

Curriculum Vitae

(Session 3) Knowledge Sharing for Developing Ports(with ADB)- From Bottlenecks to Breakthroughs: Financing Solutions for the Global Port and Maritime Sector

Captain Allan GRAY, CEO, Sentient Ports & Former President and CEO, Halifax Port

Captain Allan Gray, now at the helm of Sentient Ports, a division of Sentient Hubs, brings a wealth of global industry experience and seasoned leadership to his role. As the former President and CEO of the Halifax Port Authority (HPA) since November 2019, Captain Gray led a dedicated team focused on driving economic prosperity for the region through the Port's core businesses: cargo, cruise, and real estate. His strategic vision in digital transformation, decarbonization, and safe, efficient port operations has been instrumental in balancing the needs of community, economics, and the environment.

Under his stewardship, HPA initiated several groundbreaking projects and initiatives, including the visionary 50-Year Plan and the development of The PIER at the Seaport, Canada's first living lab for the transportation and supply chain sector. The HPA and its partners earned an International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH) Sustainability Award in the "Digitalization" category in 2023. Moreover, the Marine Container Examination Facility in Fairview Cove at the Port of Halifax was recognized as the first Envision V3 Verified Project in Canada.

Captain Gray's maritime career is marked by his significant contributions and leadership in the marine sector. Prior to his tenure at the Halifax Port Authority, he served as General Manager of Fremantle Ports in Australia, where he was appointed Harbour Master in September 2008 and General Manager Port Operations in July 2009. His responsibilities included overseeing commercial operations and managing the Port's bulk business. His seafaring career spanned over two decades, trading on various vessels including RO-RO, container, bulk, and LPG Tankers.

Recognized for his leadership, Captain Gray was awarded life membership in 2013 for his outstanding contributions to the Company of Master Mariners Australia. His commitment to diversity was further acknowledged with the president's award for contributions to supplier diversity in Canada. Captain Gray has also held key positions on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Aboriginal and Minority Suppliers Council (CAMSC) and as an ex-officio member of the Port Community Liaison Committee in Halifax, which he established to enhance collaboration and engagement between the Port and the community. Additionally, he served on the executive committee for the Board of the Association of Canadian Port Authorities.

Captain Gray's extensive global industry experience and elder statesman status make him a critical asset to the success of Sentient Ports. His visionary leadership and proven track record in advancing port operations and sustainability initiatives position Sentient Ports at the forefront of the maritime industry.