

## Ottawa Summer Shuffle

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*On the eve of the Summer Solstice, Prime Minister Harper announced a few changes in the senior ranks of the federal bureaucracy, including posts at Environment Canada, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) and the Canadian Northern Development Agency.*

- ◆ **Bob Hamilton**, currently Deputy Minister of the Environment, becomes Deputy Minister of NRCan, effective July 2, 2014. He has been Deputy of Environment since August 2012. It is expected that Mr. Hamilton will have a good understanding of the environmental issues and challenges relating to a number resource of development projects in NRCan's portfolio.
- ◆ **Michael Martin**, currently Senior Associate Deputy Minister of National Defence, becomes Deputy Minister of the Environment, effective July 2, 2014. Mr. Martin was the Chief Negotiator and Ambassador for Climate Change at Environment Canada from 2006 to 2008. At the time, the Conservative government adopted a sector-by-sector approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions while striving to work in harmony with U.S. regulatory efforts aimed at developing a lower carbon economy.
- ◆ **Serge Dupont**, currently Deputy Minister of NRCan, becomes the Government's nominee for the position of Executive Director for the Canadian, Irish and Caribbean Constituency at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington, D.C. Mr. Dupont has been Deputy Minister of NRCan since October 2010. During that time, he played a key role in the sale of Atomic Energy of Canada's CANDU reactor business to the engineering firm, SNC-Lavalin Group. Mr. Dupont also played a major role in the process leading to the Conservative government's approval last week of Enbridge's Northern Gateway pipeline project.
- ◆ **Patrick Borbey**, currently President of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, becomes Associate Deputy Minister of Canadian Heritage, effective July 2, 2014. Janet King, currently Assistant Deputy Minister, Northern Affairs, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, assumes Mr. Borbey's role at the Agency, effective July 2, 2014.

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