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(Halifax, NS) Atlantic Business Magazine's Top 50 CEOs for 2009 were announced last night at the World Trade & Convention Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Approximately 650 people joined the Magazine in its 11<sup>th</sup> annual salute to Atlantic Canadian corporate leadership excellence.

In addition to business leadership, the Top 50 CEO awards also celebrate community involvement and civic pride. This year's Top 50 CEOs donate more than \$20-million to charity, volunteer with 488 professional and not-for-profit organizations, generate close to \$14-billion in annual revenue and create over 40,000 jobs.

Hubert Hutton, Publisher of Atlantic Business Magazine, says he has considerable confidence in the region's business prospects despite the economic downturn, and that this can be attributed to the heightened civic awareness of the Top 50 CEOs. "It is because they, and their regional peers, have such a strong sense of responsibility to 'give back' to the community which has made their success possible, that I am so optimistic we will emerge from this recession even stronger than we were before."

Top 50 CEOs must be the CEO (or hold equivalent title) of a company or organization whose head office is in Atlantic Canada, or who is in charge of a provincial/regional head office that has significant decision-making and organizational autonomy. Nominees are judged on their proven managerial ability, reaction to challenging situations, leadership philosophies, organizational growth over a three-year period, and commitment to industry and community development. Winners were selected from hundreds of nominations for 144 individual nominees.

Atlantic Business Magazine's 2009 Top 50 CEO awards were sponsored by: Atlantic Acura; Bell Aliant, Grant Thornton, Stewart McKelvey and Robertson Surette.

## **ATLANTIC BUSINESS MAGAZINE'S TOP 50 CEOS FOR 2009**

(listed by province, in alphabetical order)

### **Nova Scotia Award Winners (27)**

Jamie Baillie, President & CEO, Credit Union Atlantic, Halifax  
Rob Bennett, President & CEO, Nova Scotia Power Inc., Halifax  
Dennis Campbell, President, Ambassadors Gray Line, Halifax  
Chuck Cartmill, President, C-Vision Ltd., Amherst  
Doug Doucet, President & Co-owner, RCS Retail Construction Specialists Inc., Bedford  
Wadih Fares, President & CEO, WM Fares Group, Halifax  
Bert Frizzell, President & CEO, The Shaw Group Ltd., Halifax  
Greg Grice, Regional President, Atlantic Canada, RBC (Royal Bank of Canada), Halifax  
Kevin Hamm, President & COO, DownEast Communications, Dartmouth  
Richard Homburg, Chairman & CEO, Homburg Invest Inc., Halifax  
Kathryn Laurin, President & Vice-Chancellor, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax  
Stephen Lund, President & CEO, Nova Scotia Business Inc., Halifax  
Nancy MacCready-Williams, CEO, Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia, Halifax  
Frederick MacGillivray, President & CEO, Trade Centre Ltd., Halifax  
Dr. Joan McArthur-Blair, President & CEO, Nova Scotia Community College, Dartmouth  
Anne McGuire, President & CEO, IWK Health Centre, Halifax  
Carole-Ann Miller, President, Maple Trade Finance Inc., Halifax  
Bret Mitchell, President & CEO, Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation, Halifax  
Steve Murphy, Senior Vice-President, Atlantic Provinces Division, Personal and Commercial Banking, BMO Bank of Montreal, Halifax  
Sean Murray, President & CEO, Advocate Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., Pictou  
Phil Otto, President & CEO, Revolve, Bedford  
Stephen Plummer, Group President & CEO, I.M.P. Group International Inc., Halifax  
Dr. Sean Riley, President & Vice-Chancellor, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish  
Robbie Shaw, President & CEO, IWK Health Centre Foundation, Halifax  
Rob Sobey, President & CEO, Lawton's Drug Stores Ltd., Dartmouth  
Jim Spatz, Chairman & CEO, Southwest Properties Ltd., Halifax  
Robert Steele, President & CEO, Newfoundland Capital Corporation, Dartmouth

### **Newfoundland and Labrador (11)**

Ken Bennett, President, Johnson Inc., St. John's  
Terence F. Bowles, President & CEO, Iron Ore Company of Canada, Labrador City/Sept-  
Iles/Montreal  
Jerry Byrne, President & CEO, DFB Group, St. John's  
Allison Chaytor-Loveys, CEO, Newfoundland and Labrador Credit Union Ltd., St. John's  
Frank Coleman, President & CEO, Coleman Group of Companies, Humber Valley Paving Ltd.,  
Corner Brook  
Keith Collins, President & CEO, St. John's International Airport Authority, St. John's  
Nora Duke, President & CEO, Fortis Properties, St. John's  
Christopher Hickman, Chairman & CEO, Marco Group of Companies, St. John's  
Sidney Hynes, Executive Chairman, Oceanex Inc., St. John's  
Stephen Winter, President & CEO, Newfoundland & Labrador Liquor Corporation, St. John's

Melvin Woodward, President & CEO, Woodward Group of Companies, Happy Valley-Goose Bay

### **New Brunswick Award Winners (10)**

Hollis Cole, President & CEO, ADI Group Inc., Fredericton  
Rayburn Doucett, President & CEO, Belledune Port Authority, Belledune  
John Harvie, CEO, Co-op Atlantic, Moncton  
Curtis Howe, President & CEO, Mariner Partners Inc., Saint John  
Pierre-Yves Julien, President & CEO, Medavie Blue Cross, Moncton  
Barry Kyle, CEO, Industrial Rubber Company Ltd., Bathurst  
Terry Malley, President & CEO, Malley Industries Inc., Dieppe  
Francis McGuire, President & CEO, Major Drilling Group International Inc., Fredericton  
Keith McIntosh, President & CEO, Professional Quality Assurance Ltd., Fredericton  
Camille Theriault, President & CEO, Fédération des Caisses Populaires Acadiennes, Caraquet

### **Prince Edward Island (2)**

Jack Kelly, President & CEO, Bulk Carriers (P.E.I.) Ltd., Cornwall  
C. Frank MacIntyre, President, MacIntyre Sheet Metal 2004 Ltd., Charlottetown

### **Hall of Fame Inductees**

In addition to announcing its Top 50 CEO award winners, Atlantic Business Magazine also inducted the following into the Top 50 CEO Hall of Fame: **Jerry Byrne**, President & CEO, DFB Group; **Dennis Campbell**, President, Ambassadors Gray Line; **Hollis Cole**, President & CEO, ADI Group Inc.; and, **Fred MacGillivray**, President & CEO, Trade Centre Limited. Induction to the Top 50 CEO Hall of Fame is restricted to five-time Top 50 CEO award winners.

### **Graduate Student Scholarship**

As part of its Top 50 CEO awards program, Atlantic Business Magazine is pleased to offer graduate-level Business or Management Studies students throughout Atlantic Canada an opportunity to win a \$5,000 scholarship plus a year-long mentorship with a Top 50 CEO award winner. This year's winner of the Top 50 CEO Scholarship Award is **David Oliver**, an MBA/M.Eng. student at Dalhousie University.

### **CEO of the Year**

Atlantic Business Magazine's CEO of the Year award was presented to **Rob Sobey**, President & CEO of Lawtons Drug Stores Ltd. The CEO of the Year, chosen from the ranks of Top 50 award winners, is the person deemed by the Judges to have had the most outstanding accomplishments during the past year.

### **About Atlantic Business Magazine**

Founded in 1989, Atlantic Business Magazine is an independently owned, bi-monthly glossy publication that covers all areas of business within the four Atlantic provinces. As the region's highest circulation business magazine, we publish a minimum of 35,000 copies per issue.

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