

Good morning everyone.

Bonjour à tous.

As many of you know from my presentation last year, the construction for the City's LRT system, called the Confederation Line, is well underway.

Last July, Ottawa City Council approved the final design for Stage 2 of the Confederation Line including our funding requests.

Having now received commitments from both the Federal government and the Province of Ontario, the City will be able to put shovels in the ground for Stage 2 as soon as the first stage opens in 2018.

This will allow us to continue the incredible transformation that has already begun in the City of Ottawa.

This is the single largest one-time infrastructure investment by the Federal government as well as the Province of Ontario in the economic transformation of Ottawa.

Stage 2 will see us further expand Ottawa's O-Train network to a system with more than 50 kilometres of rail.

Dans le cadre de l'Étape 2, la prolongation du réseau de l'O-Train en fera un système comportant plus de 50 kilomètres de rail.

The reach of Stage 2 will bring 70 per cent of the city's population to within five kilometres of a station by 2023.

L'ampleur de la phase 2 fera en sorte que, d'ici 2023, 70 pour cent de la population d'Ottawa se trouvera dans un rayon de cinq kilomètres d'une gare.

This is a game-changer for Ottawa – for our local economy, for our environment, for spurring smart growth, and for our quality of life.

The system will integrate stations into the urban fabric and will improve walking and cycling, as well as provide a transit system that is accessible to all.

Stage 2 will continue to bring business to people and people to businesses.

As we continue to move forward with the Confederation Line, the City of Ottawa has also been moving forward with another exciting project: Ottawa 2017.

In 2017, Canada celebrates 150 years as a nation—and Canadians will gather in their Capital to join local residents in a year of celebration.

Ottawa 2017 is tasked with creating 12 full months of big, bold, spectacular and moving experiences that will complement national celebrations and annual events and festivals.

Ottawa 2017 a le mandat de concevoir de grandes expériences à la fois audacieuses, émouvantes et spectaculaires qui viendront compléter les célébrations nationales, les événements annuels et les festivals.

We anticipate up to 1.75 million more guests to join us for this occasion – a 20% increase over normal years.

Our ambitious program is expected to add over \$230 million to the local economy as a result.

Big Signature Events will animate the entire city, while community celebrations will enliven our neighbourhoods.

La ville vibrera au rythme d'événements de grande envergure, tandis que des fêtes communautaires animeront les différents quartiers.

At the same time, transformative legacy projects will change the Capital's urban landscape.

The end result will be a special year of national pride for all—and significant positive impacts for Ottawa's tourism sector and the city as whole.

Ottawa will have the pleasure of hosting events such as:

- The 2017 Canadian Track and Field Championships;
- The 2017 Roar of the Rings Olympic trials;
- The 2017 Canadian Canoe and Kayak Championships;
- The 2017 Juno Awards;
- The 2017 Red Bull Crashed Ice;
- La Machine, a North American First;

- The 2017 Canadian Video Game Awards;

- And the 105th Grey Cup just to name a few.

Although these are incredible Signature Events, Ottawa 2017 will also bring Ottawa legacy projects which are just as important.

These projects will be enjoyed and benefit generations to come in our City and also represent a significant investment.

Projects such as:

- The Ottawa Innovation Centre;
- The National Arts Centre which will undergo a \$110.5 million redevelopment;
- The Canadian Science and Technology Museum which will reopen following an \$80.5 million renovation;
- And of course, the City's partnership with Tree Ottawa to plant 1 million trees by the end of 2017 which represents a green legacy that will be left behind.

As you can see, there will be something for all residents, young and old, as part of Ottawa 2017 and I encourage all of you to come to Ottawa and celebrate with us next year.

Comme vous pouvez le voir, il y aura des activités pour tous les résidents, jeunes et moins jeunes, lors d'Ottawa 2017 et je vous encourage à venir prendre part des célébrations avec nous l'an prochain.

I would now like to bring your attention to the projector screen for a short video about Ottawa 2017.

Thank you.

Merci beaucoup.