

## New Directors Join CAPI

OTTAWA, July 21, 2011 — The Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute (CAPI) is pleased to announce the appointments of two new members of its Board of Directors, Ted Bilyea, from Ontario, and Paul Paquin, from Quebec. These appointments bring the total number of Directors to twelve.

"The appointments deepen our Board's breadth of expertise," said Gaetan Lussier, CAPI Chair. "Ted Bilyea has far-reaching knowledge of the agri-food sector from the vantage point of a former executive in the food business, and Paul Paquin brings an academic's perspective to our table with extensive expertise in food and health innovation research."

Mr. Bilyea commented: "I am delighted to join CAPI's Board and contribute to building on CAPI's work to date to promote a thoughtful dialogue on the evolving strategy needed to help Canada fulfill its potential as a reliable supplier of high quality food in the future."

Mr. Paquin said: "I am pleased to have the opportunity join an organization like CAPI. Food and health will be a major issue for years to come for the agri-food industry in Canada and I am convinced that a group like CAPI can bring new ideas and vision to that sector."

Mr. Lussier also thanked outgoing Board director Robert Church. "I would also express my sincere appreciation to Robert Church whose term on the Board has ended. As a founding Board member, Dr. Church has played a pivotal role from its earliest days of organizing a new Institute to, more recently, helping to shape bold ideas for a new agri-food plan for Canada."

CAPI has been generating a national dialogue on its pivotal February 2011 report, *Canada's Agri-Food Destination: A New Strategic Approach*. The Destination report provided ideas on how Canada could strive for a more profitable and competitive agri-food sector, a healthier population, and more sustainable ecosystems.

### About CAPI

The Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute (CAPI) is an independent, unbiased policy forum that is dedicated to the success of Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector. CAPI is a catalyst. It identifies emerging issues, promotes dialogue and advances alternative solutions to issues with stakeholders across the diverse agriculture and agri-food value chain, and among academia, research institutes, governments and other sectors in Canada. Based in Ottawa, CAPI was established as a not-for-profit corporation in 2004 by the federal government and is guided by a diverse Board of Directors and an Advisory Committee.

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