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Ms. Diane Lemieux named president of TOHU's Board of Directors

Montreal, December 3, 2015 – Members of TOHU's Board of Directors are delighted to announce the nomination of Ms. Diane Lemieux as President. This experienced administrator takes over for Mr. Gaétan Morency, who served as President for over 15 years.

An impressive career path

President and CEO of the *Commission de la construction du Québec*, Diane Lemieux is well known in Quebec politics. She was an MNA at the *Assemblée nationale du Québec* from 1998 to 2007, serving as Minister of State of Culture and Communications and Minister of Labour. She was formerly the President of the *Conseil du statut de la femme*. Since January 2015, she has been a board member for the *Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec*.

A strong mind and a big heart

As a political figure, administrator and feminist, Diane Lemieux has always put women's issues first, including defending victims of sexual assault and working as President of the *Conseil du statut de la femme*. She received the Quebec *Prix de la Justice* Award in 1991 and the 2014 *Prix Ipsos-ICO* as the personality in the public sector who most improved the public's trust.

Diane Lemieux position as the head of TOHU's Board of Directors—which is made up of 11 chairs—is an important gain for the organization. “I am very happy with this nomination,” says the Board's VP Bernard Hébert. “Diane Lemieux is an exceptional person who is very involved and determined. She will be a great asset to TOHU's development as a cultural organization that's committed to the community.”

“TOHU and the *Commission de la construction du Québec* share the same neighbourhood,” said Ms. Lemieux. “We are neighbours and that's what ties us together. We also share concerns for sustainable development. On a personal note, I've always had a great passion for culture and community projects. That's why heading TOHU's Board of Directors is a natural fit—and I'm very proud to be here. My goal is to help the organization continue to grow and shine.”

The Board of Directors would also like to thank Bernard Hébert, VP of the Board of Directors, who took up the role of interim President since Mr. Morency left the position last July.

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