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Royal BC Museum welcomes two new Directors to its Board

Victoria, BC — The Royal BC Museum recently welcomed two new Directors, Anuja S. Varshney and E. Michael O'Brien, to its Board.

Ms. Anuja S. Varshney, appointed as a Royal BC Museum Director on July 31, 2016, is the Executive Director of the Varshney Family Charitable Foundation. Previously, she was an auditor for Deloitte & Touche Chartered Accountants and a customer service representative for Toronto Dominion (TD) Bank.

Ms. Varshney organized the Varshney Capital Corporation Charity Golf Classic, which has raised more than \$1 million for the BC Children's Foundation, Learning Disabilities of Vancouver, Room to Read and other organizations. Active in her community, she is a member of the West Point Grey Academy Board of Directors, the Honorary Chair of the Heart and Stroke BC Foundation 2013 Fundraising Gala Dinner, member of the Kids Safe Golf Tournament committee, panelist for the Courage to Come Back Awards presented by Coast Mental Health and Co-founder of the Vancouver Westside Indian Cultural Centre.

Ms. Varshney is a Chartered Professional Accountant and holds her Bachelors of Commerce (Honours) Degree from the University of Manitoba.

Mr. E. Michael O'Brien, appointed to the Board of Directors of the Royal BC Museum on June 9, 2016, recently retired after a distinguished career as a senior executive of the Vancouver Airport Authority where his responsibilities included strategic planning, legal services, corporate secretary, environment, community and media relations. Previously Mr. O'Brien served as Chief of Staff to the federal Ministers of Health, Transport and Employment and Immigration.

He commenced his career as a barrister, having received his Bachelor of Laws from Osgoode Hall Law School and his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto. Mr. O'Brien has served as a director of the Richmond Gateway Theatre and the Richmond Chamber of Commerce. At present he serves a member of the Fraser Basin Society and is the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Olympic Oval Corporation.

Ms. Varshney and Mr. O'Brien join a first-rate team at the Royal BC Museum:

<http://royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/about/museum-information/corporate-information/governance>.

More information on all 10 Board members can be found at the Province's Board Resourcing and Development Office's listing for the Royal BC Museum:

<http://www.brdo.gov.bc.ca/boardView.asp?boardNum=145449>

About the Royal BC Museum



The Royal BC Museum explores the province's human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. Looking to the future, the Royal BC Museum will be a refreshed, modern museum, extending its reach far beyond Victoria as a world-class cultural venue and repository of digital treasures.

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