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**RE: Letter of Support - Candidacy of Christophe Rivet for a position on the
Advisory Committee**

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of ICOMOS Canada, I wish to confirm our support for Dr. Christophe Rivet's candidacy for a position on the Advisory Committee.

Canadians have been active in elected positions since the early days of ICOMOS, contributing to its governance, administration, and theoretical directions. The current Board wishes to continue this tradition by encouraging Canadian professionals to submit their candidacy to elected positions. In this regard, ICOMOS Canada is supporting Dr. Christophe Rivet.

Dr. Rivet has been active in heritage conservation in Canada and abroad for over 20 years. His experience in the civil service and in the private sector offer a distinct perspective on the relationship between governments, non-governmental organizations and private practices. His ability to create bridges between different groups and perspectives has been a key aspect of his leadership at ICOMOS Canada. This is a skill that is ideally suited for a position on the AdCom. We believe Dr. Rivet can make a considerable contribution to strengthening the impact of ICOMOS in all sectors. He is well versed in translating theory into practice – having worked extensively in crafting national legislation, regulations, standards, and plans. Lastly, his long standing contribution to and knowledge of ICOMOS – having assumed various responsibilities both nationally and internationally – will be an invaluable asset for guiding the organization through various levels of change.

ICOMOS Canada, as the Canadian national committee, has been dedicated to pursuing the mission of ICOMOS for close to 50 years. Our work is currently focused on four thematic priorities, namely: climate change, cultural landscapes, Indigenous heritage, and cultural diversity.

On behalf of the Board, I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Stephen Fai, PhD
Secretary

Biography

Dr. Christophe Rivet is a heritage professional with over 20 years of practice in the public and private spheres. He is trained as an archaeologist and a heritage planner.

As a civil servant in the Canadian federal government, he worked in policy, planning, and protected cultural and natural heritage area management. He worked on developing national heritage legislation, impact assessment tools for cultural heritage, standards and guidelines for the conservation of heritage places, heritage planning, and Indigenous heritage management. He left the civil service and co-founded a firm dedicated to sustainability and heritage.

Dr. Rivet has been a member of ICOMOS since 1997 getting involved progressively in national and international initiatives. He was secretary of ICAHM and vice president scientific committees of ICOMOS Canada for many years. He has been president of ICOMOS Canada since 2015.

Education

Doctorate, Archaeology and Ancient History, University of Leicester, Leicester, United Kingdom, 2013
Masters in Planning (Aménagement), conservation of the built environment, Université de Montréal, Montreal, Canada, 2002
Bachelor of arts (Hons), anthropology/archaeology, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 1997

Languages

English, French, Spanish, Italian

Work experience

EVOQ Strategies, Ottawa - Montreal - Toronto

Principal, Director of Strategies (2019 -)

Cultural Spaces Consulting, Ottawa

Principal (2015 -)

Environment Canada, Regional Director General's Office, Atlantic and Québec Regions, Halifax

Manager, Regional Analysis and Relations (2013 - 2015)

Parks Canada, Atlantic Service Centre, Planning, Social Science, and Aboriginal Affairs, Halifax

Project Manager – World Heritage nomination for the Landscape of Grand Pré (2007 – 2012)

Acting Manager (September 2008 to June 2009 and March 2011 – October 2011)

Planner (2006 – 2007)

Parks Canada, National Historic Sites Directorate, Archaeological Services Branch, Gatineau

Acting Manager, Archaeological Resource Management section (2005)

Project Manager, Standards and guidelines for the conservation of archaeological sites (2003 – 2007)

Archaeological Resource Management Analyst, (2001 – 2006)

Parks Canada, National Historic Sites Directorate, Policy and Government Relations Branch, Gatineau

Policy analyst, 2001

Groupe CIDRA, Montreal (Canada), La Rochelle (France)

President (Canada) Vice-President (France), 1998 - 2001

Selected Recent Publications, Conferences, Workshops, Engagements, and Teaching

Author, *The cultural making of sustainable and resilient communities - connecting the practices of sustainability and cultural heritage* in Canadian Commission for UNESCO publication, 2021 (forthcoming)

