

Backgrounder Board of Directors Global Transportation Hub Authority

D. Wayne Elhard, Chair

Wayne Elhard was born in Rosthern, Saskatchewan and was raised and educated in several different communities around Western Canada. Mr. Elhard obtained his Bachelor of Arts in History and Philosophy from the University of Lethbridge, and continued with graduate studies at Baylor University at Waco, Texas where he earned an M.A.

Before entering the political arena, Mr. Elhard farmed and worked in the farm machinery sales business for 20 years. He was previously employed in the electronic media as an announcer, talk show producer, and as the director of news and public affairs. Mr. Elhard also spent two years with one of Canada's leading personnel recruiting and consulting firms, providing professional personnel for engineering and construction companies.

Mr. Elhard was first elected to the legislature in the by-election of June 1999, giving him the distinction of being the first-ever elected Saskatchewan Party MLA. He was re-elected in the general elections of September 1999, November 2003 and November 2007. As part of the first Saskatchewan Party Cabinet, Mr. Elhard held three separate portfolios.

Mr. Elhard is currently a member of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice and the caucus' Standing Policy Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice. At the request of the Premier, Mr. Elhard was appointed as the Chairman of the Global Transportation Hub being developed west of Regina.

Mr. Elhard and his wife Marilyn call the community of Eastend home. They have two children: son Jonathan who lives with his family in Alberta and daughter Brooklyn who lives and works in Regina.

Captain Gordon Houston, Vice Chair

Captain Houston has over 45 years experience in Marine Transportation. Following a 24-year seagoing career, he became the Harbour Master for the port of Prince Rupert in 1988. He then moved to the Port of Vancouver where he served as Harbour Master and Vice President of Operations. In March 2001, Captain Houston was appointed President and CEO of the Vancouver Port Authority. On January 1, 2008 he was appointed President and CEO of Port Metro Vancouver (formerly Vancouver Fraser Port Authority).

Captain Houston, through his years of experience operating one of the biggest ports in Canada, brings with him an unparalleled understanding of the dynamics of big business accompanied with an extensive portfolio of contacts worldwide. His relationships with key stakeholders/asset owners in transportation and logistics worldwide will be instrumental in the GTHA effort to engage these key stakeholders and in ensuring Saskatchewan exporters have access to the most efficient, cost effective, and reliable transportation network to get their goods to market. Captain Houston truly understands Saskatchewan's interest in marine traffic as well as other modes of transportation.

Mr. Ron Dedman

Mr. Dedman has 24 years of engineering and senior management experience in both the private and public sectors. He has extensive expertise in a variety of human resource and senior manage issues. Mr. Dedman's diverse background includes serving as Vice President – Corporate Services with SaskPower and President of TRD Human Resource Services. Mr. Dedman is currently Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Government Services.

Mr. Lionel LaBelle

Born and raised in rural Saskatchewan, Mr. LaBelle studied Business Administration at the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus. In the mid-70s, he embarked on a 25-year entrepreneurial career with a broad cross-section of public and private corporations that focused on agri-business, construction and the manufacturing industry. In 2001, Mr LaBelle embarked on a new career path by becoming an outspoken advocate for the emerging biofuel economy both at a provincial and national level. Mr. Labelle is currently the President and CEO of Trade and Export Partnership (STEP). Operating as a government/industry partnership, STEP champions the province's export industry and assists provincial businesses in realizing global marketing opportunities while finding custom solutions for Saskatchewan exporters. Mr. LaBelle resides in Saskatoon. He sat on a number of boards including Family Services Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority and is currently on the Board of SaskWater.

Mr. Louis Ranger

Mr. Ranger joined the Public Service of Canada in 1974 and spent most of his career in the areas of transportation and public infrastructure. He was the federal Deputy Minister of Transport Canada for seven years, from 2002 to June 2009. Concurrently, he assumed the responsibilities of Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Communities from 2006 to June 2009. His portfolio also included 16 Crown corporations (e.g. VIA Rail, Canada Post) and over 40 shared-governance organizations (e.g. Regina Airport Authority, Vancouver Port Authority). His achievements in recent years include the development of a national policy framework on Strategic Gateways and Trade Corridors and the establishment of partnerships and funding programs in support of three gateways in Canada (Pacific, Central and Atlantic). In 2009, Mr. Ranger received Canada's *Public Service Award of Excellence for Exceptional Achievements* in recognition of his contributions in "important fields such as national security, the integrity of the transport system and the development of national transport policy frameworks" and his achievements in "designing and implementing the largest public infrastructure programs in Canada's history". Louis Ranger retired from the Public Service of Canada in June 2009.

Louis Ranger is recognized for his unique experience in addressing Canadian and global transportation issues. He has almost 10 years of experience in the Department of Transport Canada in the areas of infrastructure programming and policy. The competencies and skills garnered from his years of experience will no doubt create capacity on the board. Through his role as one of the top public servants in Canada responsible for transportation, Mr. Ranger also brings with him an extensive network of contacts and relationships worldwide.

Mr. Mayo Schmidt

Mayo Schmidt is the President and Chief Executive Officer, as well as a Director of Viterra. Mayo's consistent bottom-line orientation helped the company successfully manage through various financial challenges, including three years of drought. Mr. Schmidt spearheaded a historic initiative in 2005 to transform the former Saskatchewan Wheat Pool from a co-operative to a Canadian business corporation, restoring the company's financial strength and creating the flexibility and opportunity to grow the business and generate value for its shareholders. Before joining Viterra in 2000, Mr. Schmidt led the reorganization of ConAgra Global Specialty Crops businesses, which employ more than 600 people across the United States and in five international offices. Prior to that, Mr. Schmidt led ConAgra's expansion into Canada. He also held a number of key management positions of increasing responsibility at General Mills Inc. throughout the United States.

Mr. Schmidt represents one of the largest shippers and largest integrated agriculture export firms in Canada. He has an unparalleled understanding of export interest and logistics consideration from a Saskatchewan business perspective. His reputation earned through one of the largest and more public restructuring of an agriculture business in Canada is well deserved. With a strategic and disciplined approach, Mayo's leadership and management have positioned Viterra as a leader in shaping the future of agriculture, and expanding Viterra's reach and influence in North America and abroad. The company was recognized by Canadian Business Magazine among the top 50 most important companies in Canada's history. Mayo was recently named *Canadian Business Magazine's chief executive of the year*.

Ms. Marcella Szel Q.C.

Marcella Szel has over 20 years experience with Canadian Pacific Rail (CPR). Ms. Szel served as Alberta general and regional counsel for the railway and other Canadian Pacific Limited families until 1991 when she was appointed to lead the railway's efforts at improved management processes. She became Vice President of CPR Law Department in 1993 and was appointed Vice President, Marketing and Sales in 2004, where she was responsible for the marketing and sales relationship with key customers across North America in bulk commodity transportation. In 2005, she assumed the additional responsibility for government and regulatory affairs as Senior Vice President, Bulk Commodities and Government Affairs. Ms. Szel retired from CPR in July 2009. Ms. Szel also has in her background, senior roles on several high profile bodies including Chair of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Szel holds Bachelor of Arts and Law degrees from the University of Alberta.

As a former senior executive of CPR, Marcella brings with her a high level of expertise and knowledge of railway logistics and transportation. Her longstanding relationships with key infrastructure users – prospective customers of the GTHA – will be valuable in attracting and securing business to the hub and in so doing realizing the GTH potential as an economic driver for Saskatchewan. Marcella maintains some of her key contacts in the industry and is an active member of WESTAC.