

Statement by the Right Honourable David Johnston

Former Governor General Expenses for The Right Honourable David Johnston Fiscal Year 2017-18

Serving Canada as Governor General for seven years was an immense privilege for which Sharon and I will be forever grateful. I was deeply honoured to represent Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Connecting with many thousands of Canadians from coast to coast to coast, as well as hundreds of communities and organizations, has provided truly extraordinary opportunities to give back to our country. It is a vocation I have tried to continue post-mandate to the best of my abilities and in keeping with the vice-regal focus on connecting, honouring and inspiring Canadians.

One of my principal areas of activity has been to serve as volunteer chair of the Rideau Hall Foundation (RHF). Backed by dedicated staff, an exceptional board from across the country and valued partnerships from the public and private sectors, the RHF works to advance learning, innovation, leadership and giving. From awarding more than 22 teams of Northerners with the Arctic Inspiration Prize, to the more than 1,500 Queen Elizabeth Scholars, to the Learning Partnership for Indigenous Youth, to 3 major new research papers on giving, the RHF mobilizes people and ideas for the benefit of Canada and the world. For more information on the RHF, including audited financial statements, please visit www.rhf-frh.ca.

The Former Governor General Administrative Support Program

Starting with fiscal year 2017-18 (consistent with the Government's fiscal calendar), annual reports will be prepared of my expenditures under this Program. Future reports will be adjusted to reflect public feedback and the results of the Government's review of the Program.

Expenses Incurred October 2nd, 2017 to March 31st 2018:

Travel, accommodation and meals	\$13,911.87
Office Support*	\$54,463.64
Office Supplies and Miscellaneous	<u>\$8,274.75</u>
Total**	\$76,650.26

* Principally, the costs of an Executive Assistant for correspondence, scheduling, accounting, speeches, publications and events.

** One-time start-up and transition costs represent \$30k of the administrative support expenses and \$2k of the office supplies and miscellaneous expenses.

Activity highlights in addition to the Rideau Hall Foundation:

- Three books featured prominently: *Ingenious* and *Innovation Nation* (both aimed at reinforcing the culture of innovation in the country), as well as *Trust – Twenty Ways to Build a Better Country*. I am particularly grateful for the help received to adapt these books to a classroom setting. All royalties from these books have been and will be donated to charity.
- In keeping with the vice-regal mandate of Commander in Chief, work with veterans and military families has focused in particular on mental health. Sharon has played a lead role and is an Honorary Captain (Navy) for Military Personnel Command. I was deeply honoured to be approached to serve as Colonel of the Royal Canadian Regiment.
- As a patron and advisor to over 150 organizations while Governor General, I continue to be involved with more than a dozen, without remuneration, including the Trans-Canada Trail, Royal Canadian Geographical Society and Indspire.
- Work on scholarship programs in addition to the Rideau Hall Foundation focused on international student mobility and the Horatio Alger Association of Canada.
- Of more than twenty speeches delivered, recurring themes included the culture of innovation, diversity and inclusion, the future of learning and giving.

It is a privilege to provide continued support to initiatives and activities that flow from my mandate as Canada's 28th Governor General. I have been grateful for the administrative assistance provided through the Former Governors General Program and pledge to be careful in its use and meticulous in its public accounting.

Accountability and transparency in expenditure of public funds are important elements in our public institutions and I will follow the practice of filing this report annually and answer any questions that are raised as completely as I can.

David Johnston
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