



IEEE

**Ottawa
Section**



Date: December 3, 2020

Subject: IEEE Milestone Proposal

Milestone-Proposal: The First Geographic Information System (GIS) developed in 1962-1968

Dear IEEE Milestone Administrator,

The IEEE Ottawa Section agrees to sponsor the Milestone proposal for the First Geographic Information System (GIS) developed by Dr. Roger Tomlinson (1933-2014) at the federal Department of Forestry and Rural Development in Ottawa, Canada, in 1962-1968. This sponsorship has three aspects: 1) payment for the cost of the plaque(s), 2) arranging the dedication ceremony, and 3) agreeing to monitor the plaque(s) and to inform IEEE History Center staff in case the plaque(s) need(s) to be moved, is no longer secure, etc.

The IEEE Ottawa Section, with the help of the IEEE Region 7, accepts the financial responsibility of paying for the plaques, one in English and one in French.

The IEEE Ottawa Section accepts the responsibility of monitoring the plaques, and of letting IEEE History Center staff know in case the plaques need to be moved, are no longer secure, or some other related circumstances. The plaques will remain the property of the IEEE Ottawa Section.

The IEEE Ottawa Section accepts the responsibility for arranging the Milestone dedication ceremony in conjunction with the Royal Geographical Society of Canada (RGSC) where the plaques will be installed.

Sincerely,

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Chair, IEEE Ottawa Section Chair