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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Special Citizenship Ceremony for 50 New Canadians At Queen Victoria Public School, Toronto

**Toronto (Ontario)** - Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) will host 50 candidates at a special community ceremony at Queen Victoria Public School. Held in conjunction with national Citizenship Week, Dr. Rita Cox, Member of the Order of Canada, will be the presiding official administering the Oath of Citizenship and conferring certificates of citizenship to 50 new Canadians. The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, former Governor General of Canada, will be in attendance, accompanied by local dignitaries.

Prior to the citizenship ceremony, the Institute for Canadian Citizenship, in partnership with Citizenship and Immigration Canada, will hold a community roundtable discussion as part of its ongoing discussion series. These unique ICC-facilitated sessions aim to engage participants in dialogue about citizenship to further strengthen the connection to their communities.

CBC Radio's Metro Morning (CBC Radio 99.1 FM from 5:30-8:30 AM) with host Matt Galloway will be broadcasting live on location to celebrate Citizenship Week with the 50 new Canadians who will be sworn-in at the ICC ceremony.

**PRESIDING OFFICIAL:** Rita Cox C.M. D.Litt.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 18, 2011

8:00 AM Registration  
9:00 AM Roundtable discussions  
10:15 AM Citizenship ceremony  
Reception to follow

**WHERE:** Queen Victoria Public School  
100 Close Avenue  
Toronto, ON

**GUEST SPEAKER:** The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson  
Gord Perks, City Councillor, Parkdale-High Park  
Irene Atkinson, School Trustee, Parkdale-High Park

*Media are invited to attend. There will be a photo opportunity at the conclusion of the ceremony.*

The Institute for Canadian Citizenship is a national, non-profit organization that engages Canadians in citizenship through innovative programs, campaigns and partnerships designed to ensure new citizens are welcomed and included as equals, to create meaningful connections among all Canadian citizens, to foster a culture of active, engaged citizens and to celebrate what it means to be Canadian. Our Building Citizenship program brings together new and established Canadians at community citizenship ceremonies; our Cultural Access Pass (CAP), generously supported by the Canadian Museums Association and the RBC Foundation, offers new citizens the chance to visit more than 600 attractions across Canada for free for a full year from the time they're sworn in; and our annual LaFontaine-Baldwin Symposium fosters a debate on the future of Canada's civic culture. The ICC was founded and is co-chaired by the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul. The ICC is supported by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC). For more information, visit [www.icc-icc.ca](http://www.icc-icc.ca).

For further information on *Citizenship Week 2011*, please visit <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/celebrate/citweek.asp>.

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