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Invitation to OSUM 2019 "Changing Landscapes"

Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke, we extend an invitation to you to visit us in the Ottawa Valley, May 1-3, 2019, for the 66th Annual Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) Conference and Trade Show. As co-hosts of OSUM 2019, there are 108,000 people, spread over eighteen municipalities and the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation all welcoming and hosting you in our Ottawa Valley.

We know the OSUM Conference Planning Committee is creating a conference program rich with content that will address the issues and opportunities affecting small urban communities across Ontario. This is, and will continue to be, a period of great change in Ontario and globally, and OSUM 2019 will enable all our new municipal councils to better understand this shifting environment and network with our colleagues to build healthy and sustainable communities.

The Ottawa Valley is famous for hospitality, rugged pioneering spirit and a rich heritage of the Algonquin First Nation, European exploration on the Ottawa River and west across North America, fur traders and voyageurs, loggers and settlers. While we remain in the forefront of forestry and agri-business economic activity, we are also now a region of sophisticated advanced manufacturing in the areas of instrumentation, sensing devices, body armour, aerospace, metal casting and machining. Canada's single largest science and technology cluster, the Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, Inc., employs 2,900 people engaged in the peaceful applications of nuclear power and a broad range of other research and development fields. Merging our forestry heritage and industry with Ensyn Technologies, Inc. we now are a global leader in the production of renewable bio oil fuel produced from wood residuals.

Garrison Petawawa is Canada's primary military training ground with artillery, mechanized units, tactical and medium/heavy lift helicopter operations supporting Canadian Forces operations domestically and around the world. Since 1905, Garrison Petawawa has been a vital presence in the Ottawa Valley, and is now the home of the Canadian Special Operations Regiment.

A four-season recreation paradise; the whitewater capital of Canada; a fishing, snowmobiling, motorcycling and bicycle touring destination, the Ottawa Valley has something for everyone. Enjoy OSUM 2019, enjoy our hospitality, great food and local entertainment and come back any season to do all you can do in the Ottawa Valley, which is everything you can imagine.

Warmest Regards and Best Wishes,

Warden Jennifer Murphy & Mayor Michael Lemay