

**SOLICITOR GENERAL ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE
FOR NEW GOVERNMENT OF CANADA BUILDING**

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., October 4, 2001 — Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) has established a Community Liaison Committee to help guide community dialogue surrounding the construction of the new Government of Canada Building (GOCB) in downtown Charlottetown. The Committee will solicit public input into important social and economic aspects of the project.

The **Honourable Lawrence MacAulay**, Solicitor General of Canada, made the announcement today on behalf of the **Honourable Alfonso Gagliano**, Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada. "The idea to establish a citizens committee stems directly from our commitment to public consultation," said Minister MacAulay. "As a community partner we want to closely involve the citizens of Charlottetown in this construction project, which will have a significant — and we expect a very positive — impact on the development of their city and businesses."

The Committee will focus on community participation, potential economic spin-offs, historical considerations, impact on the streetscape, tri-level government partnership, and the presence of the Government of Canada in the historic heart of Charlottetown.

The Community Liaison Committee comprises seven Charlottetown residents representing a wide variety of interests and backgrounds they include: Les Parsons, Manager of the Charlottetown Area Development Corporation (CADC); Phil Handrahan, City of Charlottetown Development Officer; Tara Lea, Chair, Capital Commission and member of Charlottetown Heritage Board; Catherine Hennessey, Heritage Advocate; Peter Hyndman, Chamber of Commerce and Charlottetown Business Owner; Tom Cullen, Charlottetown Business Owner; and Terry Hennessey, Downtown Business Association.

"What's important about the Community Liaison Committee, and what will make it an essential contributor to this construction project, is the fact that its members are from the community and it will function for the community," said Mr. Parsons. "It will ensure that the various phases of work meet our needs and expectations."

Minister MacAulay noted that the Community Liaison Committee was but one important aspect of the extensive public awareness plan by PWGSC surrounding this project:

"I am pleased to announce that we also have created a Web site for this project. (www.pwgsc.gc.ca/charlottetown). We invite visitors to take a virtual tour of the property and come back often for regular project updates and announcements. As well, we will soon be setting up a Web cam which will allow the public to keep a virtual eye on the project as it progresses."

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