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ALAN SAKAI WINS 2022 COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD

Whistler (May 5, 2022) - BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) presented its third annual Community Leadership Award today to Alan Sakai, President of Steveston Community Society (SCS) in Richmond. This award recognizes an outstanding leader or organization that, through their unique strengths and styles, effectively acts and leads others, working to build a healthier more vibrant community.

Alan is a former Olympic athlete, teacher, sport and school administrator, and is currently the Director, Chairperson, and President of multiple high-level volunteer-driven committees and organizations throughout Richmond. He is widely recognized for his dedication, commitment, and passion and his ability to make a difference by influencing the development of healthy and sustainable programs in his community.

His impact has been felt through the many roles he has played: enriching the lives of local seniors and visitors to Richmond through his role as Director at the Maple Residences (Seniors Residence in Steveston); acting as a mentor to hundreds of young people as the former President of the Steveston Judo Club; and supporting farmers, artists and craftspeople to sell their products and fresh, local produce throughout the summer as the Chairperson of the Steveston Farmers and Artisans Market (SFAM) – to name just a few.

As a lifelong learner and supporter of his community, Alan has spearheaded the design of a new Steveston Community Centre, has been instrumental in the planning and delivery of the Steveston Salmon Festival.

“I’m very proud to present BCRPA’s third annual Community Leadership Excellence Award to Alan Sakai,” said BCRPA CEO, Rebecca Tunnacliffe. “Alan’s contributions and tireless dedication to building a healthier, more vibrant community are truly astounding. His passion for making a difference has helped establish a network of strong and trusting partnerships that will benefit Steveston, and Richmond as a whole, for years to come.”

The Community Leadership Excellence Award is one of five provincial Awards of Excellence presented during BCRPA’s annual Symposium conference in Whistler. Each award is presented on behalf of over 4,000 recreation and parks sector members from across BC working to enhance the physical and mental health, wellness, connectedness, and quality of life of their communities.

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BACKGROUND

BCRPA: Inspiring and connecting professionals to build healthy and resilient communities through the power of recreation and parks.

The British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA), a not-for-profit organization, plays a central role in leading the enrichment and improvement of the quality of life of British Columbians and their communities. We do this by championing the power of recreation and parks.

Ours is a story of creating community connectedness and individual well-being based on the knowledge and recognition that recreation and active living, as well as access to parks and the natural environment, have significant impacts on our physical and mental health.

Since 1958, the BCRPA has provided leadership, training and support, fostering the principles of accessibility and inclusiveness, to help its members meet provincial and local mental health and physical activity priorities that improve the quality of life of every British Columbian.

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