

Jim Quinn
President & CEO, Port Saint John



Jim was appointed as President & Chief Executive Officer of Saint John Port Authority in September 2010. Jim brought over 30 years of experience in the marine and public sectors to Port Saint John and he began his career on ships out of Saint John in the mid 1970's. In 1981, he re-joined the Canadian Coast Guard where he was promoted to leadership positions including Regional Director of the Central and Arctic Region and Director General, Marine Programs. Jim's Coast Guard experience took him to ports across Canada and around the world.

After 23 years with the Coast Guard, Jim joined the Privy Council Office's Machinery of Government Secretariat and Social Development Policy Secretariat as a Senior Advisor. In 2002, Jim joined Indian and Northern Affairs Canada as Director General of Lands and was promoted through several leadership positions culminating in the Chief Financial Officer/Assistant Deputy Minister role. Jim also held the position of Chief Financial Officer at Canadian International Development Agency before leaving government to work at Port Saint John.

Jim is a graduate of Dalhousie University (Bsc), and hold the professional designation of Certified Management Accountant (CMA) – Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

Jim presently serves on the Board of Directors for the Association of Canada Port Authorities (ACPA). Jim has served as past Chair of the Canadian Delegation at the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) and was appointed Chairman of the Board for 2015-2016 at the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA), a position which has not been held by a Canadian Chairman since 2005-2006.

Additionally, Jim is pleased to serve as Honorary Lieutenant Colonel for the 3rd Field Artillery Regiment (The Loyal Company), 5th division army. He is involved in a number of business committees in Saint John, notably he sits as 1st Vice-Chair of the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Saint John and serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Saint John Seafarers Mission.