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## **BCRPA CONGRATULATES NEW PROVINCIAL CABINET**

**Burnaby, BC (Thursday, June 18, 2009)** – The BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) is congratulating Premier Gordon Campbell on the appointment of his new Cabinet. The parks, recreation, physical activity and culture sector is looking forward to working with Minister of Healthy Living & Sport Ida Chong, Minister of State for the Olympics & ActNow BC Mary McNeil, Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure Shirley Bond and Finance Minister Colin Hansen.

“On behalf of the BCRPA and our Board of Directors I would like to extend our congratulations to Premier Campbell on the appointment of his new Cabinet and to all new and returning Ministers,” states BCRPA Chief Executive Officer Suzanne Allard Strutt. “BCRPA and the provincial government have collaborated on many projects in the past, including our Active Communities Initiative (supported by ActNow BC), which helps communities in their efforts to promote physical activity, and the Boomer Friendly Boot Camps, which provide opportunities for older adults to get back into active, healthy lifestyles.”

Strutt also states that the sector is eager to meet with the government’s key decision-makers. “BCRPA and its members work on a lot of issues like infrastructure renewal that are important to keeping our province and its communities healthy and thriving. Our continued partnership with the provincial government will ensure success in these efforts.”

### **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 industry, 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 and strives to bridge the gap between recreation and sport.

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