

Sandra LaFortune

As Director General, Strategic Policy at Transport Canada, Sandra LaFortune plays a leadership role with respect to Department-wide policy integration, including developing strategies for advancing Transport Canada's agenda and pursuing an integrated longer-term approach to knowledge building and policy development through external engagement and research. Ms. LaFortune is also responsible for implementing the National Policy Framework for Strategic Gateways and Trade Corridors, which includes Canada's emerging gateway strategies, and the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative. This approach emphasizes partnership building with the public and private sectors and with Canada's major trading partners.

After an initial career as a consultant in the communications field, Ms. LaFortune joined the federal public service 17 years ago. Since then, she has held various policy, program and management positions with progressively increasing responsibility as a member of the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Privy Council Office, and the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat (TBS). Prior to joining Transport Canada, Ms. LaFortune led the Federal Councils and External Relations Division of the Strategic Communications and Ministerial Affairs Sector with the TBS, where she was responsible for facilitating and coordinating effective working relationships with key federal, provincial/territorial, national, and international partners and stakeholders.

A native of Montreal, Québec, Ms. LaFortune holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with first-class honors in history and a concurrent major in Canadian studies from McGill University. She has also undertaken study in history at the master's degree level at the University of Victoria. She lives in Ottawa with her husband and two children.