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Canada New Zealand Business Council - a New Broom

Following CNZBC's AGM on 7th October, the following were confirmed as the Canada New Zealand Business Council's Executive for the coming year:

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Francis Huot, *ex officio*. Canadian Trade Commissioner, francis.huot@international.gc.ca

The Executive would like to thank immediate past president Henri Eliot for his leadership over the last three years.

New look CNZBC website

Over the weekend, CNZBC will be launching a new look [website](#) that intends to be more informative across a wider breadth of value streams (industries) between Canada and New Zealand, including cultural, education and R&D to name a few.

If you have any success stories that you would like posted on the site, please email Neil Movold (neilmovold@gmail.com)

Air Canada to Supplement Air NZ on the AKL to YVR, non-stop Flight



The Canada New Zealand Business Council welcomes the return of Air Canada operated flights between Auckland and Vancouver. Additional, four-times-weekly seasonal flights non-stop to Vancouver and operated by Air Canada, commencing December 14th through to end of March 2020. Launch of the new service adds to Air Canada's long-standing codeshare partnership with Air New Zealand on Auckland to Vancouver, non-stop route daily.

Conveniently, the seasonal service is scheduled to depart Auckland at a handy 2:40 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The 6:40am arrival in Vancouver is very helpful for connections at YVR's hub, the Vancouver business day or to get same day onto the local slopes. NZ government sources report 71,000 Canadians visited NZ last year. The new service fosters business links as well as adding to tourism.

CNZBC is delighted the new service coincides with the CPTPP to which both countries are signatures, stepping up a notch.

New NZ High Commissioner to Canada Appointed



The CNZBC Executive is delighted with the appointment of senior career diplomat, Martin Harvey, as NZ's next High Commissioner to Canada. Mr Harvey has a distinguished career as a senior trade negotiator, most recently as Lead Negotiator, Trade and Economic Group, leading NZ's FTA negotiations with the European Union. Mr Harvey's prior posting include High Commissioner to Singapore, and as Senior Permanent Representative to the WTO.

By coincidence, a youthful Mr Harvey was a United World College scholar, and attended the renowned [Lester B. Pearson College](#) of the Pacific in B.C, from 1976 to 1978.

CNZBC believes it is timely and even inspired, to have engaged the talents of an experienced trade expert, just as CPTPP provides NZ Businesses with preferential access, including easier business visas, to the world's 11th largest economy for the first time.

<https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/trade/free-trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements-in-force/cptpp/information-for-exporters/cptpp-and-canada/>

CNZBC's President & Vice-President met with the Martin on Nov, 28th during his pre-posting visit to Auckland. In addition to exhibiting a solid knowledge of business, we are confident the HC designate will continue the support CNZBC had earlier received from the High Commission in Ottawa.

Canadian Federal Cabinet named – Who has the Puck?

Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau announced his new Cabinet on November 21st. The shake-up was widely anticipated following the Liberal Party win in the Federal elections of October 21st, while reduced to a minority government and shut out of Alberta and Saskatchewan entirely.

Formerly power-house Foreign Minister (and Alberta born), Chrystia Freeland has been elevated to Deputy Prime Minister with Intergovernmental Affairs Minister (dealing with the Provinces), while retaining oversight of the yet-to-be-ratified, US-Mexico-Canada Free Trade Agreement replacing NAFTA.

Former Minister of Infrastructure & Communities Minister, Francois-Philippe Champagne assumes the balance of Foreign Affairs, while Mary Ng becomes Minister of International Trade. Bill Morneau retains Minister of Finance.

The 37-member Cabinet has seven new faces including two first-time MP's, in a line-up of 18 women and 19 men.



The Hon Francois-Philippe Champagne

The Hon Chrystia Freeland



The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau,
Prime Minister of Canada

Good Summary of FTA with Canada

NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade has an excellent summary of the benefits of CPTPP is providing NZ businesses with preferential access to Canada.

<https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/trade/free-trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements-in-force/cptpp/information-for-exporters/cptpp-and-canada/>

Trade in goods with Canada has grown since CPTPP came into effect in Dec 2018 from NZ \$1.4b to NZ \$1.54b. NZ exports to Canada NZ \$747m up 3.8% and imports from Canada \$789m, up 15.3%.

Source: Statistics NZ.

Merry Christmas from CNZBC

The Executive of the Canada New Zealand Business Council take this opportunity to wish you all a safe festive season, Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2020.