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Capital Illumination Plan Annual Report 2017-18

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Introduction

The Capital Illumination Plan Annual Report 2017-2018 fulfills the requirements of Section 8.8 of the Capital Illumination Plan 2017-2027, which mandates the preparation of an annual report to evaluate the success of the plan.

The Annual Report covers the time period from **September 12, 2017**, when the Capital Illumination Plan was approved by the NCC Board of Directors, to **September 30, 2018**.

For the given time period, the Annual Report:

- Tracks the status of actions identified in the latest Capital Illumination Plan Implementation Strategy (2018); and
- Identifies other lighting-related initiatives that are ongoing or have been completed.

A large part of the Capital Illumination Plan study area is not under NCC jurisdiction. The Annual Report focuses on ongoing or completed initiatives that are either:

- Led by the NCC;
- Led externally, but with NCC involvement;
- Led externally and located on federal lands and/or led by a federal entity, and therefore subject to an NCC Federal Land Use and Design Approval (FLUDA).

In all the above cases, the Capital Illumination Plan is being actively used by NCC staff to guide the development and/or review of proposed lighting strategies and projects.

The NCC will continue to collaborate with its partners on an ongoing basis, in particular the City of Ottawa and the Ville de Gatineau, to achieve the objectives of the Capital Illumination Plan within areas that are not under NCC jurisdiction.

Assessment

The assessment focuses on three categories of initiatives:

- **Table 1:** Initiatives identified in the 2018 Implementation Strategy as “underway” or with a start date of 2018.
- **Table 2:** Other ongoing or completed initiatives led by the NCC or with NCC involvement.
- **Table 3:** External ongoing or completed initiatives subject to a FLUDA.

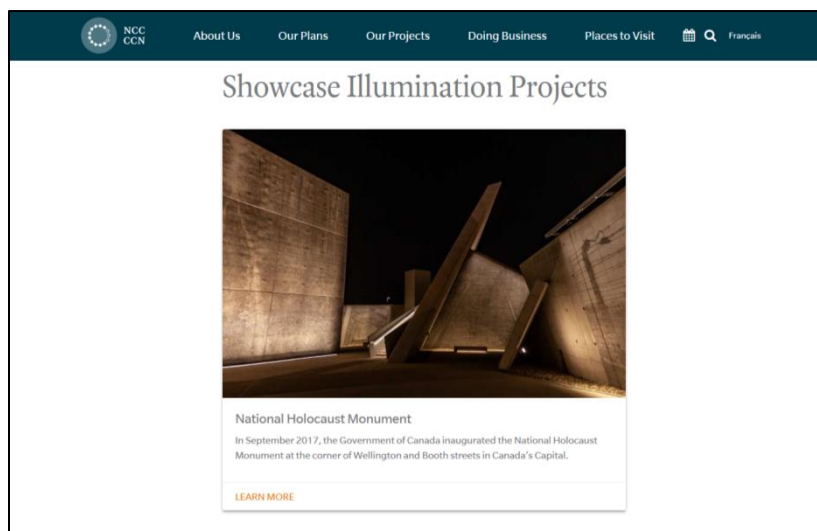
The status of each initiative is identified as follows:

● Completed
 ● Ongoing
 ● Not started (only applicable to Table 1)

Table 1: Initiatives Identified in the 2018 Implementation Strategy

Initiative	Type	Status
Develop the Bronson Pulp Mill lighting strategy	S	●
Develop the Victims of Communism Memorial lighting strategy	S	●
Update the NCC project website to showcase recently completed lighting projects	I	●
Develop the Lighting Charter	I	●
Develop the Great Lakes Fountain lighting strategy	S	●
Develop the Sussex Drive frontage lighting strategy (between Rideau Street and St. Patrick Street)	S	●

P: Lighting project S: Lighting strategy I: Other initiative



Recently completed lighting projects showcased on the NCC website

Table 2: Other NCC Initiatives

Initiative	Type	Status
Outreach – Presentation of the Capital Illumination Plan to: - National Capital Planning Commission (Washington, D.C.) - Public Services and Procurement Canada	I	●
Richmond Landing lighting implementation	P	●
Rideau Hall façade lighting implementation	P	●
National Holocaust Monument lighting implementation	P	●
Sparks Street Public Realm Plan, including a lighting strategy (lead: City of Ottawa)	S	●

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Richmond Landing lighting implementation



Rideau Hall façade lighting implementation

Table 3: External Initiatives Subject to FLUDA

Initiative	Proponent	Type	Status
National Arts Centre lantern and façade lighting implementation	National Arts Centre	P	●
The World Remembers projections on the Government Conference Centre	PSPC	P	●
Les Terrasses de la Chaudière landscape site plan (including lighting strategy)	PSPC	S	●
Embassy of the United States façade lighting implementation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month	Embassy of the United States	P	●
Canadian Museum of Science and Technology lighting master plan	Canadian Museum of Science and Technology	S	●
Canadian Museum of History façade lighting strategy	Canadian Museum of History	S	●
Château Laurier addition façade lighting strategy	Private sector proponent	S	●
Les Terrasses de la Chaudière recladding project (including lighting strategy)	PSPC	S	●
Government Conference Centre façade lighting implementation	PSPC	P	●

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National Arts Centre lantern and façade lighting implementation

Analysis

Overall, the first year of implementation of the Capital Illumination Plan has been successful. In addition to the specific initiatives identified above, several other positive trends and outcomes have been identified:

- The Capital Illumination Plan received an Award of Merit from the Canadian Institute of Planners in the category “New and Emerging Planning Initiatives”, increasing its visibility at the national level.
- Ongoing use of the Capital Illumination Plan as a tool to support the design development phase for NCC projects.
- Ongoing use of the Capital Illumination Plan as a tool to support the NCC’s review of projects subject to FLUDA.

The key challenges that have arisen in the first year of implementation of the Capital Illumination Plan are outlined below:

- Balancing environmental requirements under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* with the desire to illuminate important built form elements such as buildings, commemorations, and public art.
- Ensuring that lighting is a priority in budget-setting for projects and is not compromised in the context of value-engineering exercises.
- Incorporating high standards of lighting design review in municipal development approval processes, in particular those that may impact federal interests (e.g., illuminated signage visible from Confederation Boulevard).