CANADA’S FUTURE NAVAL FLEET
Creating a sustainable and vibrant shipbuilding and marine industry

In June 2010, the Government of Canada announced the National Shipbuilding Strategy to replace the current surface fleets of the Royal Canadian Navy and the Canadian Coast Guard.

Through this competitive, open and transparent process, Irving Shipbuilding was selected to construct Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ships (AOPS) followed by Canadian Surface Combatants (CSC) for the Royal Canadian Navy in the combat package. Irving Shipbuilding will revitalize Canada’s combatant fleet over the next 30 years by constructing up to 21 modern vessels.

The long-term certainty of the National Shipbuilding Strategy led to Irving Shipbuilding investing $350 million at the Halifax Shipyard to create North America’s most modern shipbuilding facility. This strategy is revitalizing our shipbuilding and marine industry and creating sustainable jobs here in Nova Scotia, while ensuring Canada’s sovereignty and protecting our interests at home and abroad.

As we mark one year since cutting steel on the first Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ship (AOPS), the future HMCS Harry DeWolf, we celebrate the renewal of a sustainable and vibrant shipbuilding and marine industry in Canada.

For the next 30 years, Irving Shipbuilding will work closely with Canada’s Navy on the next class of Canadian Surface Combatants (CSC) and AOPS vessels under the National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSS). Built by the best workers, with the best equipment, in the best facilities, work on the first AOPS vessel is well underway and steel has been cut for the second vessel, the future HMCS Margaret Brooke.

Since 2012, Irving Shipbuilding has invested $350 million to create the most modern, innovative and cost effective shipbuilding facility in North America. Our work thus far on the National Shipbuilding Strategy has led to commitments of more than $1.1 billion to over 200 Canadian companies, including more than $480 million to companies in Nova Scotia.

We have steadily increased employment in our facilities, and total employment is forecasted to rise to over 2,400 at peak production of the CSC vessels. We are also investing in training and education programs to ensure our workforce has the necessary skills and knowledge to build efficient ships seamlessly through the next three decades.

Irving Shipbuilding is dedicated to creating a sustainable and vibrant shipbuilding and marine industry in Canada, and we are proud to continue our long history as a trusted partner in Canadian shipbuilding.

September 2016

James D. Irving
Co-Chief Executive Officer

Kevin McCoy
President

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A proud history as Canada’s shipbuilder

Irving Shipbuilding has built over 80% of Canada’s current fleet. Halifax Shipyard has been at the forefront of Canadian shipbuilding for more than 125 years.

1889
Halifax Graving Dock Company begins operation.

1917
The Halifax Explosion occurs just 300m north of the Halifax graving dock on the morning of December 6, resulting in loss of life and major damage to the facilities.

1918
Halifax Shipyard, successor of Halifax Graving Dock Company, begins operation and starts construction of the first steel-hulled ships in Atlantic Canada.

1940–1941
Saint John Dry Dock Company constructs Flower-class corvettes to serve during WWII with the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN).

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1943
During WWII, the first women are recruited in trades positions at the Halifax Shipyard due to a shortage of labour. A special 480-hour welding program is set up at the Nova Scotia Technical College to train the women.

1951–1957
Halifax Shipyard constructs St. Laurent-class destroyers as part of the RCN’s post-war fleet modernization program.

1959
K.C. Irving purchases Saint John Dry Dock Company which becomes known as Saint John Shipyard and then Irving Shipbuilding.

1942–1947
Halifax Shipyard constructs Tribal-class destroyers for the RCN.

1966–1970
Saint John Shipyard constructs two Protecteur-class auxiliary vessels for the RCN to resupply ships at sea with food, munitions, fuel and spare parts.

1992–1999
Halifax Shipyard builds 12 Kingston-class Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels (MCDV) for the RCN.

2008–2016
Irving Shipbuilding is awarded a $849M contract to modernize seven of Canada’s fleet of Halifax-class frigates. In 2016, the final frigate, HMCS Toronto, will complete modernization at the Halifax Shipyard.

2009–2014
Irving Shipbuilding is awarded a $198M contract to construct nine new Mid Shore Patrol Vessels for the Canadian Coast Guard at the Halifax Shipyard. The ships are delivered on time, on budget, and with superb quality.

