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**Downtown Moncton Centre-ville Inc. disappointed in Casino decision**

**MONCTON** – Downtown Moncton Centre-ville Inc. (DMCI) is disappointed in today’s decision regarding a destination casino being built in the Magnetic Hill Area. DMCI believes that this is a missed opportunity as a casino would have been a catalyst for downtown redevelopment. While we do not agree with the government of New-Brunswick’s choice, we do respect it. *“The downtown development proposal, with significant local involvement that would have included a casino, convention centre and nationally branded Marriott Hotel, was just what Downtown Moncton needed. It would have jump started new developments in our core.”* says DMCI Executive Director, Daniel Allain.

Even with this temporary setback, Downtown Moncton is alive and strong, with a vibrant economic future. Now is the time to look ahead. The board of Downtown Moncton will now double it’s efforts and work to move forward other important files such as the construction of a Justice Facility as well as a new downtown entertainment centre, which would house an arena and an events centre.

Downtown Moncton is currently working on files such as the revitalization of St-George Street, increasing security downtown, improving parking and retail investment opportunities to enhance the stature of our city.

DMCI is committed to the continued growth and development of our core. We believe that this decision will have a significant impact on the future of downtown development. Downtown Moncton has had its faire share of challenges in the past and has always risen above them and we will do so once more.

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