

## Statement by the Right Honourable David Johnston

### **Former Governor General Expenses for The Right Honourable David Johnston Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

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, have provided truly extraordinary opportunities to understand the strengths and challenges for Canada and to work towards building a smarter more caring nation, the title of my installation address in 2010. It is a mission 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 passionate staff, an exceptional board from across the country and valued partnerships from the public and private sectors, the Foundation works to advance learning, innovation, leadership and giving. From enabling the annual awarding of the Arctic Inspiration Prize to more than 40 teams of Northerners, to the nearly 3,000 Queen Elizabeth scholars, to the Learning Partnership for Indigenous Youth, to three new major research papers on giving and an annual report card on the culture of innovation, 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](http://www.rhf-frh.ca).

None of the expenses set out below under the Former Governors General Administrative Support Program were incurred by or for the Rideau Hall Foundation.

#### **The Former Governors General Administrative Support Program**

Starting with fiscal year 2017-18 (consistent with the Government's fiscal calendar), annual reports are prepared of my expenditures under this Program which began over four decades ago and is administered under a policy overseen by the Secretary to the Governor General.

## OSGG Expense Claims

For the twelve months ending March 31, 2021

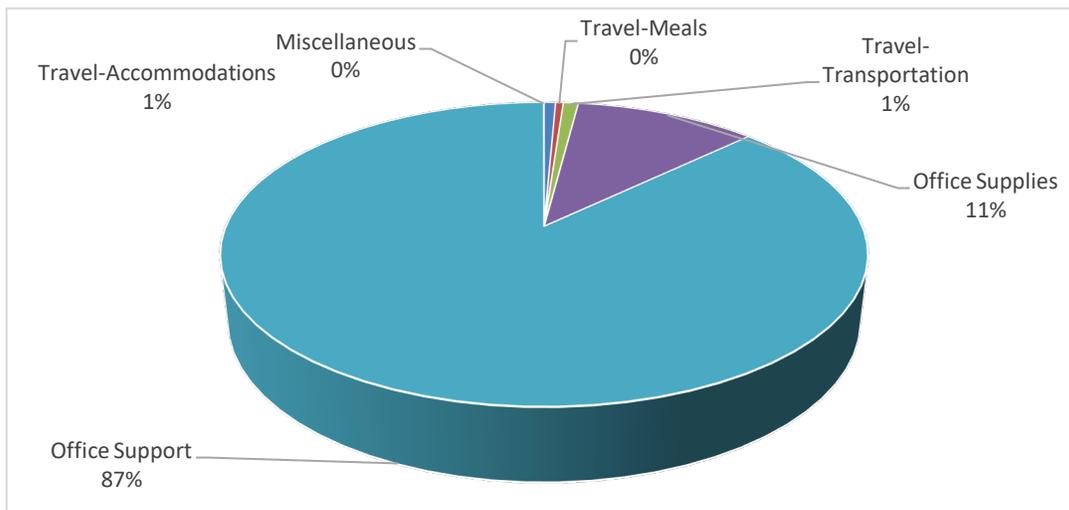
### Summary of claims reimbursed by type:

Travel-Accommodations	389.85
Travel-Meals	263.06
Travel-Transportation	509.66
Office Supplies	6,180.40
Office Support	49,600.00
Miscellaneous	15.59

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### Distribution of expenses by amount of claim

\$ value of claim	# of claims
\$0-\$50	14
\$51-\$100	4
\$101-\$200	6
\$201-\$500	3
\$501-\$1,000	2
\$1,001-\$5,000	2
over \$5,000	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>

Activity highlights in addition to the Rideau Hall Foundation:

### 1. Organizations

As a patron and advisor to over 150 organizations while governor general, I continue to be involved with several dozen (without remuneration) such as the Trans Canada Trail, The Royal Canadian Geographical Society, Universities Canada, Colleges and Institutes of Canada, Indspire, Highway of Heroes, Historica Canada, Children's Aid Foundation of Canada, The Killam Prizes, Ottawa Riverkeepers, Arctic Inspiration Prize selection committee, Seeing Beyond 2020 Waterloo Eye Institute, the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto, Brain Canada, BlackNorth Initiative, Horatio Alger Association of Canada, Outbound Mobility Group, Chez Doris, Hill 70, Juno Beach, Nova Montreal, The Parliamentary Centre.

### 2. Learning

Apart from the Rideau Hall Foundation management of the Queen Elizabeth's Scholars global mobility program, I chair the advisory council of the Government of Canada's outward mobility program to promote international mobility for Canadian students and serve as co-chair of the Horatio Alger Association of Canada advisory committee on student recruitment and mentoring, which provides scholarships and mentoring for youth from challenging backgrounds.

### 3. Publications

In 2016, we published the first book during my mandate- *The Idea of Canada: Letters to a Nation*, followed by the books on Innovation: *Ingenious* for adults, and *Innovation Nation* for children. A copy of these books is in most elementary schools and a majority of secondary school libraries across the country, and there are now over 1000 lesson plans for teachers to put legs on Canadian innovation stories from those books. In 2018 we published *Trust: Twenty Ways to Build a Better Country* which has sold over 50,000 copies. The royalties of all these books go directly to the Rideau Hall Foundation. Our current book projects include writing *Empathy: The Heart of a Nation*, and the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of *Canadian Securities Regulation*, which I first published in 1976.

### 4. Military

I maintain a cherished connection with Canada's defense forces as the Colonel of the Royal Canadian Regiment, and Sharon has completed her term as Honorary Captain (Navy) for Military Personnel Command.

### 5. Mental Health

Sharon led our initiative to promote mental health awareness and care while we were at Rideau Hall, and I continue to support her work in this important area. She delivers numerous speeches, interviews and written pieces. She has published two of the three historical fiction novels in her Bread and Roses trilogy: *Matrons and Madams*, published in 2015; *Patchwork Society*, published in 2020; and the third expected in 2022. All the royalties from these books go to a special fund in her name to support mental health research at the Royal Ottawa Hospital.

## 6. Public Presentations

There are typically three or four monthly speeches, media interviews, moderating or participating in panels or seminars, Op-Ed pieces or forwards to books on subjects such as public policy, trust, innovation, inclusivity, and more recently, empathy.

## 7. Public Service

I served pro bono as Commissioner of the Leaders' Debates Commission for the 2019 federal election and we submitted our final report to parliament in March 2020. The appointment was renewed during the current fiscal year.

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

Accountability and transparency in the 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Johnston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and the last name "Johnston" clearly distinguishable.

David Johnston

August 26, 2021