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## **TWO-TERM PARK COMMISSIONER IAN ROBERTSON WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION**

*NPA Park Commissioner says it's time to step back and focus on family and career*

**Vancouver, BC** – NPA Park Commissioner and former Park Board Chair Ian Robertson announced today that he will not be a candidate in the upcoming civic election to be held in November 2011.

“I am very proud of what I have accomplished over the past six years as a Park Commissioner in Vancouver”, says Robertson. “I was motivated to run in 2005 because of the lack of artificial turf fields in Vancouver. When I was elected we had none, now we have six new artificial turf fields plus two fields at Andy Livingstone Park have been re-surfaced”.

Ian Robertson was Chair of the Park Board during the wind storms that struck Stanley Park in 2006 and 2007 destroying over 10,000 trees and the world-famous seawall. “I am also proud of being Chair and leading it through one of its most challenging times in the Board’s history”, noted Robertson. Over \$9 million was raised to support its recovery which led to an extensive and wide-reaching plan being developed that guided the restoration work.

“It’s time for me to focus on spending more time with my family and my career at Rocky Mountaineer. I am grateful to the residents of Vancouver for electing me to two terms and the opportunity to serve the city”.

Ian Robertson was first elected in 2005 and was Chair of the Park Board in 2007 and Vice Chair in 2006 and 2008. Ian was re-elected in 2008 and is the lone NPA Commissioner on the Park Board. During the current term he sits on the Park Board’s Planning and Environment and Services and Budgets committees. He also serves as liaison to the Grandview Community Centre (Trout Lake), Riley Park Community Centre, West Point Grey Community Centre, Dunbar Community Centre, Jericho Sailing Club and the Vancouver Aquarium.

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