

## A Message from Mayor Ivan Court

On behalf of Saint John Common Council and our citizens, welcome everyone to the 21st Annual Meeting and Conference of the Canadian Association of Police Boards.

It is fitting that the conference theme this year is “Navigating the Way to an Affordable, Effective Future.” For centuries our harbour has served as a beacon for ships as they navigate through waters of the world.

This year Saint John is celebrating the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its incorporation – the first in Canada. “The Original City” also has a long history of policing. The Saint John Police Force was established in 1849 and adapted the principles of Sir Robert Peel, the father of modern policing.

This conference has special meaning for me as I serve as the Vice-President of CAPB. I understand the challenges faced by police boards throughout the country. I am pleased that we can work together to ensure we deliver effective, affordable policing services to our communities.

While you are here I hope you get a chance to see Saint John. We are home to the largest heritage preservation block in the country, some of the oldest geology and highest tides in the world and people full of character and warmth.

I know that the Canadian Board of Police Commissioners, the Saint John Board of Police Commissioners and the committee have been working hard to ensure this conference is both relevant and productive.

Enjoy your stay in “The Original City.”