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SUBJECT: **Canadian Capital Cities Organization**

OBJET : **Organisation des capitales canadiennes**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to report to Committee on the highlights of the Canadian Capital Cities Organization Annual General Meeting Conference.

The Canadian Capital Cities Organization Conference was held in Quebec City at Hotel Manoir Victoria from September 6th to September 9th, 2016. The theme of this year's conference was "What makes Canadian Capital Cities Special". Elected representatives as well as City representatives from various capital cities across the Country were in attendance.

As per the attached agenda, I attended all of the various events and workshops provided during the duration of the conference. From the conference, I gained an insight on best practices adopted and provided by other capital cities across Canada. Quebec City, as the host of the Conference, organized a presentation on their program entitled Capital's Lighting Plan which was spearheaded by Quebec's National Capital Commission. This program, which consists of a variety of lighting options on City owned

buildings, highlights the heritage of Quebec City and has quickly become a tourist attraction for the thousands of visitors each year.

Through this year's conference also offered a discussion with members of the St. John's River Society and the Department of Canadian Heritage concerning street banners commemorating recipients of the Cross of Valour. Following this opportunity, I was glad to work with the City's Public Works department, to implement this program in the City of Ottawa prior to Remembrance Day. These banners will raise awareness of the sacrifice made by our Country's war heroes and I am proud to have brought this to our City.

During the Conference, I was honoured to make a presentation on a few key projects currently underway in Ottawa. These included Ottawa 150's celebration plan and initiatives that have been brought forward to this point. I was also proud to speak of the Confederation Line which garnered a lot of interest from other participants who had previously visited Ottawa and used our public transit system. Finally, I touched on the great success of the Lansdowne Park Revitalization as well as TD Place. When the conference was held in Ottawa, participants had toured the Lansdowne site while it was still under construction. Having the opportunity to speak of this successful private-public partnership was a great opportunity to advance the progress made by the City of Ottawa. I have included as an attachment a copy of the speech that I gave while there.

Next year's conference will be held in Victoria, British-Columbia. Having been the Council representative for the CCCO since 2010, I always feel that it is great to share the Capitals best practice as well as gain insight on other cities best practices. They are presently looking to expand the membership of the CCCO to two members per City. The second member would not be a voting member but would be entitled to attend and participate in the conference; that member could be an elected official, a member of City staff, a member of Ottawa tourism industry or a member of the general public. During this year's conference, I was re-elected a member of the Executive for 2017 and look forward to continuing to work

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendix A: Canadian Capital Cities Organisation Agenda

Appendix B: Speech given on behalf of the City of Ottawa at the conference