



RIDEAU HALL

September 12th, 2023

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Dear Ms. Leson,

On behalf of Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada, I am pleased to inform you that your patronage request for National Council of Women of Canada has been accepted by the Governor General.

The granting of viceregal patronage is a long-standing practice. It is Her Excellency's goal to build on this tradition of recognizing exceptional contributions to Canadian society by increasing the reach and impact of this relationship.

In particular, the Governor General has focused her efforts on reconciliation, which is a way of life and which does not have an end date. It is not defined by one program or action, but by a constant commitment to respecting and understanding each other, as well as dedication to learning the truth of our history. Her Excellency's other priorities include diversity and inclusion; youth and education; climate change and the protection of our natural world; and mental health and wellness. We encourage you to consider furthering these major themes of her mandate through your organization's activities and events.

You will find attached guidelines related to viceregal patronage, which include information on protocol, communications products and tools for your reference. Please be informed that patronage is granted to an organization only for the duration of the current governor general's term in office. If ongoing patronage is desired, an organization must submit a request to the succeeding governor general.

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Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at patronage@gg.ca or write to us at the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General, Program Planning – Viceregal Patronage, Rideau Hall, 1 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A1.

We look forward to working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Duncan Mousseau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Duncan Mousseau
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