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Atlantic Business Magazine Announces 2011 Top 50 CEO Award Winners

(May 18, 2011, Halifax, NS) Atlantic Business Magazine's Top 50 CEOs for 2011 were announced last night at the World Trade & Convention Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Approximately 780 people joined the magazine in its 13th 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 approximately \$20-million to charity, volunteer with 484 professional and not-for-profit organizations, generate more than \$13.7-billion in annual revenue and create 72,746 jobs.

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.

Event highlights:

- Wadih Fares, President & CEO, WM Fares Group named CEO of the Year
- Hall of Fame inductees (five-time Top 50 award winners): Ray Ivany, Acadia University; Pierre-Yves Julien, Medavie Blue Cross; Stephen Lund, Nova Scotia Business Inc.; Anne McGuire, IWK Health Centre; Sean Murray, Advocate Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd.; Rob Sobey, President & CEO, Lawtons Drug Stores Ltd.
- In celebration of the corporate gifting by the Top 50 CEOs, Atlantic Business Magazine presented a \$5,000 charitable donation to Ronald McDonald House NL.

Atlantic Business Magazine's Top 50 CEOs for 2010

(listed by province, in alphabetical order)

New Brunswick (6)

Mike Ashar, President, Irving Oil Limited (Saint John)
Dr. Robert Campbell, President & Vice-Chancellor, Mount Allison University (Sackville)
Rayburn Doucett, President & CEO, Belledune Port Authority (Belledune)
Pierre-Yves Julien, President & CEO, Medavie Blue Cross (Moncton)
Troy Northrup, Principal & CEO, East Point Inc.; ShredGuard Inc. (Saint John)
Donald Peters, President & CEO, Horizon Health Network (Miramichi)

Newfoundland & Labrador (14)

Cathy Bennett, CEO, Bennett Group of Companies (St. John's)
Ken Bennett, President, The Johnson Corporation (St. John's)
Kevin Casey, Chief Idea Officer, The IDEA Factory (St. John's)
Frank Coleman, President & CEO, Coleman Group of Companies (Corner Brook)
Bernard Collins, President, PF Collins International Trade Solutions (St. John's)
Nora Duke, President & CEO, Fortis Properties Corporation (St. John's)
Greer Hunt, President, Hunt's Transport Limited (Mount Pearl)
Capt. Sidney Hynes, Executive Chairman, Oceanex Inc. (St. John's)
Karl Kenny, President & CEO, Marport Deep Sea Technologies Inc. (St. John's)
Jamie King, President & CEO, Verafin (St. John's)
Earl Ludlow, President & CEO, Newfoundland Power Inc. (St. John's)
Ed Stratton, President & CEO, Distribution Group Inc. (St. John's)
Anne Whelan, Executive Director & President, Caregivers Inc. (St. John's)
Stephen Winter, President & CEO, Newfoundland Liquor Corporation (St. John's)

Nova Scotia (28)

Rob Bennett, President & CEO, Nova Scotia Power Inc. (Halifax)
Doug Clarke, CEO, Doctors Nova Scotia (Dartmouth)
Peter Conlon, President & CEO, Nautel Limited (Hackett's Cove)
Wadih Fares, President & CEO, WM Fares Group (Halifax)
Scott Ferguson, President & CEO, Trade Centre Limited (Halifax)
Malcolm Fraser, CEO, ISL web marketing and development (Halifax)
Bert Frizzell, President & CEO, The Shaw Group Limited (Halifax)
Ray Ivany, President & Vice-Chancellor, Acadia University (Wolfville)
Gordon Laing, President & COO, Southwest Properties Limited (Halifax)
Suzanne LaRochelle-Bachur, President, Premiere Executive Suites/Atlantic Ltd. (Halifax)
Ron Lovett, President & CEO, RFL Group of Companies (Halifax)
Stephen Lund, President & CEO, Nova Scotia Business Inc. (Halifax)
Shannon MacDonald, Atlantic Practice Managing Partner, Deloitte & Touche LLP (Halifax)
Al MacPhee, President, MacPhee Chevrolet Buick GMC Cadillac Ltd. (Dartmouth)
Anne McGuire, President & CEO, IWK Health Centre (Halifax)

Bret Mitchell, President & CEO, The Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation (Halifax)
Stephen Murphy, Senior VP, Atlantic Provinces Division, BMO Bank of Montreal (Halifax)
Sean Murray, President & CEO, Advocate Printing and Publishing Company Ltd. (Pictou)
Sean O'Regan, President & CEO, O'Regan's (Dartmouth)
Stephen Plummer, Group President & CEO, I.M.P. Group International Inc. (Halifax)
Christine Power, President & CEO, Capital District Health Authority (Halifax)
Thomas Ruth, President & CEO, Halifax International Airport Authority (Enfield)
Robbie Shaw, President & CEO (ret'd), IWK Health Centre Foundation (Halifax)
Karen Sheriff, President & CEO, Bell Aliant Regional Communications Inc. (Halifax)
Rob Sobey, President & CEO, Lawtons Drug Stores Ltd. (Dartmouth)
Jon Stanfield, President, Stanfield's Canada Stanfield's Limited (Truro)
Ian Wilson, President, Wilson Fuel (Halifax)
Catherine Woodman, President & CEO, United Way of Halifax Region (Dartmouth)

Prince Edward Island (2)

Dr. Brian McMillan, President, Holland College (Charlottetown)
Brian Thompson, President, Vector Aerospace Engine Services – Atlantic (Summerside)

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 37,000 copies per issue.

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