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Press Release

Barlow and Ferster re-appointed to Port Authority Board

Federal Transportation Minister John Baird recently announced the order-in-council re-appointment of Ken Barlow and Don Ferster to the Board of Directors of the Port Alberni Port Authority for a term ending May 14, 2012.

Mr. Ken Barlow is a well known businessman in Port Alberni operating Barlow's Home Entertainment Center for many years. Ken has been active in many community organizations including the West Coast Hospital Foundation and the Kinsmen and Gyro Clubs. Ken has previously served as a Port Director from 1999 to 2005 and from 2006 to 2009.

Mr. Don Ferster is also a well known businessman in Port Alberni operating Jim's Clothes Closet for over 20 years. Don has served on the City's Economic Development Commission and is a strong supporter of the Ty Watson House. Don is also a member of the Gyro Club. Don has previously completed one term as Director from 2006 to 2009.

Both Ken and Don are re-appointed to the Board of Directors following recommendation to the Minister by the Port Advisory Nominating Committee. The Nomination Committee, as mandated by the *Canada Marine Act*, is composed of representatives of the users of the Port and submits a minimum of two names for each vacancy of the "User Group" Director positions to the Port Authority. The Minister of Transport then appoints a nominee to the Board of Directors.

The "User Group" of Directors consists of four appointments on the Port Authority Board of Directors. In addition, one position is appointed by the City of Port Alberni, another position is appointed by the Province of British Columbia and another is appointed directly by the Minister of Transport of the Government of Canada. Typically, Directors are appointed for three year terms and may serve for three terms or nine continuous years whichever comes first.

The current members of the Board of Directors are:
Gordon Blake, Ken Barlow and Don Ferster appointed as Port user appointments,
Gary Brett, appointed by the City of Port Alberni,
Darren DeLuca, appointed by the Government of Canada, and
Bob Kanngiesser, appointed by the Province of British Columbia.
There is one vacancy from the users group.

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