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Jack Blaney Appointed Chair of Fraser Basin Council

*Vancouver, BC.....*The Board of Directors of the Fraser Basin Council (FBC) has appointed Dr. Jack Blaney, former President of Simon Fraser University (SFU), as the new Chair of the Council. Dr. Blaney takes up the Chair as Iona Campagnolo, FBC Chair since 1997, leaves to become BC's next Lieutenant-Governor. Jack Blaney brings a profound respect for dialogue as a critical component of sustainable decision-making, and a wealth of experience that will benefit the Council as it works to advance sustainability of the Fraser Basin.

"I am honoured to be appointed and look forward to the challenge of building on the excellent track record already established by the Council", said Dr. Blaney about the appointment.

Currently a Senior Fellow at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, SFU, Dr. Blaney's previous university positions include President, Vice-President (External Relations), and Dean of Continuing Studies.

Dr. Blaney is also a Commissioner, International Joint Commission, a Director of the Vancouver Board of Trade, an Advisor to Vancouver Children's Arts Umbrella and a member of the Academic Advisory Board of the Institute of Canadian Bankers.

In over thirty years of senior administration in post-secondary education, Dr. Blaney has worked with colleagues to extend degree completion opportunities to adults throughout the province; create liberal arts, public affairs and professional continuing education programs, raise over \$100 million in private funds for SFU; establish the SFU downtown campus and Centre for Dialogue. Jack Blaney was born in BC, has received several national and regional honours and has served on a variety of community boards, including the Vancouver Museums and Planetarium and the Vancouver Police Department.

The Fraser Basin Council, a non-profit organization established in 1997, brings people together to stimulate dialogue, find common ground, and overcome conflict to advance social, economic, and environmental sustainability in the Fraser River Basin. The Council is made up of individuals from throughout the Fraser Basin, and includes representatives from federal, provincial, local and First Nations' governments. Home to 2.7 million people, the Fraser Basin covers approximately one quarter of BC in land area and produces 80% of BC's provincial economic output. See website - www.fraserbasin.bc.ca

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