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### Ontario Heritage Conference June 8-10, 2017 Ottawa

Ontario Heritage Conference 2017- Join us for Canada's big birthday!

Planning is well underway for next year's Ontario Heritage Conference, in recognition of Canada's 150th birthday, the theme for the Ontario Heritage Conference is:

#### Canada 150: Past, Present and Future of Heritage Conservation

Ottawa has a rich history associated not only with its role as the national capital but also its early days as a lumber town and a rich agricultural area defined by the Ottawa River, a Canadian Heritage River and the Rideau River and Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The conference organizing committee is busy brainstorming ideas for engaging sessions that span the range of rural and urban heritage issues as well as issues at all levels of government. Early June in Ottawa is a beautiful time of year so we are planning walking and bike tours to fill out the program.

The Conference Gala dinner will be held at the Canadian Museum of Nature, a municipally designated building and a National Historic Site of Canada. The building has undergone a significant restoration and project which included the construction of a contemporary addition. Conference delegates will have the opportunity to explore the museum before the dinner and hear about its history and architecture. More information about this landmark building can be found on the museum's website.

The main venue for the conference will be Ottawa City Hall, which is located in the heart of the downtown core and steps from the Rideau Canal UNESCO World Heritage Site and Parliament Hill. There will be plenty of opportunities to explore all that Ottawa has to offer and learn how the various levels of government work together to conserve our local and national heritage.

Special rates are available at two hotels located near City Hall and the details can be found under the accommodation tab above.

Stay tuned for further details in the coming months, we look forward to welcoming you to Ottawa in 2017!

Anne Fitzpatrick & Lesley Collins OHC 2017 Co-Chairs

