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**Moncton, N.B. – August 13, 2015 - The Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce applauds Moncton City Council’s vote to go ahead with the Downtown Events Centre**

After several years of consultation and many discussions, the long awaited decision to go ahead with the Downtown Events Centre was made last night. The vote was taken in order to stick to the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline which was necessary to maintain prices quoted in the winning proposals.

The Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate council on moving ahead with the centre.

“We are ecstatic that all parties involved have found a way to partner on this project and make it a reality, this truly is an investment in our future,” says Scott Lewis, Chair of the Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce. “As the economic engine of this province the key to continuing the success of our region requires an investment in our future.”

As the voice of the business community we know that there is overwhelming support from our members to have this project go ahead. This is not only good for businesses but also for the community at large, as our members are an integral part of the community in which they live.

“This is an investment to increase the tax base, increase downtown activity and spur additional new investment,” says Carol O’Reilly, CEO of the GMCC. “We are pleased to see that the provincial and federal government have come forward and shown their support and shared in the vision for this events centre. This project and its many spinoffs will greatly benefit our tri-community and our province.”

The renderings for the new centre have flooded news outlets and social media bringing life bringing this long awaited dream to life. A centre such as this will be a game changer for the tri community and South East region of the province and the business community is ready to make this dream a reality.

***The Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce is the voice of the business community for more than 825 businesses representing more than 35,000 members in Moncton, Dieppe and Riverview and the vicinity.***

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