

Business Events Day April 3, 2025

**Whereas** business meetings and events accounted for 242,000 jobs and contributed \$27.4 billion to the Canadian economy in 2019; and

**Whereas** business events made up 40% of total tourism spending pre-pandemic, making it a key economic driver of tourism across the country; and

**Whereas** there were 159,900 business travellers in Kingston in 2023, spending a total of \$33,907,500; and

Whereas April 7 – 11, 2025 is Tourism Week.

**Therefore**, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, hereby proclaim April 3, 2025 as "Business Events Day" in the City of Kingston.

Dated at Kingston this 29th day of January, 2025

Bryan Paterson Mayor

