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Funding Flows from Government of Canada to Ottawa Congress Centre – Redevelopment Proposals Submitted and Under Scrutiny



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The Ottawa Congress Centre (OCC) received \$50 million in funding for its redevelopment project this month, a signal that the funding agreements and federal land use approvals for Colonel By Drive are finalized between the Centre and the Government of Canada.

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"The redevelopment of infrastructure that will bring organizations to Ottawa from all over the world is exactly what the nation's capital needs," said Minister Baird. "This government believes a \$50 million investment in a new convention facility is well worth the economic and cultural return this region will enjoy."

OCC Board Chair Jim Durrell announced that substantial proposals from two eminently qualified proponents were received on August 28, and now undergoing scrutiny by the Project Management Team. The OCC

expects to make its selection at the end of September and choose between EllisDon Corporation and Parkin Architects, or PCL Constructors Inc. and Brisbin Brook Beynon Architects.

"We were delighted to receive outstanding proposals from both proponents, and we extend our thanks for the brilliant effort they have put forward," Mr. Durrell said. "The Board is very excited about the final selection of the proponent and to see demolition begin next month."

Kudos Corner

Ottawa Building and Trades Council and Ottawa's Construction Workers

Happy Labour Day to the Ottawa Building and Trades Council, and all their members of the building and trade unions, who will be called upon to build the new OCC. Labour Day is an important time to remember the dedication and talent of these individuals who continue, day by day, to build Ottawa's infrastructure. We salute you all and look forward to seeing you on the OCC construction site.

National Capital Commission

Our thanks go to the tremendous team at the NCC who have worked with the OCC Project Management Team to ensure the new OCC is perfectly integrated with the goals and mandate of the NCC. Their commitment to the beauty and functionality of the nation's capital is unswerving, and this has served the future of the new facility very well.



The last remaining OCC staff members left in mid-September so that demolition and construction can get underway. On behalf of the Board and management, our thanks and gratitude go out to every dedicated worker, particularly those who have been with the OCC from the start. Kudos to you all!

Message from the President

With all public sector funding partners now in place for a total investment of \$140 million and the procurement process to Demolish, Design, Build and Finance well underway, the Ottawa Congress Centre redevelopment is a definite reality. The next step will be selecting the final consortium in late September followed by the demolition of the existing building. Construction of the new facility is expected to begin in February 2009, lasting approximately 22 months – with the new Centre opening April 2011.

With approximately 200,000 square feet of rentable space, the new Centre will offer flexible meeting space, outstanding views of downtown Ottawa and will be among the most environmentally and energy friendly convention centres in the country. Our intention is for the new building to achieve LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. As a result, the facility will have substantially better performance in energy efficiency, conservation and waste reduction, indoor air quality and water efficiency.

The redevelopment will transform the Ottawa Congress Centre into a state-of-the-art convention centre on its existing site in the heart of the Nation's Capital. The new building, which will greatly enhance the urban landscape, will also improve the quality of Ottawa's downtown experi-

ence for its citizens and tourists alike.

Further, it will affirm Ottawa's position as a strong world-class convention destination attracting more and larger conventions and the very significant economic benefits they generate.

These are exciting times as we move forward with the redevelopment project. Please be assured that although the building will be closed for construction we promise to stay in touch and keep you up-to-date. We will be working closely with all of our employees, clients, industry partners, and other community stakeholders in an effort to make the new Centre "Canada's Meeting Place".

Should you have specific questions and you're not sure who to contact, please call us a 613-563-1984 or email us at reception@ottawacongresscentre.com to have your inquiry directed to the appropriate person.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kelly
President



