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Vancouver Foundation Supports Key Fraser Basin Council Initiative

Vancouver, B.C. – The Fraser Basin Council has received financial support from the Vancouver Foundation for its work on Sustainability Indicators.

Vancouver Foundation President and CEO Richard Mulcaster announced that the Foundation's Environment Advisory Committee has approved a \$30,000 grant for the project.

Vancouver Foundation administers a permanent endowment with assets of over \$600 million, representing the combined capital of over 600 funds created through bequests, by living donors and through other gifts. Grants are made from the income that is generated from investment of the pooled capital of these funds. While originating and located in Vancouver, the Foundation provides support for projects throughout BC.

"We are delighted that the Vancouver Foundation's financial support will help advance the research, communications and consultation aspects of the Council's efforts to develop Sustainability Indicators for the Fraser Basin", said Mulcaster. "Using indicators to measure progress toward a sustainable Fraser Basin is essential in order to detect important trends and focus scarce resources where they are needed the most".

The Fraser Basin Council is a unique non-profit organization that brings people together to solve tough sustainability challenges in the Fraser Basin. Its vision for sustainability – social well-being supported by a vibrant economy and sustained by a healthy environment – is realized through action-oriented cooperative projects that address daunting challenges such as economic diversification in rural communities, sustainable fisheries, regional debris management, and integrated flood hazard management.

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