2011
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2015
In January, a $2.3B AOPS build contract is signed by Canada and Irving Shipbuilding. Construction begins at the Halifax Shipyard on the first AOPS vessel, the future HMCS Harry DeWolf, in September.

2016
In May, at the Halifax Shipyard, a coin is laid on the keel of the future HMCS Harry DeWolf, a proud naval tradition said to bring luck to the ship.

2014
In August, after a $350M investment, the last steel truss is installed on the newly modernized Halifax Shipyard.

2016
In August, steel is cut at Marine Fabricators in Dartmouth on Canada’s second AOPS vessel, the future HMCS Margaret Brooke.

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Today
Halifax Shipyard is the most modern shipbuilder and in-service ship support provider in North America.
Halifax, home to North America’s most modern shipyard

We’ve invested over $350 million and nearly 100,000 design hours to bring Canadian shipbuilding into the future

Quick Facts

- Facilities are custom designed for the efficient building of Canada’s naval ships
- At 408 metres in length, the Assembly and Ultra Hall is the equivalent of nearly 7 National Hockey League (NHL) ice surfaces
- As of August 2016, over 10,000 gallons of paint has been used on the first AOPS vessel
- At 46 metres in height, the Assembly and Ultra Hall would just clear under the Halifax Harbour Bridges
- Approximately 300 km of cable will be installed on the first AOPS vessel, equivalent to the driving distance from Halifax to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

Innovation highlights

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- 100% LED lighting uses 75% less energy than traditional lighting
- A state of the art weld fume extraction system allows for 100 simultaneous welding operations, while maintaining safe air quality
- The operator of our single sided welding machine can complete the equivalent of 24 hours of manual welding in 20 minutes with a 99% accuracy rate

To view our progress, visit shipsforcanada.ca/our-progress
How we build the Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ships
Best-in-class Naval Surface Combatant construction practices

Irving Shipbuilding uses a progressive build approach to construct the AOPS. Over the course of time, 63 smaller units become 21 larger blocks, which become 3 mega-blocks. We will use the same progressive build approach for the Canadian Surface Combatants.

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Engaging global expertise to modernize our workforce

Before joining our team, Job Vazquez worked on major engineering and shipbuilding programs in Mexico, Spain, France and the United Kingdom. As a project planning and scheduling manager, Job now oversees the construction of the Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ships for Canada. His education, including a Doctorate in Marine Engineering from Newcastle University, and experience managing the fabrication and commissioning of shipbuilding and repair projects, has contributed to advancing the capabilities of Irving Shipbuilding’s entire workforce.

“ Irving Shipbuilding, our team of shipbuilders and the Nova Scotia community have helped my wife, son, and I feel at home here in Halifax. I’m proud to be helping renew the Canadian fleet and grow the marine sector across the country.”

— Job Vazquez, Project Planning and Scheduling Manager
Irving Shipbuilding has invested in training and education programs to develop 21st century shipbuilders. We’re committed to modernizing the face of shipbuilding to ensure it is as diverse as the country itself.

Irving Shipbuilding provides $250,000 per year to the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) to develop and sustain the Irving Shipbuilding Centre of Excellence. The Irving Shipbuilding Centre of Excellence provides bursaries to individuals interested in shipbuilding careers with a focus on growing opportunities for underrepresented groups. Through this initiative, two successful programs, Women Unlimited and Pathways to Shipbuilding, have been designed to provide training and employment opportunities for 20 female students and 20 Indigenous students, respectively, in areas of welding and metal fabrication.

We have also partnered with NSCC to develop the Marine Manufacturing Initiative, which offers a comprehensive introduction to specific marine-related trades training. Through this partnership, a “Shipbuilding 101” course, the first of its kind in Canada, has also been made available to anyone interested in shipbuilding. As of September 2016, more than 500 Irving Shipbuilding employees have completed this course.

At the Halifax Shipyard, we have invested in the development of our own state of the art in-house training facility. Four on-site simulators for pipe, electrical, welding, and ironwork trades allow our workforce to train in an environment that replicates the vessels under construction.

