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NEW FEDERAL CABINET ANNOUNCED

Prime Minister Stephen Harper today appointed new cabinet members.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES

The Honourable John Baird

Ottawa West–Nepean (Ontario)

John Baird was first elected to the House of Commons in 2006 and re-elected in 2008. In February 2006, Mr. Baird was sworn in as President of the Treasury Board. In this role, he championed accountability and anti-corruption in government with the enactment of the new Federal Accountability Act. In January 2007 he was named Minister of the Environment.

Prior to entering federal politics, Mr. Baird was a Member of Ontario's provincial legislature, where he served the constituency of Nepean–Carleton from 1995 to 2005. During that time, he was Minister of Community and Social Services, Minister of Francophone Affairs, Minister Responsible for Children and Government House Leader.

Mr. Baird is a long-time member of the Royal Canadian Legion, an honorary member of the Nepean Kiwanis and a lifetime member of Canada's largest Association for Community Living.

He is a graduate of Queen's University.

MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND MINISTER FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC GATEWAY

The Honourable Stockwell Day

Okanagan–Coquihalla (British Columbia)

Stockwell Day was first elected to the House of Commons in 2000 and re-elected in 2004, 2006 and 2008. In February 2006, Mr. Day was appointed Minister of Public Safety.

From 1986 to 2000, he represented Red Deer North in the Alberta Legislature, where he served in the Progressive Conservative government in a variety of senior roles including Chief Whip, Government House Leader, Minister of Labour and Minister of Social Services. From 1997 to 2000, he was Provincial Treasurer (Minister of Finance) and acting Premier.

Upon his election in 2000, he was named Leader of the Official Opposition and remained in this role until December 2001. Prior to his election, Mr. Day was a school administrator.

He is a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Rotary Club.

He and his wife, Valorie, have three sons and twelve grandchildren.