



**An allocution by the
Immediate Past
Chairman of the Board
of the
Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier
International Airport Authority**

**Une allocution de
L'ancien président du conseil de
l'Administration de
l'aéroport international Macdonald-
Cartier d'Ottawa**

Jim Durrell

**At the Authority's
10th Anniversary Event**

**Held on June 1st, 2007
At the
Ottawa International Airport**

**À l'occasion du
10^e anniversaire de l'Administration**

**Tenue le 1^e juin 2007
à
l'Aéroport international d'Ottawa**

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VEUILLEZ VOUS REPORTER À L'ALLOCUTION**

Good morning all et bienvenue.

It's wonderful to see the faces of so many of my colleagues who played an important role in forming the Airport Authority over the past decade. Paul already mentioned Regis and Claude, but I also see people like Gayle Mullington, Louis Bertrand, Len Potechin and Richard Wagner who served as members in the early part of the first 10 years.

From more recent and current boards, we have Whit Tucker, Pamela Sweet, Carmen Rodrigue, Larry Malloy, Michael Skrobica and Charlie Logue here with us today.

A lot has happened in the first 10 years; the construction of the U.S. Preclearance facility that opened the doors to more direct flights to the States; the construction of the Combined Services Building; and ultimately the construction of this state-of-the art terminal.

The past and current Board of Directors, along with the Airport Authority employees and volunteers recognize that none of these milestones could have been achieved without the confidence and support of this community.

We felt that there would be no better way to thank the community for its support during our first 10 years than by giving it a gift.

We really didn't want that gift to be a token, but rather a meaningful and lasting tribute to the rich history of the airport that Peter told you about.

That's where Jérémie Giles and Denis Gagnon come in.

Working closely with them, we took a quantity of metal that was recycled from the old terminal, as well as a quantity from the supply for the new terminal, and with Jérémie's artistic talent, and Denis' skill, we created a tribute to the airport's namesakes, Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir George-Étienne Cartier.

The bench is situated here in arrivals as a welcome to those who are arriving for a visit in our fair city, as a place where those who are waiting to greet friends and loved ones home from their travels can sit and relax.

We envision children anxiously awaiting a long overdue visit from their grandparents, or a family waiting for the return of a soldier after months of being away.

Most of all, we hope it will be well-used and enjoyed by the entire community.

Thank you, merci.