

### **Catherine Labonté to take over the presidency of The Lifesaving Society Quebec Branch**

**Montreal, May 22, 2018** – The **Lifesaving Society Quebec Branch’s** Board of Directors is proud to announce the appointment of Catherine Labonté, Human resource manager at SNC-Lavalin, to the position of President of the Board of directors. She was elected during the Annual General Meeting on April 27, 2018.

Catherine has been a part of the Lifesaving Society’s Board of directors since 2011 as human resource manager. *“I am very proud and happy to have been appointed to the role of President of the Lifesaving Society. The work accomplished during the last few years and our new strategic planning 2018-2021 is my motivation to get involved even more. Our human capital is devoted to our cause and I am convinced that together, we can put into action our strategic orientations to achieve our new mission”*, said Catherine Labonté.

Catherine holds a Bachelor’s degree in business management, with a specialization in human resources, which she obtained at HEC Montreal in 2007. She has been working at SNC-Lavalin since 2007 and has been very involved with the Lifesaving Society Quebec for over 7 years. During this last year, as president-elect, she directed the strategic planning 2018-2021.

The Lifesaving Society Quebec is happy to be able to rely on Catherine as President, and is convinced she will ensure the longevity of its mission. *“With Catherine as President, the Lifesaving Society Quebec reaffirms its indispensable role of preventing drowning and injuries related to water among the general public. We are proud that Catherine has accepted this role and are very eager to begin working with her! In addition, she thanks the past President Martin Forcier for his dedication to the Board of Directors for the last six years.”* said Raynald Hawkins, Executive Director of the Lifesaving Society Quebec Branch.

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#### **The Lifesaving Society**

For over a century, the Lifesaving Society has multiplied its effort to prevent drowning and injuries related to water. To this end, this non-profit organisation offers eight programs whose aim is to train the general public on different subjects. These programs – Lifeguarding, Prevention, Boating, First Aid, Expert advice, Philanthropy, Lifesaving Sport and National Drowning Prevention Week – are complementary and concern all of the general public. The Lifesaving Society is comprised of over 30,000 individual members, 300 training center members throughout Quebec, 300 volunteers and 22 employees.

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