Co-author, *Discussing natural resource extraction in cultural landscapes as a cultural value* in Journal on Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development, 2020 (forthcoming)

Participant, UN Climate Change Summit - *Cultural Heritage Partnership to Enable Ambitious Climate Action* organized by the Secretary General and the delegation of Greece, at the United Nations Headquarters, New York (United States), September 6th, 2019

Panelist, Cultural Diplomacy Roundtable - *Cultural heritage and diplomacy* organized by Library and Archives Canada at the National Library, Ottawa, March 12th, 2019

Panelist and co-organizer, ICOMOS General Assembly - *The relationship between natural resources, cultural diversity, and sustainable development in assessing cultural landscapes: a framework for a policy discussion on natural resource extraction* organized by ICOMOS, Buenos Aires (Argentina), December 2018

Panelist/guest speaker, Forum on the International Dimension of the European Year of Cultural Heritage (EYCH) 2018 - *A Canadian Experience in Engagement and Participatory Governance of Cultural Heritage*, organized by the Cultural Diplomacy Platform, European Commission, Brussels (Belgium), April 23, 2018

Panelist, ICOMOS General Assembly - *Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through 'Culture-Nature-Cities': Connecting Best Practices with Global Reporting Processes*, organized by ICOMOS, Delhi (India), December 13, 2017

Panelist, UCLG Culture Summit, Agenda 21 for Culture - *Surveying opportunities to localize the SDGs and cultural heritage in Canada*, organized by IUCN, ICOMOS, and UCLG, Jeju (Korea), May 11, 2017

Member of the Canadian Delegation, World Urban Forum, Habitat III, Quito (Ecuador), October 2016

Member Climate Heritage Network, international network of practitioners, governments, and institutions, 2020

Member Heritage Ontario, Mise en valeur du patrimoine franco ontarien, 2003

Member Heritage Advisory Committee, City of Ottawa, 2002-2004

Guest lecturer and sessional instructor at **Carleton University** (Ottawa - heritage conservation), **McGill University** (Montreal - history), **Saint Mary's University** (Halifax - archaeology) **Mount Saint Vincent University** (Halifax - cultural tourism), **Université de Montréal** (Montreal - heritage conservation and architecture), **University of Victoria** (Victoria - heritage conservation), and the **Willowbank School of Restoration** (Queenston - heritage conservation).

A statement by the candidate confirming his/her willingness to serve if elected. Candidates should also indicate whether they wish to stand for the post of President and/or Vice President – if they are elected as one of the six officers, and for those standing for President, whether they wish to stand for Vice-President if they are not elected to the presidency.

I confirm my willingness to serve should I be elected to the Advisory Committee. I wish to stand for the post of President. Should I not be elected to the presidency, I wish to stand for Vice-President.

Electoral platform statement

ICOMOS' strength comes from the knowledge that each member is willing and able to share with others. That knowledge stems from the experience of professionals but it also comes from being open to a diversity of world views, cultural expressions, professional methods, and generational perspectives. Our credibility depends on our inclusivity and our ability to provide meaningful guidance that reflects that diversity.

For ICOMOS to fully take advantage of its strength, it needs to rely on its ISCs and NCs with greater confidence. This is particularly critical for national committees that are both the mechanism to put into action ICOMOS' work and more substantially the mechanism to reflect the diversity of cultural experiences around the world.

Inclusivity is everyone's responsibility. My own contribution in seeking the Presidency of the Advisory Committee is to help build the mechanisms to take on the challenge of diversity that ICOMOS needs to succeed. Beyond improving communication, we need to lean on the leadership of national committees to include more voices in our conversations and to maintain their authenticity including by encouraging the use of more languages. We need to trust national committees to identify the best ways for that diversity to contribute to our work. I hope to work with my fellow members to create a roadmap to define the ways for knowledge to be shared with impact, to establish the presence of national committees and scientific committees at the heart of ICOMOS' work, and to support our organization in being open to the many perspectives the world has to offer. We can continue our work with relevance and impact if we take full advantage of every part of our organization.