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Kingston - The Military Communications and Electronics Museum Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Brigadier-General George D Simpson (Retired) OMM, SSM, CD, of Ottawa to the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Museum Foundation. He succeeds such notable officers as Colonel Arthur Child, Colonel Jack Thomson, Brigadier-General Donald Banks and Colonel Robert Champagne.

Brigadier-General Simpson retired from the Canadian Forces in 1985, his last appointment being that of Commander Communication Command. Since his retirement from the military he has been an active supporter of the Communications and Electronics Branch and has had a successful second career, notably as a former Senior Partner with CFN Consultants in Ottawa and more recently as Chairman of the Board of The GDK Strategic Development Group with its head office in Beijing China.

Brigadier-General Simpson joins the Foundation at a very significant juncture in the evolving history of the Communications and Electronics Museum. The Museum Board of Directors has recently approved an expansion and diversification strategy to enhance national visibility, ensure long-term viability and promote coherence of a supportive community. The initial step has already been taken with the forming of a core group to activate an Ottawa Foundation Chapter, the first of a number of chapters to be formed across Canada. Regional governing bodies, representative of all-ranks of the founding tri-service elements of the Communications and Electronics Branch and supporting Canadian industries, will foster programs supportive of the Museum as an institution as well as provide benevolent support to Foundation members and dependents.

Established in 1961 as the "Royal Canadian Corps of Signals Museum" the name was changed to the "Military Communications and Electronics Museum" following unification of the Canadian Forces in 1968. The present building is a relatively new structure (opening in 1996) that has become a world class museum displaying military communications and electronics equipment representative of the mid 1860's to the present; more importantly the Museum serves as a monument to those men and women in uniform who contributed to nationbuilding through their respective roles in the Army, Navy and Air Force signals and communications and electronics elements of the day. The Museum theme is "The Troops, The Times and The Technology".