

# Dr. Donald E. Buckingham appointed CAPI CEO

OTTAWA, April 4, 2017 — Ted Bilyea, Chair, and the Board of Directors of the Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute are very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Donald E. Buckingham to the position of CEO effective July 1, 2017. Currently Chair of the Canada Agricultural Review Tribunal, Dr. Buckingham brings to CAPI a rich career founded in law but uniquely focused on agriculture and agri-food.



In previous positions, he has taught and researched a variety of agricultural and agri-food subjects in three Canadian universities, as well as provided legal counsel to both federal ministers and civil servants grappling with legislative and regulatory matters in the industry. He has an exceptional grasp of the issues, opportunities and possibilities in this critical sector and is energetically prepared to participate in "developing a strategy to unlock the growth potential of the ag food sector" as recently characterized in a report by the Government of Canada-appointed Advisory Council on Economic Growth.

In making the announcement Mr. Bilyea said, "During the lengthy search undertaken by CAPI we encountered many highly-qualified people but few demonstrated the vision, understanding of issues, organizational strength and contagious enthusiasm of Dr. Buckingham. We are confident that the mission of CAPI is being placed in very capable hands." Dr. Buckingham responded with the observation "I'm very impressed with and excited by CAPI's accomplishments over the past few years and I look forward to working with the Board, the Advisory Committee as well as the many stakeholders in Canadian agriculture and agri-food to build on this substantial momentum."

## About CAPI

CAPI is an independent, non-partisan and non-government research catalyst. We bring leaders together. We provide balanced perspectives. We present strategic choices. 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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