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SOBEYS INC. ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE OF QUEBEC BUSINESS UNIT PRESIDENT

STELLARTON, NS – Sobeys Inc. today announced that Claude Tessier, President of the company’s Quebec business unit has left the organization to pursue another opportunity.

Simon Gagné, Chief Human Resources Officer, Sobeys Inc., will, in addition to his current responsibilities, oversee the Quebec business unit on an interim basis as the company undertakes a thorough search for Mr. Tessier’s replacement.

Mr. Gagné has a deep understanding of the Quebec business having served for 15 years as a member of the Quebec leadership team before being appointed as Chief Human Resources Officer for Sobeys Inc. in 2012.

“Our leadership team in Quebec, which manages the IGA retail chain as well as other banners throughout the province, will remain focused on advancing the Joy of Eating Better movement and in serving the needs of our customers each and every day,” said Marc Poulin, President & CEO, Sobeys Inc.

About Sobeys Inc.

Proudly Canadian, with headquarters in Stellarton, Nova Scotia, Sobeys has been serving the food shopping needs of Canadians for 108 years. A wholly-owned subsidiary of Empire Company Limited (TSX:EMP.A), Sobeys owns or franchises approximately 1,500 stores in all 10 provinces under retail banners that include Sobeys, Safeway, IGA, Foodland, FreshCo, Thrifty Foods, and Lawton’s Drug Stores as well as more than 350 retail fuel locations. Sobeys, its franchisees and affiliates employ more than 125,000 people. The company’s purpose is to help Canadians *Eat Better, Feel Better and Do Better*. More information on Sobeys Inc. can be found at www.sobeyscorporate.com.

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