



## Demetrios (Jim) Athanasiou

President and Chief Executive Officer



Jim Athanasiou took over as President and Chief Executive Officer of the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) on July 12, 2024. In this role, he is responsible for the overall operation of the Canadian portion of the bi-national Seaway system.

Mr. Athanasiou joined the SLSMC in 2008 as Corporate Manager, Mechanical Engineering. He was subsequently tasked with leading SLSMC's Modernization Program, a \$100 million initiative to develop and install a hands-free vessel mooring system for Seaway locks, along with implementing remote operation of locks and bridges. This was the most significant improvement to Seaway operations since its construction in the 1950s.

In 2016, he was appointed Vice-President, Engineering and Technology, which included responsibility for Engineering, Infrastructure, Business Improvement, Information Technology, as well as the Corporation's Strategic Planning. Just prior to his appointment as President and CEO, Mr. Athanasiou led the SLSMC's team in negotiating a 20-year Management, Operation and Maintenance Agreement (MOMA) with the Federal Government.

After graduating from Concordia University in Montreal with a Bachelor of Engineering, Mr. Athanasiou worked for Domtar Corporation, a North American pulp and paper company. Along with his Engineering Degree, he obtained an Executive Masters in Business Administration from McGill University-HEC Montréal. He is a Member of the Québec Order of Engineers.