

# Tepper Holdings Inc. Announces New President/COO and VP for BR Smith Truckload Division



Tepper Holdings Inc. (THI) announced today that Larry Cormier will be taking on the role of President/COO for BR Smith. Mr. Cormier will be working out of the company's operational headquarters, now integrated within the Consolidated Fastfrate head office facility in Woodbridge, Ontario.

Larry's strengths include new trucking initiatives, restructuring, mergers and implementing profitable growth strategies. He has held multiple VP and President positions during his career at; Aim Integrated, Apex Motor Express, Challenger, Fastrax, and most recently SNX Advance Logistics. Larry will be reporting directly to Fastfrate President/COO, Manny Calandrino and states, "I'm excited about running an asset-based carrier again, especially one that has made such an undeniable mark on the industry. As part of the Fastfrate Group of Companies, I believe

I can play on their well-established Canadian network to take BR Smith on a journey of expansion and heightened service to our customers."

BR Smith has a rich history in truckload transportation dating back to 1947. Today the company maintains its specialty in multi-axle, heavy weight loads and utilizes vans, reefers and flatbed equipment to serve a wide range of industries. Their coverage has expanded to points throughout Canada and the USA. Manny Calandrino explains, "Larry Cormier came highly recommended and has experience in LTL, Truckload, Logistics and Dedicated trucking management. With an extensive background in sales, marketing and operations, he was the perfect candidate to head up the revitalization and expansion of this historic trucking icon in our industry."

George Bichara, a 23 year veteran of the Fastfrate Group was also appointed VP of Commercial Development for BR Smith. George was formally VP Special Projects for Fastfrate and according to Ron Tepper, CEO of THI "George has been a significant part of our success for over two decades. I believe his new role at BR Smith will continue to shape our growth and performance." Mr. Tepper adds, "Along with the new management at BR Smith, the company has the financial resources of THI and the extended management, equipment and facility resources of Fastfrate at their full disposal. Our objective for BR Smith and our other companies is to greatly expand our presence and efficiency in both domestic and U.S. markets."

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