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The SDRCC Welcomes its New Chairperson and Three New Board Members

Montréal (Québec) - The Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) is pleased to learn of the appointment by Minister of State (Sport) Gary Lunn of Ms. Carla Qualtrough as the next Chairperson of the Board. Minister Lunn also nominated three new Board members in Mr. Frank Fowlie, Mr. John F. Reid, and Ms. Judith Ann Tutty; all appointments are effective December 1, 2009, when the last three members from the inaugural Board of Directors, Dianne Norman, Gordon Peterson and Allan Stitt as Chairperson will complete their second and last mandate with the SDRCC.

"I am excited to be assuming the position of Chairperson of the SDRCC, an organization in which I believe very strongly," said Carla Qualtrough, "I would like to congratulate and extend thanks on behalf of the rest of the Board and of the broader Canadian sport community to Allan, Gord and Dianne for their hard work and commitment to helping ensure that the decisions that impact Canadian athletes and coaches are fair, unbiased and timely."

Frank Fowlie (Richmond, BC) holds a doctorate in Conflict Resolution as well as a masters in Conflict Analysis and Management. Since 2004, he has been the Ombudsman for the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers. He was involved in swimming and lifesaving, has a black belt in Taekwondo, and has experience at several major Games in various capacities.

John F. Reid (Ottawa, ON) is a peace officer with 35 years experience, Superintendent by rank, and lawyer with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He majored in Business Administration before graduating from Osgoode Hall Law School. He has been involved in minor ice hockey as a player, and since 1967 as a coach, official and administrator.

Judith Ann Tutty (Mississauga, ON) worked as a legal secretary for the past 25 years. She is an international official in canoe and in dragon boat. Since 1972 she has been involved in various roles in the sport of canoe-kayak in Canada including as current Chair of the National Officials Committee. She has been recognized, through several awards, for her volunteer work as sport official and builder.

"On behalf of the Board of the SDRCC, I would like to welcome our new members. We are extremely pleased that they are joining us and we look forward to working with them", said Board Chairperson Allan Stitt. "I also want to congratulate Carla on her deserving appointment as Chair of the SDRCC. I am pleased that we will have a new Chair with good leadership skills, a great work ethic and a tremendous knowledge of amateur sport and ADR in Canada. It was an honour for me to serve as Chair for the past six years and I look forward to watching from a distance as the SDRCC grows and evolves."

About SDRCC

The SDRCC is a not-for-profit corporation created by federal legislation and funded by Sport Canada. The mission of the SDRCC is to provide the sport community with a national alternative dispute resolution service and strengthen the culture of fairness in Canadian sport by resolving disputes quickly and efficiently and to provide expertise and assistance regarding alternative dispute resolution.

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