Two items of interest to our subscribers:

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1. IPAC Annual Conference

Making History: Governance in the 21st Century is the theme for this year's annual conference of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada to be held at the Ottawa Congress Centre, August 27-30.

Over the past decade, governments have undertaken major reforms focused mainly on modernizing the professional public service in order to improve the quality of service delivery. This Conference will examine the theme that effective government is more than this – it requires new relationships between citizens and elected and appointed officials.

Among distinguished speakers you will find the **Honorable Lucienne Robillard**, President of the Treasury Board of Canada; **Mel Cappe**, Clerk of the Privy Council and Head of the Public Service of Canada, **Mary Gusella**, Head, The Leadership Network, **Jocelyne Bourgon**, President, Canadian Centre for Management Development & National Conference Chair; **Bob Chiarelli**, Chair, Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton, **Judge Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond**; **Frank McKenna**, Senior counsel, McInnes Cooper & Robertson; **Judy Rebick**, political commentator; **Professor Seymor M. Lipsett** and many many more.

Participants will examine experiences of western democratic governance and public administration and will evaluate major governance issues faced by governments and public services. They will then fashion solutions for the future.

Information on this event is available on the following Internet site http://www.ipac2000.net

2. Law Commission of Canada Discussion Paper

The Law Commission of Canada recently released "Recognizing and Supporting Close Personal Relationships Between Adults", a discussion paper exploring the diverse kinds of personal relationships formed between adults.

Canadian law supports and protects close personal relationships between adults in many ways. It also frequently uses those relationships, such as marriage, as a way of organizing other policies and delivering social programs.

Yet Parliament has never undertaken a comprehensive examination of adult relationships or their place in society. Instead, political leaders have moved to change legislation and policies little by little to keep up with court decisions and changing social norms.

The Law Commission is now inviting Canadians to share their views on how governments can or should recognize and support adult relationships.

Copies of the discussion paper are available via the internet: http://www.lcc.gc.ca

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