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Peter Hammerschmidt was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister (Infrastructure and Environment) in August 2024.

Prior to assuming his current duties, Peter was Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy) at National Defence. During this time, he was instrumental in advancing several national defence and government priorities in the context of an increasingly strained and deteriorating international security environment. Peter led the development and launch of Canada's NORAD modernization program as well as Canada's defence policy, *Our*



*North, Strong and Free*, securing additional funding and new capabilities for DND/CAF and laying out a new vision for the Defence Team. He also led the establishment and deepening of key bilateral and multilateral defence relationships, including in Europe, NATO and the Indo-Pacific.

Previously, Peter was Director General Policy Coordination at National Defence, Director General National Cyber Security at Public Safety and Executive Assistant to the Clerk of the Privy Council. He also held the following positions within the Government of Canada: Senior Director Planning and Information Management at the Treasury Board Secretariat, Director Cabinet Liaison at National Defence and First Secretary for Financial and Military Affairs at the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations in New York.

Peter holds a Master's degree from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth and a Bachelor's degree from Queen's University.