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Patrick Reid to Chair the Fraser Basin Council

Vancouver, BC: Patrick Reid, former EXPO 86 Commissioner General, has been appointed as the new chair of the Fraser Basin Council. Mr. Reid succeeds Dr. Jack Blaney who is taking a leave of absence to chair The Citizen's Assembly on Electoral Reform. The appointment was announced today by Roy Mussell, Vice-Chair of the Council, newly appointed President of the Fraser Basin Society and Chief of the Skwah First Nation in Chilliwack.

"We're thrilled that Patrick Reid has agreed to be the chair of the Fraser Basin Council," said Mussell. "As chair of GLOBE 90 and 92, Mr. Reid was instrumental in promoting sustainability and sustainable business practices at a time when 'sustainability' was a little known or understood concept. He brings a wealth of experience to the Council and a great understanding of sustainability issues facing the Fraser River Basin."

"I am honoured to have the opportunity to contribute in any way I can to the work of the many dedicated British Columbians who are devoted to the well-being of one of the world's great river systems," Reid said. "The health and prosperity of the Fraser and its tributaries are essential to the quality of the economic and social life of every citizen in the province."

Mr. Reid is chairman of the Rick Hansen Man In Motion Foundation and was former chair of GLOBE 90 and 92, founder and chair of AirShow Canada, former chair of the Vancouver Port Corporation, and first independent chairman of the Vancouver Stock Exchange. He has had a distinguished career as a senior Canadian diplomat, serving as Commissioner General for a number of major world expositions, President of International Bureau of Expositions in Paris and Consul General of Canada in San Francisco. He is currently Honorary Colonel of the British Columbia Regiment.

Mr. Reid is an Officer of the Order of Canada and has received many other awards. He is involved with numerous community organizations including the UBC Community Advisory Council, the Canadian Club of Vancouver and the Canadian Unity Council.

The Fraser Basin Council is a non-profit, non-partisan society established in 1997 to bring people together to find solutions to long-standing issues and conflicts, and take advantage of opportunities in the Fraser River Basin. The mandate of the Council is to ensure that the decisions we make about the Basin today will protect and advance its economic, environmental and social sustainability into the future. The Council's 36 member board includes individuals from all regions of the Basin, with representatives from federal, provincial, local and First Nations' governments, as well as from the private sector and community organizations.

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