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Subject	City of North Vancouver Establishes National Maritime Centre Society and Leadership Council
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The City of North Vancouver is pleased to announce the appointment of a **National Maritime Centre Society (NMC Society)**.

As part of the business plan to bring a **National Maritime Centre for the Pacific and the Arctic** to the historic Pier development site in Lower Lonsdale, Mayor Darrell Mussatto and Council have approved the official constitution, bylaws and appointments that enable a **National Maritime Centre Society** to be formed.

The newly incorporated **NMC Society** is comprised of 14 appointed directors and three City representatives, each of whom brings significant related experience, particularly in the areas of project construction, financial management and maritime interests. Their combined expertise is vital to the initial design, construction and operations of the proposed **National Maritime Centre**. With the establishment of the **NMC Society**, the board can now apply for charitable registration, initiate its fundraising strategy and begin the search for an Executive Director. The 14 appointed directors of the Society were chosen from the NMC Leadership Council that was assembled at the beginning of the planning process to provide input on project development.

The 14 appointed directors of the **NMC Society** include:

- Peter G. Bernard, Q.C., maritime lawyer and former Director of the Vancouver Maritime Museum
- Robert T. Boyd, senior mining executive with over 30 years related experience
- Graham Clarke, Chair of the Vancouver Airport Authority board of directors
- Steve Frasher, CEO of the Washington Marine Group of Companies
- Jim W. Hudson, C.A., former CAO at the Vancouver Police Department
- Deborah Jacobs, Education Director for the Squamish Nation
- Terry A. Lyons, former Chairman of Versatile Pacific Shipyards
- G. Craig McKeen, President of McKeen and Wilson Ltd., a fourth generation family business established in 1893 in North Vancouver
- Dennis Molner, former Director of MacDonald Dettwiler and served on the President's Advisory Council at Capilano University
- Graham Nicholls, former BHP Billiton executive and former Deputy Minister of the Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources with the Government of the Northwest Territories
- Grant Ritchie, Board member of the B.C. Pavilion Corporation responsible for the development of the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre
- Robin Wilson, former Chair of Capilano University and Director of North Shore Family Services
- Robyn Woodward, former Board member of the Vancouver Maritime Museum and MOSAIC
- Naomi Yamamoto, President & General Manager of the North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce

The inclusion of three City of North Vancouver representatives: City Manager, Ken Tollstam; Director of Finance, Isabel Gordon; and NMC Project Director, Larry Orr, ensure that the interests of the community remain a priority during the development of the **National Maritime Centre**. Once the facility is operational, the **NMC Society** may adopt a different organizational structure, such as a more community-based model with broader community representation to help guide the **National Maritime Centre** into the future.

Envisioned as a world-class facility, national landmark and major tourist attraction, the **National Maritime Centre** will be a dynamic year-round destination for residents and tourists, offering historic artifacts and interactive exhibits, maritime education and training, events, business forums, and boat festivals as well as

amenities such as restaurants and retail shops. Once built, the **National Maritime Centre** would be self-sustaining through commercial revenues generated on the site.

During its development, the proposed Centre has attracted the support of more than 45 potential partners, including the federal, provincial and lower mainland municipal governments, the Vancouver Port Authority, leaders within the maritime and tourism industries, First Nations and educational partners.

In May 2008, the City of North Vancouver received a \$9 million financial commitment and official support from the provincial government. Praised by Premier Gordon Campbell for its vision and dedication to preserving Canada's unique maritime heritage, the City's **National Maritime Centre** is an example of an impressive public-private partnership.

Located in the Pier development, the **National Maritime Centre** will be at the centre of the City's largest and busiest port. The proposed site is an ideal location and has been federally designated as having major historical significance because it was once the site of much of B.C.'s shipbuilding industry.

www.cnv.org/ThePier.

For more information about the **National Maritime Centre for the Pacific and the Arctic**, visit

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