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HSBC BANK CANADA DONATES \$300,000 TO SUPPORT STANLEY PARK RESTORATION

The Vancouver Park Board is very pleased to announce that HSBC Bank Canada has generously donated a total of \$300,000 to support Stanley Park Restoration. This contribution will help fund the cost of repairing the damage that was done to Stanley Park in the windstorm that hit the Vancouver area in December 2006.

“I am pleased that HSBC Bank Canada is taking a major role in contributing to the restoration of Stanley Park,” said Mayor Sam Sullivan. “I hope that other companies follow HSBC Bank Canada’s lead and support the rebuilding of Vancouver and Canada’s national treasure.”

Park Board Commissioner Heather Holden added: “The Park Board appreciates this exceptional level of support in our restoration efforts of what is considered one of the world’s most beautiful urban parks.”

“As an organization that highly values the protection and conservation of the environment, HSBC Bank Canada is very pleased to support Stanley Park Restoration,” said Lindsay Gordon, President and Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Bank Canada.

“We are headquartered in Vancouver and we want to give back to the community that has contributed so much to our success for over 25 years. Stanley Park is one of the greatest urban parks in the world and HSBC strongly encourages other companies to play a part in restoring it.”

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Donations to “Vancouver Park Board - Stanley Park Restoration” can be made at any HSBC Bank Canada branch in Canada.

The Vancouver Park Board maintains over 200 parks and 40 major facilities throughout the City of Vancouver. The Park Board's mission is to provide, preserve and advocate for parks and recreation services to benefit people, communities and the environment.

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Lindsay Gordon, President and Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Bank Canada (far left) and Jeff Dowle, Executive Vice President, Branch Banking, HSBC Bank Canada (third left) present a \$300,000 donation cheque to support Stanley Park Restoration to Randene Neil, Anchor, Global TV (second left); Heather Holden, Commissioner, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (far right); Susan Mundick, General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (second right) and Mayor Sam Sullivan (third right).