

## **170 commissionaires honoured for long service Five honoured with special commendations**

**October 16, 2014 – Ottawa** – More than 170 employees of *Commissionaires Ottawa*, many of whom are military and RCMP veterans, were honoured today with long service medals or special commendations. The awards ceremony was officiated by Captain (N) Paul A. Guindon (Ret'd), CEO of *Commissionaires Ottawa* and attended by company officials, clients, staff and family. The Guest of Honour was Pierre Lemieux, MP for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell and also a 20-year veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces.

CEO Paul Guindon had high praise for all award recipients: “We believe that the best way to protect clients and their hard-earned assets is to support them with a stable, familiar and experienced team of private security professionals—people of character, like the men and women being honoured today. Year after year, their dedication, trust, loyalty and honesty strengthen our company’s ability to maintain, by far, the highest employee retention rate in the private security industry.”

Mr. Lemieux assisted with some of the medal presentations and made a moving presentation during the ceremony. He praised commissionaires for the important work they do in the community and the calibre of expertise and experience that distinguishes them as security professionals. He also expressed how commendable it was that *Commissionaires Ottawa* has been accommodating injured or recovering military personnel since the company first opened its doors in 1939—men and women who need a safe, flexible and caring work environment with other veterans who can help support their healing journey. This is a great option for returning soldiers and their families.

Mr. Guindon said, “Through our social mandate, *Commissionaires Ottawa* gives back to our employees. We support them by reinvesting about 95% of our revenues in career-enhancing opportunities, world-class training, industry-leading pay rates and excellent benefit packages. In a world where job and career changes are so common, our company is proud of its ability to attract and retain such a large number of reliable, highly-skilled security professionals.”

*Commissionaires Ottawa* is among the largest private sector employers in the National Capital Region—with more than 3,600 commissionaires contracted to about 500 client sites in Ottawa, Gatineau, the Ottawa Valley, throughout Northern Ontario and also in parts of Southwestern Ontario and Northwestern Quebec. In addition to security guard services, commissionaires also provide non-core police services, by-law enforcement, digital fingerprinting, criminal background checks, pre-employment screening, security training, threat risk assessments, investigations, and mobile alarm response, to name a few. *Commissionaires Ottawa* is dedicated to providing meaningful employment opportunities to those making the transition to civilian life after active service in the Canadian Forces and RCMP. It also hires qualified, security-focused citizens of all ages and from all walks of life who share a passion to safeguard their fellow Canadians.

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