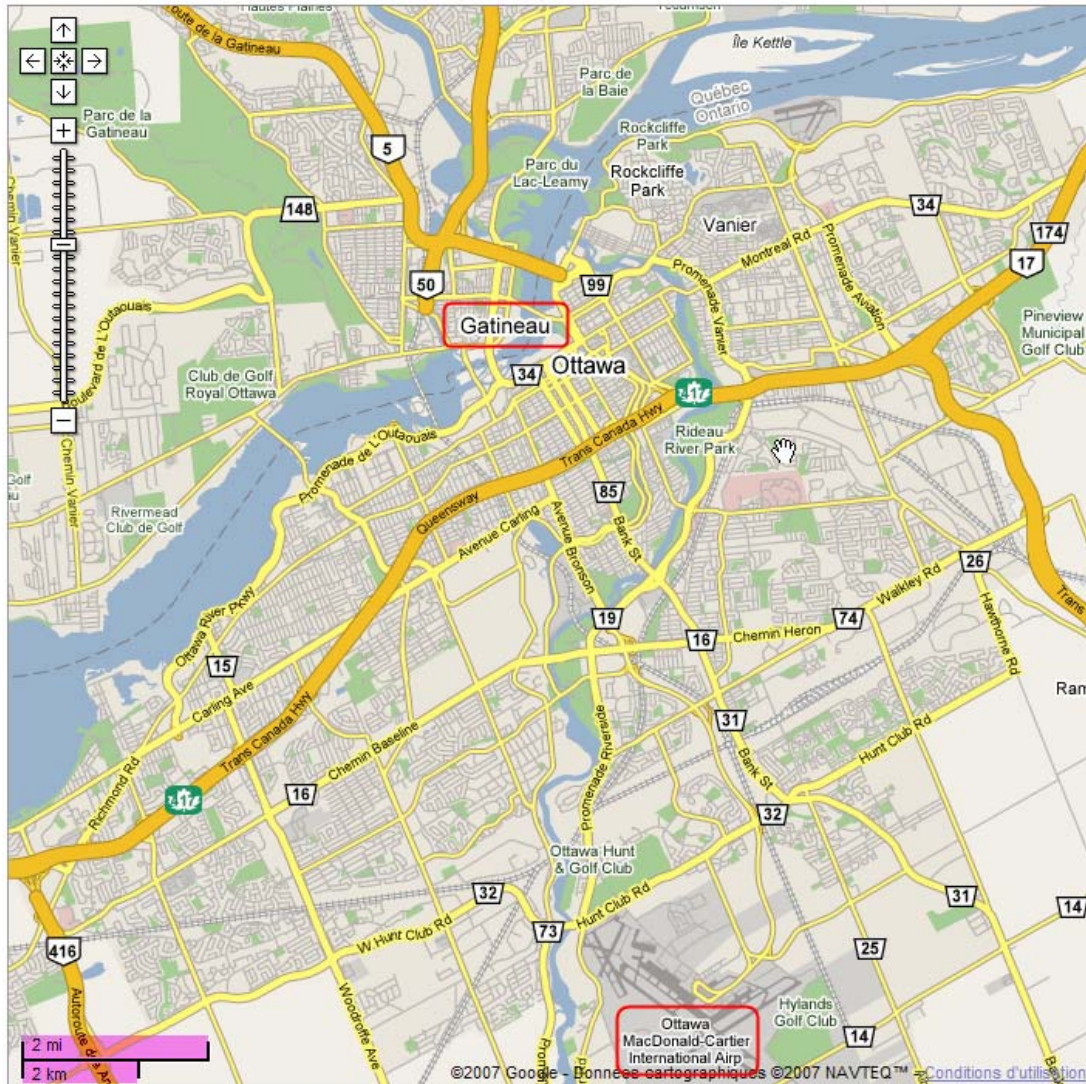


Dear All,

Hydro-Québec wishes to invite you to the next IEC TC57 WG17 meeting. This meeting will be held from October 30th to November 2nd in Gatineau, in the province of Quebec, Canada. The city of Gatineau is located just across the Outaouais river from Ottawa, the national capital.



Information about the city and its surrounding can be found by following these links:

