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“History Made in Old Québec at the 20th Annual CCCL Conference”

Québec City, PQ – [June 6, 2017] – One of Canada’s oldest and most beautiful cities hosted the Twentieth Annual Conference of The Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, from May 25 to 28, 2017. More than eighty Fellows gathered at the historic Fairmont Château Frontenac to hear from industry experts and share their construction industry experience, bridging a wide range of topics focused on the theme of Procurement and Infrastructure Renewal.

The first day of the conference focused on four presentations, beginning with an interview with the President and CEO of Defence Construction Canada, Mr. James Paul. Next, a panel discussed the Supreme Court of Canada’s ruling on *Bhasin v. Hrynew* and its national repercussions. The Honourable François Rolland spoke on the Province of Québec’s voluntary reimbursement program. During lunch, special guest speaker Dan Genest spoke about the New Champlain Bridge project. Bruce Reynolds and Sharon Vogel from BLG closed Friday’s session, speaking on Adjudication and the Ontario Lien Legislation Reform status.

Day two began with the College’s Annual General Meeting, whereby the new members of the Board of Governors were elected. Following the AGM were various hot topic presentations, which included discussions about the Canadian Infrastructure Bank; Material and Equipment Tariffs; and updates on recent court rulings.

Fellows and their guests also had the opportunity to experience the many charms of Québec City. Hosted activities included walking and bike tours, dinner at the Musée National Des Beaux-Arts Du Québec, a cruise of the St. Lawrence River accompanied by a special architectural commentary, and a Gala 20th Anniversary Dinner to mark the historic occasion in style.



New members inducted at the Gala Dinner were Brendan D. Bowles, Partner (Glaholt LLP, Toronto); Simon Grégoire, Partner (BLG, Montreal); Stephanie Hickman, Partner (Cox & Palmer, St. John's); Jasmin Lefebvre, Partner (Miller Thomson, Montreal); and Marcia Oliver, Partner (Advocates LLP, London) and John S Haythorne, Partner (Dentons, Vancouver). A special recognition was delivered to David Bristow, Q.C., LSM, C.Arb., who celebrated 60 years at the bar this year.

Outgoing President Olivier F. Kott (Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP, Montreal), commented that "Québec City, steeped in centuries of history, was the perfect setting for the CCCL's 20th Anniversary Conference. The timeless quality of the Old City provided a wonderful contrast to the dynamic world of construction law that we all work in. And it was such a beautiful place to catch up with good friends and colleagues, make some new acquaintances and share best practices in the industry we are all so passionate about."

Incoming President T. Arthur Barry, Q.C., (Stewart McKelvey, Halifax), will be leading the way to the 2018 Conference which is taking place May 31 to June 3, 2018 at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel.

At the 2017 Conference, the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers was pleased to announce the following elected Officers:



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