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Fraser River Discovery Centre to Move Ahead with Year 2 of \$2.25 Million Working River Project
"10 partners allow the project to continue"

New Westminster, B.C. – The Fraser River Discovery Centre announced that it will be proceeding with Year 2 of the Working River project in 2016 due to the contributions of ten partners.

"We are very excited to be moving ahead with the Working River project," said Stephen Bruyneel, Chair, Board of Directors, Fraser River Discovery Centre. "The project will continue due to the support of our ten partners – BNSF Railway, Chevron Canada, City of New Westminster, Fortis BC, Fraser River Pile and Dredge, Fraser Surrey Docks, Kinder Morgan Canada, Port Metro Vancouver, Seaspan and Saam Smit Canada."

The Working River Exhibit is an immersive "Choose-Your-Own" adventure designed to personalize the Fraser River for each visitor. People will discover all the ways industry in the Lower Fraser appears in their daily life through a complex web of social, environmental and economic considerations. Visitors will be encouraged to think about how their personal choices impact the demand met by industry.

During Year 2 of the Working River Project, the FRDC will work with its partners to finalize the themes, messages and content; develop the approach to presenting the information; and create the exhibit and graphic design. The result will be a formal and final Exhibit Content and Design Plan that will be used in Year 3 by exhibit fabricators to build the exhibit so it is ready for its grand opening and corresponding program implementation in 2017.

"The Board would like to thank all of our Working River partners for coming on board for 2016," concluded Bruyneel. "You not only allow us to move forward on this important initiative, but have helped ensure that the Fraser River Discovery Centre will be able to continue in its role as the "Voice of the Fraser River".

The \$2.25 million Working River Project is a world class, education-based exhibit that will promote a factual understanding of the crucial economic role of the Fraser River while considering its environmental and socio-cultural values. Set to open late 2017 and occupy the lower floor galleries of the 17,000 square foot facility, the exhibit will follow the Centre's current approach to education and be highly interactive, supported by programming and designed to meaningfully engage visitors in exploration and discovery of the theme.

The Fraser River Discovery Centre Society operates the Fraser River Discovery Centre. Through interactive exhibits and engaging programming, the Discovery Centre showcases the Fraser River's role in shaping BC's ecological, cultural and economic diversity. Its mission is to be the Voice of the Fraser in presenting the stories of the Fraser River and their contribution to the life, history and future of British Columbia with the vision of connecting communities in discovery and celebration of the living, working Fraser River. The Discovery Centre is currently open Wednesday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm. Admission to the exhibit galleries is by donation.

Working River Partner Quotes and Contact Information

BNSF Railway

The Working River project is an innovative way to help connect communities with the way a working river, as part of the overall supply chain, supports our everyday lives. BNSF is proud to partner with the Fraser River Discovery Centre in its efforts to showcase the vital role a working river plays in the local and global economy. - **Dean Wise, Vice President of Network Strategy, BNSF Railway.**

Chevron Canada

The Working River Project, and the programming provided by the Fraser River Discovery Centre, align with key Chevron focus areas on STEM education and emergency preparedness. This project is central to community education surrounding the long-term sustainability of the Fraser River. – **Adrien Byrne, Chevron Spokesperson**

City of New Westminster

The City of New Westminster is proud to be a partner in the Working River Project. The Fraser River has long been a vital part of our community and the Project will ensure its stories continue to be shared with residents in New Westminster and the entire Lower Mainland. – **Jonathan Coté, Mayor City of New Westminster**

Fortis BC

The story of the Fraser River as a working river is important and we're proud to support the Fraser River Discovery Centre with its new educational exhibit. We've been a part of the fabric of the working river for more than four decades; our Tilbury LNG facility is located along the shores of the south arm of the Fraser River, delivering significant economic and employment opportunities across the region for more than four decades. - **Doug Stout, Vice President of Market Development and External Relations**

Fraser River Pile and Dredge

Fraser River Pile and Dredge is proud to be a partner in the Working River project. The Fraser River is a key part of our business and livelihood, and we support the FRDC's efforts to tell its full story to everyone in BC. - **Tom Lively, President & CEO**

Fraser Surrey Docks

Fraser Surrey Docks LP (FSD) is excited to support the Working River Project in order to elevate the communities awareness of the history, importance and economic significance of the Fraser River. FSD is committed to doing its part to support sustainable development along the Fraser River. FSD is proud to be the largest employer on the Fraser River waterfront, with more than 300 full-time employees, having contributed over 280 million dollars to BC communities over the last 5 years through salaries, wages, taxes and the buying of local goods and services. - **Jeff Scott, President and CEO, Fraser Surrey Docks**

Kinder Morgan Canada

We are pleased to support the Fraser River Discovery Centre's Working River Project. Through our more than 60 years of pipeline and marine terminal operations, we have always placed the greatest emphasis on safe operations of our assets. This education-based initiative is an important milestone in the ongoing discussion about pipeline safety and emergency response. - **Mike Davies, Senior Director Marine Development Kinder Morgan Canada.**

Port Metro Vancouver

The Fraser River is as economically important to Canada as the St. Lawrence Seaway and is also critical to our environment and the habitat that lives in it. We share the goals of the Working River Project at the Fraser River Discovery Centre and are pleased to support initiatives to help ensure the river remains a sustainable economic engine and a source of enjoyment and pride. - **Duncan Wilson, Vice President, Corporate Social Responsibility for Port Metro Vancouver**

Seaspan

Seaspan's ties with the Fraser River date back over a hundred years. Today, we are the largest Canadian provider of marine transportation services on the Fraser River with our fleet of tugs, barges and cargo ferries. As a century old custodian of the river, Seaspan is proud to partner with the Fraser Discovery Centre on the Working River project. - **Jonathan Whitworth, CEO Seaspan.**

SAAM SMIT Canada

Given our long history, we understand the important balance that takes place between the economic, environmental and socio-cultural priorities of the Fraser River. Investing in the Working River Project means this full story of the River will continue to be told to all who are interested in one of our most important natural assets. - **Frans Tjallingii, President, Saam Smit Canada**

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