

**SPEAKING NOTES  
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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**

**ON THE OCCASION OF A RECEPTION FOR THE  
NOVA SCOTIA BUSINESS COUNCIL**

**SPEAKER'S DINING ROOM  
19 MARCH 2013**

Your Excellencies,

Minister MacKay,

Senator Cowan,

Mr. Lund,

Honourable Senators and Members of the House of Commons,

Members of the Nova Scotia Business Council,

Distinguished guests:

It is a pleasure to welcome you today to Parliament and to the Speaker's Dining Room. This magnificent room contains a great deal of Canadian history but I wish to draw your attention to the epigraph in Latin carved in the woodwork along the top of the south wall that reads *sapere aude*, which means "dare to be wise." The Roman poet Horace used this phrase over two thousand years ago and it still holds relevance today. The words highlight the courage required to try new approaches to address challenges, to seek innovative ideas to solve the problems of today and tomorrow.

Our gathering today offers an opportunity for members of the diplomatic corps to meet with members of the Nova Scotia Business Council, together with the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Defence and Regional Minister for Nova Scotia. There is great collective wisdom in collaboration. Working together may assist in finding solutions which might not have been found individually.

The Government of Canada's Atlantic Gateway and Trade Corridor Strategy showcases the results of such collaboration. Through investments from the private sector and from various levels of government, the Gateway puts Canada at the forefront in international trade. This January, Minister MacKay was on hand to mark the opening of the expanded runway at Halifax Stanfield International Airport. The expansion was one of the projects funded through the Gateway strategy and it enables the airport to handle larger aircraft year-round, something which will help further trade and tourism.

International trade has the potential to raise living standards. Having access to more markets can drive domestic businesses to be more competitive, innovative and productive. Moreover, trade can result in improved co-operation among partners. Our gathering today is not a panacea to solve the world's problems, but it is an opportunity to make progress to our mutual benefit.

In closing, I would like to thank you all for being present today. May we always benefit from working together, and may we all dare to be wise.