

FORILLON SHIPYARD to build the Canadian Coast Guard's first hybrid electric vessel

GASPÉ, October 20, 2023 – Forillon Shipyard is proud to have been chosen to build the **Canadian Coast Guard's first hybrid vessel**. The first hybrid electric nearshore fishery research vessel will be built to reduce carbon emissions, in line with the Canadian government's 2030 and 2050 commitments to fight climate change.

Good news for the area

This order confirms the company is still growing steadily and creating several new jobs. As it looks to the future, Forillon Shipyard plans to expand its team to ensure its current and future projects maintain the company's quality standards. The company will be recruiting several specialists and front-line employees, namely engineers, welders, and project managers, along with administrative and production staff.

"We're extremely proud to bring this promising new project to Gaspé. We're delighted to be able to support the Canadian Coast Guard in the energy transition of its fleet by building its first hybrid vessel," said Jean-David Samuel, President and CEO of Forillon Shipyard.

A remarkable application

Forillon Shipyard took part in a rigorous bidding process to obtain this new contract. The decision was based on a number of criteria, including the supplier's overall experience, the quality of its shipyard facilities, its experience with similar projects (including ship hybridization in the past), and the strength and reliability of its team.

"As a maritime nation with the longest coastline in the world, Canada has a unique opportunity to be a global leader in implementing low-carbon solutions and a blue economy for all. Today's announcement marks a major milestone in the Gaspé Peninsula's maritime history. The construction of this vessel will not only create and maintain highly skilled, well-paid jobs, but will directly and indirectly stimulate the economy of the entire region."

The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

About Forillon Shipyard

Founded in 1952, Forillon Shipyard specializes in manufacturing and repairing ships. Its advantageous location allows it to handle coastal and ocean-going vessels with displacements of up to 800 tons. It also serves multiple shipowners in Eastern Canada, and its facilities make it one of the best-equipped shipyards in the province for the construction and repair of ships.