- Matthew Stockford, Stockford Reefer Services
- Kevin Stover, Black's Transfer Ltd.
- Vaughn Sturgeon, Warren Group
- Rodney Weston, Shoreland Transport Inc.

### **About APTA**

The APTA is the trusted and effective voice of the road transport industry in Atlantic Canada. With more than 340 members (commercial carriers, brokers, owner-operators and associated trades), we are an effective lobby and advocacy organization dedicated to the continued growth and strength of our industry.

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