CentrePort Canada Inc. Announces New Executive Leadership of the Board of Directors

Michael Woelcke and Bram Strain appointed as Chair and Vice Chair

October 29, 2026, Winnipeg, Manitoba - CentrePort Canada Inc. ("CentrePort") has appointed Michael Woelcke as Chair of the corporation's private sector-led board of directors. Woelcke joined the CentrePort Board of Directors in 2024 as the nominee of the Government of Canada and previously held the role of Vice Chair.

Bram Strain, President & CEO of the Business Council of Manitoba, has been appointed as the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors. Strain has been on the board since 2025 and is nominated to CentrePort's Board of Directors by the CentrePort Canada Board of Directors.

The change in leadership comes following the conclusion of Shreeraj (Raj) Patel's term as Board Chair. Patel, nominated in 2022 by the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, served as Chair from 2024-2026 and previously held the roles of Vice Chair and Chair for the Finance & Audit committee.

"On behalf of the board of directors and the staff of CentrePort Canada, I would like to thank Raj for his kind and thoughtful leadership and his commitment to building both a strong corporation and thriving inland port," said Woelcke. "I am excited to embark on this next chapter with CentrePort Canada. CentrePort is Canada's largest and most established trimodal inland port and a key driver of Manitoba's economic growth."

Woelcke brings a wealth of knowledge from his tenure as CEO of Arctic Gateway Group and his 30-year career at VIA Rail Canada, where he served for five years as General Manager of Regional Services with full responsibility for VIA's regional trains including the Winnipeg to Churchill service. His broad experience in property management, real estate, procurement and customer services has been a significant asset to the Board.

Michael also volunteered on a number of boards and was Board Chair at Concordia Hospital for five years.

"Michael's depth of experience in transportation and infrastructure will serve CentrePort Canada well," said Carly Edmundson, President and CEO, CentrePort Canada Inc. "Together with Vice Chair Bram Strain, I am confident that the Board will continue to provide invaluable strategic direction to our Corporation and champion opportunities for new economic growth at CentrePort Canada."

As outlined in the CentrePort Canada Act, the CentrePort Canada Board of Directors is comprised of up to 15 members and includes nominees from the Business Council of Manitoba, Economic Development Winnipeg Inc., Manitoba Chambers of Commerce, Manitoba Federation of Labour, Manitoba Trucking Association, Winnipeg Airports Authority, Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, the Rural Municipality of Rosser, City of Winnipeg, Government of Manitoba and Government of Canada, as well as up to four directors at large.

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About CentrePort Canada

Home to over 1000 companies, CentrePort Canada is a 20,000-acre inland port and Foreign Trade Zone. Located in the heart of North America, CentrePort connects to major national and international trade gateways and corridors, and is the only inland port in the country with direct access to tri-modal transportation – extensive truck, rail and air cargo operations. www.centreportcanada.ca

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