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New BC Real Estate Association President and Board of Directors
Scott Veitch to lead progress on real estate organization's initiatives

Vancouver, BC – May 1, 2008. The British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) today announced Scott Veitch, a Creston REALTOR® and former president of the Kootenay Real Estate Board, has been elected as its 2008-2009 president.

“My job, along with BCREA, is to help BC’s 18,000 REALTORS® deal with the economic and environmental issues that represent opportunities and challenges for the BC real estate profession,” said Veitch, a real estate licensee for 20 years. “REALTORS® have unique connections with their clients and communities. We believe this province offers us all an amazing quality of life, and we’re serious about making sure that continues.”

Veitch is particularly committed to leading BCREA’s recently introduced environmental initiatives. “We recognize British Columbians are conscious of how we impact the environment. BCREA shares that concern, and I’m proud that we’ve recently launched an online resource, the Green Tool Kit, to help REALTORS® and homebuyers make more informed environmental housing choices.”

Veitch began his real estate career as a commercial developer, and is currently the managing broker for Century 21 Veitch Realty in Creston. He was a governor with the Real Estate Institute of BC for ten years, and president of the Kootenay Real Estate Board in 2002. Veitch joined BCREA’s Board of Directors in 2003.

Joining Veitch as officers of the Association are Vice President John Tillie of RE/MAX of Duncan, Past President Andrew Peck of Royal Pacific Realty Group in Vancouver and Chief Executive Officer Robert Laing.

New directors are Eugen Klein (Vancouver), Jennifer Lynch (Gabriola Island), Brian Naphtali (Vancouver), Bea Smith (Penticton), Delores St. Amand (Prince George) and Richard Valouche (Vancouver). Returning as directors are Gary McInnis (Victoria), Moss Moloney (Delta), Peter Oswell (Kamloops) and Hanne Selby (Chilliwack).

BCREA represents 12 member real estate boards and their more than 18,000 REALTORS® on all provincial issues, providing an extensive communications network, standard forms, economic research and analysis, government relations, required post-licensing courses and continuing education. To demonstrate the profession’s commitment to improving Quality of Life in BC communities, BCREA supports growth that encourages economic vitality, provides housing opportunities, respects the environment and builds communities with good schools and safe neighbourhoods.

The Green Tool Kit for REALTORS® is a website designed to help REALTORS® and their clients access information about key features of greener real estate, from energy efficiency to water-saving measures. It is accessible at www.greentoolkit.ca.

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For more information, visit: <http://www.bcrea.bc.ca/about/directors.htm>.

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