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On behalf of Members of Ottawa City Council, it is my distinct pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all those participating in the **2015 Canadian Institute of Actuaries (CIA) Annual Meeting and Gala Celebration**, taking place at the Westin Ottawa and Shaw Centre, in the heart of our nation's capital, from June 17th to 18th 2015.

As Head of Council, I want also to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to the CIA in celebration of its 50th anniversary.

I am equally delighted to express my moral support to the CIA for providing a valuable forum for actuaries, industry regulators and other financial professionals to convene under the theme *Actuaries: The Professionals of the Future*. Members and actuarial professionals from across Canada will also have the opportunity to hear from experts in financial and risk management, partake in professional development sessions, as well as to recognize new Associates and Fellows, along with the outgoing and new presidents.

Additionally, I want to acknowledge the CIA, guest speakers Rex Murphy, David Suzuki and Jeff Rubin, in addition to the sponsors and volunteers, who have dedicated efforts, expertise and resources to the successful organization of this important meeting of national scope.

As Mayor of the host city, I invite visitors to explore the Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame and the Barbara Ann Scott Gallery at City Hall, as well as the revitalized Lansdowne Park and new TD Place, home of the Ottawa REDBLACKS CFL team, and Ottawa Fury FC North American Soccer League team.

Allow me to convey my best wishes to the participants for a very productive and rewarding gathering, as well as to the visitors for a most enjoyable stay in Ottawa.

Sincerely,

Jim Watson
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