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SYLVIE VACHON WINS ST. LAWRENCE AWARD



Québec City, October 28, 2014. Sylvie Vachon, President and CEO of the Port of Montréal, was crowned the winner of the St. Lawrence Award which, for the past two years, has aimed to recognize the work of individuals who have taken significant action related to sustainable development over the past year.

Presenting the award at the Québec Marine Day closing cocktail, St. Lawrence Economic Development Council (SODES) President Nicole Trépanier thanked Sylvie Vachon for the positive visibility she has given the industry as a whole. “Her work has been described as refreshing due to the business culture she has successfully instilled at the Port of Montréal. It is hoped that more companies will imitate her leadership style in order to

develop our community”.

Québec Premier Philippe Couillard could not attend, since he was on a trade mission to China, but took the time to send a message congratulating Ms. Vachon via a recording. Minister for Transport and the Implementation of the Maritime Strategy Jean D'Amour took the opportunity to give a speech that was full of promise for the future.

Nicole Trépanier also congratulated the other two finalists for their contribution to the maritime industry. She pointed out that the jury had a very difficult time reaching a decision because all three finalists were outstanding candidates. The runners-up were Benoit Mercille, Director General of the Fondation Monique-Fitz-Back, and Richard Gaudreau, Member of the Tanker Safety Expert Panel.

Created in 1992, the St. Lawrence Award was initially awarded to companies or organizations but, over the past two years, SODES has wanted to recognize the remarkable work done by individuals whose actions have been noteworthy, who have stood out in economic terms or who have shown leadership while positively representing the marine industry through their responsible behaviour.

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