



October 24, 2022

Representatives of the National Capital Commission
202-40 Elgin Street
Ottawa ON K1P 1C7

Re; Ottawa Tourism supports Governor Generals Footguard Commemorative Gate

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of Ottawa Tourism, this letter supports the initiative to construct a commemorative gate at the south entrance to Confederation Park. This project will not only recognize 150 years of service to Canada and the City of Ottawa by the Governor General's Foot Guards. This project will provide further placemaking in the downtown core and enhance the returning Changing of the Guard experience for visitors and residents alike.

Ottawa Tourism has met with Captain Grayson Shanahan from the Governor General's Foot Guards (Regimental Association) to learn about the project and are pleased to see a fundraising initiative already underway. We spoke about the vision for the project, and new or additional considerations, including the need to engage with Indigenous parties regarding the design, and this was well-met.

We note that beyond visitors and residents to our city, Ottawa also has an active film production economy which could benefit from the gate for use in film productions. Given that such projects rely on backdrops that can easily "double" for other destinations/locations that are the focus of the film project, we would note that the design would ideally consider these additional uses, as an attractive entrance to the park could also be helpful for Ottawa's economic development.,

Thank you for considering this request for a new placemaking feature in downtown Ottawa.

Sincerely,

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