National Capital Commission: <http://www.capcan.ca>

City of Gatineau: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gatineau>

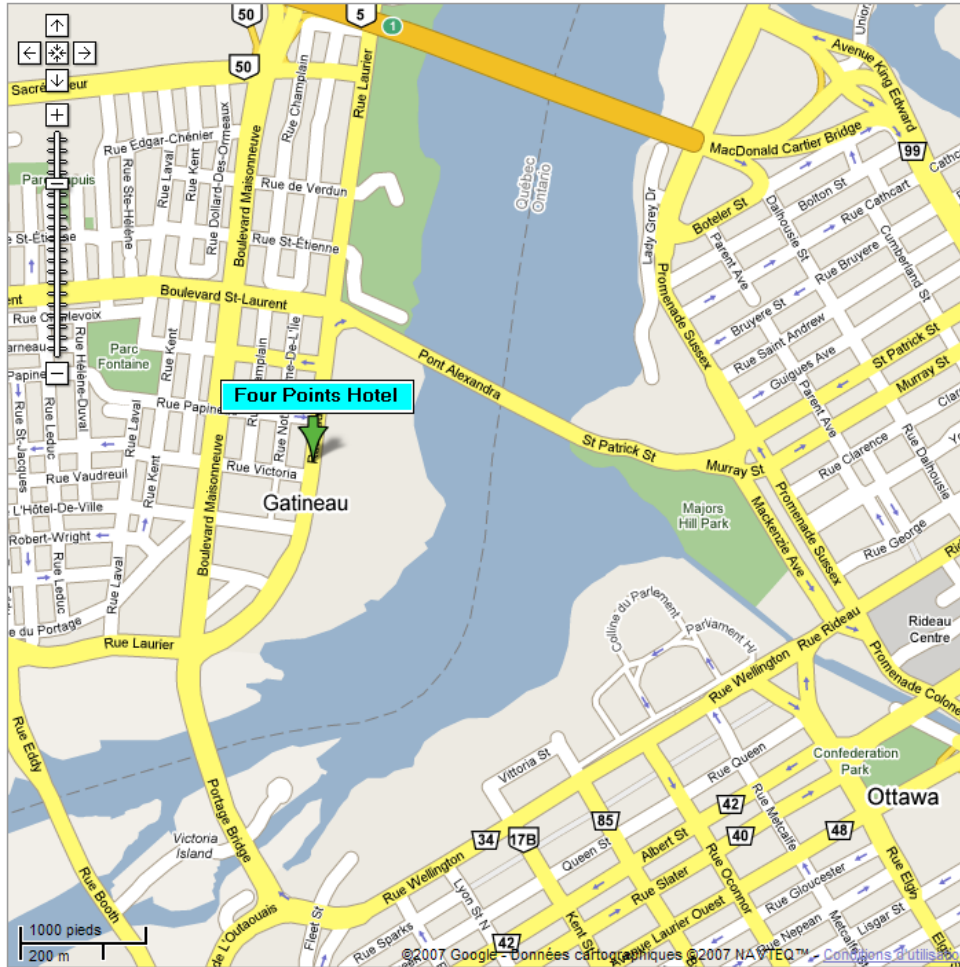
Current weather for Ottawa:

http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/city/pages/on-118_metric_e.html

Hotel information:

The meeting will take place at the Four Points by Sheraton & Conference Centre Gatineau-Ottawa.

The address is 35, rue Laurier, Gatineau (Québec) J8X 4E9



For your convenience, a block of rooms has been reserved from Monday, October 29th to Friday, November 2nd.

The basic rate, exclusive of taxes and service fees, is \$120 CAD for a room with single or double occupancy which is more or less 85 Euros or \$115 USD.

High speed Internet access is included in the rate. Access is wireless in the meeting room and wired in the hotel rooms.

It is important to note that attendees are to make their reservations themselves at the *Four Points*, as financial obligations with respect to the meeting arrangements have been undertaken by the host.

The event booking code is “IREQ - IEC TC57 WG17”. Reservation can be made by **e-mail at reservations@fourpointsgatineau.com or by phone at 1-800-567-9607** (toll free).

The deadline for reservations is the October the 9th.

Hotel web site:

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/fourpoints/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1329>

The hotel is located just across the street from the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

Transportation:

From Ottawa:

The nearest and most convenient airport is the Ottawa MacDonald-Cartier International airport (YOW). It is a 20-25 min. ride from the airport to the hotel. There is public transport available and information can be found at www.octranspo.com. Use their travel planner to help create the best itinerary. Hint: use the landmark tab and select the Museum of Civilization as your destination.

Please note that public transport in Gatineau and Ottawa is operated by different transit authorities and that part of their network overlap in downtown areas. Information about Gatineau’s public transit is available at www.sto.ca.

From Montreal:

It is also possible to drive from Montreal (200 km from Pierre-Elliot-Trudeau airport), take the bus or the train. Greyhound provides bus service to Ottawa from the Trudeau airport. ViaRail provides train services to Ottawa from the Dorval station which is close to the airport. A shuttle is available between the train station and the airport.

Weather:

These are the average temperatures for Ottawa:

Temperature °C	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Maximum	-5	-4	2	11	19	24	26	25	20	13	5	-3
Minimum	-15	-13	-6	0	7	12	15	14	9	3	-2	-11

Warm clothing is a must, especially in the evening!

Language:

Gatineau is located in one of the most bilingual region of the province of Quebec. You should not have any problems communicating in English or French during your stay.

Quebec is the sole Canadian province where French is the only official language. This means that in Gatineau, signs must at least be in French (including shop signs, road signs and public notices). But Ottawa can have unilingual English signs since it is located in the province of Ontario where English is the main official language.

For more information, you can contact me at goulet.jean@ireq.ca