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Stéphane Lessard

Consul General, Canada

Thursday, March 7, 2019

11:30 a.m. Luncheon and Registration

12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Program and Q&A

Pinery at the Hill, 775 W. Bijou St., Colorado Springs

(Free parking)

Registration Deadline Monday, March 4, 2019



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The Canada-United States partnership is forged by shared geography, similar values, common interests, deep connections and powerful, multi-layered economic ties. The two nations enjoy the largest trading relationship in the world, and close to 400,000 people cross the shared border each day for business or pleasure or to maintain family ties. A secure and efficient flow of goods and people across the border is vital to both countries' economic competitiveness and prosperity. Join us on March 7 to discuss the outlook of this longstanding relationship with our northern neighbor.

Stéphane Lessard joined Global Affairs Canada at the Consulate General of Canada in August 2016. As Canada's Consul General in Denver, Stéphane oversees a team who work within Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Utah and Wyoming to strengthen trade and economic ties; enhance political, academic and cultural links; and assist Canadians visiting or living in the five-state U.S. Mountain West region.

Stéphane began his career practicing commercial law in Montréal before joining the Canadian Federal Government in 1993, where he has held numerous senior and executive positions. Prior to arriving in Denver, Stéphane spent the last ten years with Health Canada (2006 to 2016), where he served in different executive positions. He has also worked with the Canadian Space Agency (1993 to 2004), where, as the Head of International Affairs, he oversaw relationships with foreign national and multinational space agencies; and with Global Affairs Canada's Global Partnership Program (2004 to 2006), where he focused on preventing the spread of weapons of mass destruction in the former USSR.

Stéphane holds a Baccalaureate in Civil Law from the University of Montréal, a Baccalaureate in

Common Law from the University of Ottawa, a Master's in Air and Space Law from McGill University, and an MBA from the University of Western Ontario. A native of Montréal, Canada, Stéphane and his wife, Raji Bansal, have three children: Jasmine, Lana and Benjamin.

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