

The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation

Corporation de Gestion de la Voie Maritime du Saint-Laurent

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Welland Canal Ship Traffic Resumes after Power Outage

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**Cornwall, Ontario** (July 11, 2023) – Two-way marine traffic resumed Monday night on the Welland Canal section of the St. Lawrence Seaway after a power outage led to a temporary suspension of navigation.

After restoring service to Lock 1 on Monday afternoon, the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) maintenance personnel and contractors worked diligently to minimize delays to shipping and re-open Lock 7 by 22:30 on July 10th, 2023.

The SLSMC prioritizes the safety of the public, our personnel, vessels, infrastructure and the environment. No one was harmed at any point.

Transits through Locks 1 will proceed with hands-free mooring. Transits through lock 7 will be temporarily supported by line-handlers until such time as the damaged hands-free-mooring units can be repaired.

The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation was established in 1998 as a not-for-profit corporation by the Government of Canada, Seaway users and other key stakeholders. In accordance with provisions of the Canada Marine Act, the Corporation manages and operates the Canadian assets of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Since the St. Lawrence Seaway's inception in 1959, 3 billion tonnes of cargo has been transported via the waterway.

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