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A lawyer by background, Chris Lorenc has been President of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association (MHCA) since 1991 and President of the Western Canada Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association (WCR&HCA) since 1995.

Chris Lorenc graduated from the University of Manitoba with Bachelor of Arts in 1973 and Law (LL.B.) degree in 1976 and then practiced general, corporate and commercial law until 1991. Mr. Lorenc served on Winnipeg's City Council for nine (9) years from 1983 until his retirement from public office in 1992. During his tenure he chaired a number of Council's standing committees and served for seven years on its Executive Policy Committee (EPC) - the cabinet of civic government. Mr. Lorenc is also currently a founding Board member (since 2009) and Chair (since 2016) of the CentrePort Canada Board of Directors; a founding Board member (since 2011) of the Manitoba Construction Sector Council (MCSC) and Chair (since 2015) of its Aboriginal Engagement Strategy Committee; Chair (since 2015) of the Capital Regional Master Transportation Plan Implementation Task Force; founding Chair (since 2004) of the SAFE Roads Committee; founding Chair (since 2015) of the Infrastructure Innovations Council (IIC); member (since 2014) of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers Board of Directors serving as is Corporate Secretary and member of its Executive Committee; an

employer representative (since 2015) to the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) Board of Directors; Chair (since 2016) of the WCB Prevention Committee and member (since 2015) of the WCB Board's Policy Planning & Committee; member (since 2015) of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce Transportation Council; management representative (since 2008) on the Manitoba Labour Board; member (since 2000) of the Manitoba Employer's Council (MEC); employer representative (since 2016) to the Workers Compensation Act Review Committee;

Since 1991, Mr. Lorenc has been an active member of the Canadian Construction Association (CCA) and serves on a number of its committees including the Civil Infrastructure Council (CIC), Industry Advocacy & Regulatory Affairs (IARA) and the Business Marketing & Development Committee (BMDC).

Mr. Lorenc initiated and was named chair of the CCA Aboriginal Engagement Best Practices Task Force, whose work is expected to be released in 2016. He also initiated and chairs the CCA's Heavy Civil Chief Operating Officers Council, which shares best practices and collaborates around national policy concerns. He was named CIC representative to a national Canadian Chamber of Commerce effort to promote economic growth policies by linking Trade Transportation and Prosperity. His contributions at the national level were acknowledged with a Certificate of Recognition presented to him at the 2014 CCA Annual Conference, the first time a Chief Operating Officer has been so recognized by the CCA.

For years Mr. Lorenc championed at the CCA, the linkages between sustained and strategic investment in infrastructure, and economic growth. In 2011 he was asked by the CIC to lead and coordinate related research. In May 2010 Mr. Lorenc was appointed by then Mayor Sam Katz and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), to lead the Infrastructure Funding Council (IFC) whose task was to identify sustainable infrastructure funding models for municipalities. In 2007 Mr. Lorenc was appointed by Mayor Sam Katz to lead the Mayor's Trade Council (MTC) whose Report entitled '*Winnipeg - Canada's Center for Global Trade*' was released on March 12, 2008. The MTC report recommendations are often cited as the core around which CentrePort Canada emerged. For this work in June 2009 he was awarded the '*Manitoba Service Excellence Partnership Award*' by the Manitoba government.

From 2005-09 Mr. Lorenc initiated and chaired the *Western Canada Transportation System (WCTS) Strategy Group* which advocated development of a seamless multi-modal Western Canada Transportation System to enhance existing and emerging global trade opportunities for western Canada. He also has a broad background in serving on a number of Boards of varied community, cultural, educational and public policy interests.

Mr. Lorenc has been married to his wife Maria since 1981. They have three sons Marek (1984), Gregory (1986) and Michael (1988). In his spare time Mr. Lorenc enjoys reading, boating and spending time at the family cottage at Winnipeg Beach, Manitoba.