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BOB POPE WINS AWARD OF MERIT FROM BCRPA

Richmond, BC (Friday, May 13, 2011) – Bob Pope of the City of Penticton has received an Award of Merit from the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA).

Bob Pope has been supporting the advancement of the recreation profession for more than 20 years through considerable contributions in his community and province-wide through the BCRPA. He has proven time and again to be a successful motivator, increasing participation in community recreation and events. Bob was the founder of the Hearts @ School Health Fair Committee in 2005, which has since become a provincial initiative available through the BC school system. He was a founding member of the South Okanagan-Smilkameen Healthy Living Fair Committee, co-founder and co-creator of the Okanagan International Children's Festival in 2003, was a member of the Get Active Penticton Committee from 2003-2010, and helped initiate the Penticton Steps Out/Act Now Pedometer initiative.

“Bob has demonstrated strong recreation leadership within his community and contributed greatly to promoting recreation provincially,” states BCRPA Chief Executive Officer Suzanne Allard Strutt. “His achievements have had a significant impact in our sector and the communities he serves.”

The Award of Merit recognizes achievement at the Municipal, Regional and Special Interest Area level that involves a significant, distinct contribution to the enhancement of local Recreation & Parks. The award was among several presented at BCRPA's Symposium today. The conference brings together members of the parks, recreation, physical activity and culture sector from around BC, including elected officials, volunteers, members of the business community and others. Richmond is the host community of this year's event.

BACKGROUND:

The British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association is a not for profit organization dedicated to building and sustaining active healthy lifestyles and communities in BC. Established in 1958, the Association is a central resource agency for members and stakeholders of the parks, recreation, physical activity and culture sector, providing leadership, training and support to help meet national, provincial and local priorities. Through a diverse network of partners and extensive programs and services, BCRPA actively advocates accessibility and inclusiveness to recreation and physical activity.

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