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Niagara War of 1812 Legacy Council Announces a New CEO

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Niagara ON/NY; August 6, 2010 - The Niagara War of 1812 Bicentennial Legacy Council's search for a CEO to promote the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 in Niagara resulted in a long list of qualified candidates. Debbie Whitehouse, Legacy Council's Chair, is pleased to announce the selection of Mr. Brian Merrett as the new CEO. Mr. Thomas Schofield, Vice-Chair, who participated on the selection committee noted, "Mr. Merrett's enthusiasm for the bicentennial and commitment to Niagara's cross-border Region are quite evident."

"Beyond the requisite qualifications as advertised locally, Mr. Merrett is qualified to work both in the US and Canada. This will be an asset to the Council whose geographic mandate includes both the Niagara Frontier in New York State and Niagara Region in Ontario.", said Patrick Robson, who as a member of the Legacy Council also served on the selection committee.

Legacy Council Chair, Debbie Whitehouse, indicated, "We believe Mr. Merrett's background of public service and understanding of the cross-border Niagara area will allow him to provide a unique form of leadership for the Council."

The former Niagara Falls, ON City Councilor, Chair of the Regional Municipality of Niagara and past Chairman of The Niagara Parks Commission was recently recognized for his contribution to Niagara at the Region's 40th Anniversary celebrations. "I am very excited about the opportunity to serve the board and to share the history of the Niagara Region and Niagara Frontier with not only our local residents from both sides of the border, but also visitors from around the world.", Mr. Merrett said.

Mr. Merrett follows Vincent Del Buono, the late CEO of the Niagara 1812 Bicentennial Legacy Council, who was instrumental in several 1812-related initiatives in the Niagara Region as well as Niagara and Erie Counties, NY.

The Niagara 1812 Bicentennial Legacy Council is a cross-border not-for-profit organization established to commemorate the War of 1812 and celebrate the 200 years of peace between Canada and the United States which have followed.

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