



## **Press Release from the Macdonald-Laurier Institute (MLI)**

### **Macdonald-Laurier Institute welcomes Don Drummond and Rick Peterson to the team**

November 15, 2010 – Ottawa – The Macdonald-Laurier Institute (MLI) is pleased to announce that Vancouver-based investment banker Rick Peterson has joined the MLI Board of Directors. Mr. Peterson has been a strong supporter of the work of MLI since its inception and he brings a wealth of corporate and community experience to the Board. He will play an active and important role, as a fluently bilingual businessman with a wide network of colleagues and associates across Canada, in assisting the Institute in our further development.

Commenting on his appointment, Mr. Peterson said, “I am deeply honoured to join Canada’s only non-partisan, public policy institute based in our nation’s capital. Since its inception, the MLI has been a clear, reasoned and forceful voice promoting sound policy ideas across a wide swath of issues that deeply affect all Canadians. I’m very much looking forward to helping to not only promote those ideas, but to see them shape Canada’s future as they are translated into policy at federal and provincial government levels.”

MLI also welcomes Mr. Don Drummond to its Advisory Council. Mr. Drummond recently retired as Senior Vice President and Chief Economist with the TD Bank in Toronto. The native of Vancouver had a long and distinguished career in the federal public service prior to joining TD in 2000. Notably, he served as the Associate Deputy Minister responsible for budget planning during the period when Canada moved from chronic deficits to a surplus fiscal position. Currently, Mr. Drummond serves as an Economics Advisor to the TD Bank and he is the Matthews Fellow in Global Policy and Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the School of Policy Studies at Queen's University.

Commenting on his affiliation with MLI, Mr. Drummond said, “I am pleased to be able to offer my experience and advice to such a vibrant new think tank. I have known and respected Brian Lee Crowley for a long time and I am convinced that the Macdonald-Laurier Institute will play a major role in Canadian public policy development for years to come.”

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