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Perrin Beatty, CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce to be the guest speaker at The Chamber's 150th Celebratory Dinner

March 30, 2017 – The Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce announced today that the Honourable Perrin Beatty, CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, will be the guest speaker at its Canada 150 celebrations. In conjunction with the Chamber's 198th Annual General Meeting on May 18, 2017, the Chamber will honour three companies started in Saint John in 1867: G.E. Barbour Inc., Moosehead Breweries and Source Atlantic.

Mr. Beatty, a long-time Saint John admirer, will speak on the extensive business history in Saint John, and the role the Saint John Chamber played in confederation itself in Canada's first incorporated city. He will also recognize how our honorees contribute, not just to our regional business and economic activity, but also nationally.

"We are excited to be celebrating Barbour's 150 years in business and we are so pleased to be recognizing our Saint John roots" said Sylvia MacVey, CEO, G. E. Barbour Inc. "In this competitive world, Maritimers' passion for King Cole and Barbour's brands continues. We strive to leverage our reputation for food quality and customer service, all the while expanding our international reach. Throughout G E Barbour's evolution, from importer and wholesaler to world class food processor, we have been supported by our employees, our customers and the business community here in Saint John. We are truly proud to be part of this community." said MacVey.

"It is a real testament to the resilience and vision of these companies that we celebrate their 150th anniversary and recognize their longstanding commitment to our region," said David Duplisea, CEO of the Chamber.

The Chamber is also pleased to announce that Stewart McKelvey has joined the celebration as a major event sponsor. Stewart McKelvey, a law firm with six offices in Atlantic Canada, has more than 30 lawyers in Saint John providing legal services across the Maritimes.

The Chamber's 198th Annual General Meeting will take place on the afternoon of May 18, 2017 and will culminate with a reception and gala dinner to be held at the Marco Polo Cruise Ship Terminal honouring the 150-year-old companies. Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased on-line at www.TheChamberSJ.com

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