



## **New Hampshire – Quebec Economic Summit 2019**

***“From Neighbors to Business Partners”***

**October 8, 2019**

**The Delta Hotel, Sherbrooke, Qc**

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### **Agenda for the day**

- 07:30 am      Guests registration and full breakfast
- 08:00 am      Opening remarks by the Co-chair of the event and the President of Board of the Sherbrooke Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Rejean Caouette
- 08:10 am      Opening remarks (New Hampshire) by Senator Lou D’Allesandro, State of New Hampshire, and Chair of the Board of the New Hampshire Canadian Trade Council

### **Panels**

08:20 am      **Experiences in cross-border business between Quebec and New Hampshire: The words from business owners**

Moderator:    Pierre Harvey

Panelists:     Serge Jacques, Deflex (St-Victor de Beauce – Berlin, NH)

Steve Malenfant, InterUSA Industrial Group (Littleton, NH – Magog Qc)

Marc Voyer, Intégrim (Montréal, QC – Manchester, NH)

Robert Bouchard, Rotobec (Ste-Justine, QC – Littleton and Groveton, NH)

Marie-Josée Vaillant, Kheops (Ham-Nord, QC – Colebrook, NH)

Ovide Lamontagne, Attorney, Bernstein-Shur

Jean Blanchard, Laboratoire Blanchard (Sherbrooke, QC – Manchester, NH)

- 10:00 am Coffee break
- 10:15 am **The growing sectors of Biomed and Biotech: Opportunities between the greater Sherbrooke area Life Science cluster and the State of New Hampshire**
- Moderator: Jean-Pierre Perreault, Vice-Chancellor of Research, University of Sherbrooke
- Panelists: Nathalie Rivard, Vice-Doyenne of Research, University of Sherbrooke
- Dominique Dorion, Dean, Faculty of Medecine, University of Sherbrooke
- Duane Compton, Dean Geiseil School of Medecine, Dartmouth College
- Alan Green, Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Science, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth
- Mike Decelle, Dean of the University of New Hampshire and Chief Workforce Officer, Advanced Regenerative Manufacturing Institute (A.R.M.I), Manchester, NH
- 11:15 pm **Updates on the new Trade Agreement between Canada and the USA**
- Moderator : Sylvie Vachon, CEO, Port of Montreal (TBA)
- Panelists: David Alward, Consul General of Canada in Boston and **Former Premier of New Brunswick**
- Robert W, Thomas, US Consul General, Montreal, QC
- 12:00 pm Lunch Break
- 12:10 pm Introduction of keynote speaker by William Gardner, Secretary of State, State of New Hampshire
- 12:15pm Keynote speaker: **Jean J. Charest**, Associate, McCarthy Tetreault and **Former Premier of Quebec**

13:30 am **The Canada-Europe Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) "Sherbrooke a gateway for US businesses to Europe"**

Moderator: Josée Fortin, Executive Director, Sherbrooke Innopole

Panelists: Frederic Burot, French Lawyer, Paris, France  
Serge Kalfon, President & COO at LEDEN Private Office  
Entrepreneurial, Montréal

14:45 pm Coffee Break

15:00 pm **New Hampshire: Gateway to the USA and the Quebec – New England Corridor**

Moderator: Pierre Harvey

Panelist: Taylor Caswell, Commissioner, Department of Business and  
Economic Affairs

Claudine Carpentier Quebec Federation of Chambers of  
Commerce, for the Quebec – New England Corridor

Michael Bergeron, Business Recruitment Director; New  
Hampshire Department of Business & Economic Affairs

Benoit Lamontagne, Business Retention, Expansion &  
Recruitment; New Hampshire Department of Business &  
Economic Affairs.

16:15 pm Joint Final Words:

The President of the Senate of the State of New Hampshire, Senator Donna  
Soucy

The Quebec Delegate in Boston, Marie-Claude Francoeur

En collaboration:



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