To ensure young Canadians are aware of career opportunities available in the marine and shipbuilding sectors and to enhance ocean literacy among youth, Irving Shipbuilding has invested in the Institution for Ocean Research Enterprise (IORE) Marine People Partnership. We are also working with SuperNOVA at Dalhousie University to offer shipbuilding summer camps for Nova Scotia youth, and shipbuilding activity days in grade six classrooms throughout the province.

By taking steps to ensure our existing and future workforce have the necessary skills to build Canada’s future fleet, we’re confident our diverse and knowledgeable team of shipbuilders will continue to deliver on our commitments to Canada over the next 30 years.

Building Canada’s next generation of shipbuilders

Inspiring the next wave of female shipbuilders

Vicki Berg’s dream of becoming a welder was often dismissed by others as a career unfitting for a woman, but her dream is now reality. She is a welder at Irving Shipbuilding’s Halifax Shipyard, and part of the team building the Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ships. Vicki is helping the next wave of female welders enter the trade by acting as a mentor with Women Unlimited, an organization dedicated to promoting women in trades and technologies roles. She is also actively supporting Pathways to Shipbuilding, an education and apprenticeship program creating job opportunities for 20 Indigenous students in metal fabrication.

“I work hard to set an example for my daughter and other women. I believe you can do anything you set your mind to, and being a woman should not hold you back from pursuing a career.”
— Vicki Berg, Welder

Ryan Mitchell joined Irving Shipbuilding in 2011 as a journeyman electrician. While he enjoyed his work, he wanted to advance his career and help his colleagues succeed. In January 2016, Ryan became an Electrical Instructor, and today leads a team of in-house electrical, welding, ironworker and pipework instructors who provide trade-specific shop skills to the shipbuilders at Irving Shipbuilding. A native of P.E.I., Ryan’s career advancement has helped his wife and young daughter keep their roots firmly in Atlantic Canada.

“I am proud to be part of the knowledgeable, hardworking team training Canada’s best shipbuilders to construct Canada’s future fleet. The challenges we face in this fast-paced, high-energy environment are leading to improvements that continue to help both our workforce, and myself, grow.”
— Ryan Mitchell, Team Leader of Training

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Benefiting Canadians from coast to coast to coast

Over **$1.1 billion** in spending commitments to 200+ companies across Canada as a result of the National Shipbuilding Strategy1

**$616 million** in employment income2

**$451 million** in consumer spending2

**$199 million** in taxes to be generated2

10,240 full time equivalent (FTE) person years of employment supported2

**1,300+** Irving Shipbuilding employees and growing

Under the National Shipbuilding Strategy Value Proposition obligation, Irving Shipbuilding has committed to investing 0.5% of contract value in research and initiatives to support a vibrant and sustainable marine industry in Canada. As of September 2016, over $6M has been committed to organizations involved in research, education and growth of Canada’s shipbuilding and marine industries.

GE’s collaboration with Irving Shipbuilding on this important large infrastructure project utilizing best-in-class technology, created an opportunity for developing a made-in-Canada solution and also delivered new business opportunities to our supply chain.” — Elyse Allan, President and CEO, GE Canada (Ontario)

To see our Canada-wide impact, visit [shipsforcanada.ca/canadian-impact](http://shipsforcanada.ca/canadian-impact)

1 Based on purchase orders issued and Irving Shipbuilding labour spend for AOPS and Facility Modernization as at June 30, 2016.
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Dale Boudreau spent years commuting across Canada to earn a living. He went where work was – Ontario, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Alberta – always hoping he would find a stable career opportunity here at home. Today, Dale is a pipe fabricator at Irving Shipbuilding’s Marine Fabricators, helping build Canada’s future fleet. His stable long-term employment now means he gets to go home to his fiancé and newborn daughter after work, no longer missing important family events and milestones.

“Having a stable career that keeps me in Nova Scotia with my family means the world to me. I am so happy to have the opportunity to watch my little girl grow each and every day.”

— Dale Boudreau, Fabricator

$243 million in employment income

$178 million in consumer spending

$79 million in taxes to be generated

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Thank you to our shipbuilders!

Join the team
Irving Shipbuilding’s team is over 1,300 strong and still growing.
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