

## **Committee – CANADIAN CENTENNIAL**

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In Canada we have more than 33,000 Lions in more than 1500 clubs working hard to make our communities stronger by supporting our 5 global causes as well as local community activities and charities.

Lions Clubs first came to Canada in 1920 and we have been celebrating our Canadian 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which started July 1, 2019 (and ending on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021) with a variety of activities and events. They include the planting of 100,000 trees across Canada, the creation of a Canadian Lions Centennial project in each community where Lions are present, issuance of a Lions 2020 Commemorative Pin, and the release of an electronic Lions 2020 E-Book.

One of the initiatives of the Canadian Centennial is the availability from Lions Clubs International of a matching grant in the amount of US\$5000 (approximately CA\$6500) to any Canadian District. The purpose of the grant is for promoting a service project which among others is for the purpose of publicity, marketing, communications and attracting membership. The qualifying criteria is the District raises CA\$6500 **OR** allocates the matching funds in the District Treasury for the Centennial Activities.

Of the 5 districts in MD19 which qualifies to apply for this grant, District 19E is the only District that has applied. Time is fast running out with the Canadian Centennial Celebrations ending on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please contact me immediately for a copy of the Application for Matching Grant Form which is very easy to complete.