Conference 2019 hotel rooms going fast By Roy Lewis U.E.

Interest in the UELAC's Conference 2019 – The Capital Calls - to be held in Ottawa in late May and early June, has been growing steadily which is welcoming news for the coordinating committee but reservation space at the event's designated hotel is going fast.

The Conference will take place on Thursday, May 30; Friday, May 31; Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel located in the National Capital Region of Gatineau, Quebec. Some rooms are still available but these are also being reserved quickly.

However, for those who want to arrive on the day before the conference, Wednesday, May 29, there are no rooms available because the hotel is fully booked. For that reason, the organizing committee is making available a list of some accommodations available near major transportation centres in the Ottawa and Gatineau area for those who would like to arrive at Conference 2019 on the day before or even earlier.

As of March 7, the conference hotel staff confirmed rooms are available during the actual conference dates of May 30 and 31 and June 1 and 2. For those planning to stay at the hotel, a block of rooms has been reserved with the special conference rate of \$159 per night plus tax.

The Conference 2019 committee recommends those planning to attend to contact the hotel as soon as possible to ensure they can reserve a room at the quoted rate. The direct number for the hotel is 1-819-778-0000 or toll-free 1-800-807-1088, or fax 1-819-777-2518, or email reservations@doubletreegatineau.com. When making reservations refer to The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada or code CDTUAE to get the special group rate.

Located a short distance from downtown Ottawa beside the Ottawa River, the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel features such amenities as a luxury spa, fitness center, an indoor salt water pool, a whirlpool, sauna, free wireless internet, an ATM machine and free parking. Its major feature is an adjacent, 18-hole golf course with a pro shop located in the hotel. The Casino du Lac-Leamy with its wide variety of games and shows, restaurants, bars and a nightclub, is nearby.

Alternate accommodation sites for early arrivals are included in the following list. Please note all of these locations are a fair distance away from the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel but they do give those attending the option of spending one night to avoid the higher prices of hotels in the downtown area and they are close to either major air, train and highway routes.

Kanata area hotels are ideal convenient locations, just off Highway 417 the major crosstown route, for those driving from the west who plan to arrive at the conference on Wednesday, May 29 or earlier. All are under \$200 a night. Those accommodations include the **Comfort Inn Ottawa West**, 222 Hearst Way, Kanata, Ont. (613-592-2200); **Days Inn Ottawa West**, 350 Moodie Drive, Ottawa, ON (613-726-1717); Fairfield Inn & Suites Kanata, 578 Terry Fox Drive, Kanata, ON; **GLO Best Western Kanata West**, 160 Hearst Way, Kanata, ON, (343-417-4561); and **Holiday Inn and Suites**, 101 Kanata Ave. Kanata (613-271-3057).

Ottawa airport hotels, (good for those flying in to the conference on Wednesday or earlier) include the **Days Inn by Wyndham Ottawa Airport**, 366 Hunt Club Road, Ottawa ON (613-739-7555); the **Fairfield & Suites by Marriott Ottawa Airport**, 135 Thad Johnson Private, Ottawa, ON (613-691-2161); **Hampton Inn by Hilton Ottawa Airport**, 2869 Gibford Drive, Gloucester, ON (613-248-1113); Holiday Inn Express & Suites Ottawa Airport, 2881 Gibford Drive, Gloucester, ON (613-247-9500; **Homewood Suites by Hilton Ottawa Airport**, 3605 Paul Anka Drive, Ottawa, ON (613-422-3678). All are under \$200 a night.

The only option for accommodation near the Ottawa Train Station is the **Hampton Inn by Hilton**, 100 Coventry Road, Ottawa, ON (855-213-0582) and it is under \$200 a night.

Those not able to book into the Doubletree by Hilton may also consider some other accommodation options in Gatineau but they would need to be able to drive as these are also several kilometres from the conference hotel and all, with the exception of the British Hotel, are over \$200 a night. These hotels include the **Best Western Hotel** (approximately 6.5 kilometres from Doubletree) 131 Rue Laurier, Gatineau (Hull) 819-770-7234; **The British Hotel** (approximately 6 kilometres from Doubletree), 71 Principale St., Gatineau (Aylmer), 819-682-3000; **Crown Plaza Hotel** (approximately 5 kilometres from Doubletree), 2 Montcalm St., Gatineau (Hull), 819-778-3880; **Four Points Sheraton** (approximately 6 kilometres from Doubletree) 35 Rue Laurier, Gatineau (Hull), 819-778-6111.

More information about the conference is available on the <u>Conference 2019 website</u>, <u>Sir Guy Carleton Branch</u>.