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BC Supreme Court Approves Changes to 1965 Trust Document

SIDNEY, British Columbia - April 11, 2016 - The Sidney and North Saanich Memorial Park Society announced today that a judgement has been issued by the Supreme Court of British Columbia which allows changes to the 1921 Trust that directs the Society in the management of Blue Heron Park and the Mary Winspear Centre.

The Honourable Madam Justice Dardi issued her Judgment April 6, 2016. Detailed reasons for judgments are available on the Supreme Court's website: <http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/sc/16/05/2016BCSC0589.htm>.

Richard Paquette, President of the Sidney and North Saanich Memorial Park Society, said he is "very pleased with the judgment. This decision will permit the Society to better respond to current economic circumstances and help the Society support and enrich our community."

The court decision confirms the Trustee's authority to carry on business activities on Trust property. It obliges the Trustee to maintain a suitable memorial to those who lost their lives in the service of Canada. It gives the Trustee the authority to enter into long-term leases enabling tenants to invest in substantial capital improvement on Trust lands. The judgment will also permit the Trustee to use funds realized from the expropriation of Trust lands for the maintenance and repair of the Mary Winspear Centre.

Mr. Paquette, said that "with Justice Dardi's judgment, the Society is now in a position to conclude a lease which conforms to the purposes of the Trust with the Town of Sidney for the development of the Town's Community Safety Building."

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