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# **The Chairman of the Commission leaves office**

**Québec, November 4, 2009** – The National Battlefields Commission announces the departure of its chairman, Mr. André Juneau, this upcoming November 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Juneau, who held this post for 14 years, has decided to leave the Commission for personal and family reasons, and to take on a new challenge.

A highly dedicated volunteer, Mr. Juneau has greatly contributed to the growth of the Commission and the preservation of Québec City's best rallying site. It is under his chairmanship that several noteworthy achievements have taken shape, including: the Discovery Pavilion of the Plains of Abraham which houses the Odyssey multimedia exhibition and the park's information centre; the Louis S. St. Laurent Heritage House; the floodlighting of the Martello Towers, the in-line skating trail, as well as major repairs to the park such as the football field and the layout of the major events site, to name a few.

In previous years there has been a dramatic increase of the group activities offered to school and adult clientele. This success has reflected on Mr. André Juneau, who also directed the park's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary festivities, including the major production *Plaines l'unes* and the commemorations of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battles of the Plains of Abraham and Sainte-Foy. On the nature side, we should mention the creation of the XII World Forestry Congress commemorative garden, the Info-plant terminal, the Abraham-Martin rosebush and the Louis-Hébert orchard.

Mr. Juneau has shown his sincere attachment to the park and is proud of the role he played in its development: "Battlefields Park is an outstanding gift to the region and the entire country. I am happy to see that the population is still discovering its multiple aspects. I leave the Commission with the conviction that my successor will have the park to heart as much as I did". Mr. Juneau is committed to a new challenge, to produce editorials for a local media, and this substantially

reduces his availability as head of an agency such as the Commission. The work also requires total freedom of expression.

The National Battlefields Commission is a Canadian Government agency which is part of the portfolio of the Minister of Canadian Heritage. At its head is a board of directors comprising nine commissioners.

The Commission was created on March 17, 1908, it was entrusted with the mandate to acquire and preserve the great Québec City historical battlefields, transform the site into a national park, preserve this Canadian historical heritage for future generations, develop the site and see to it that the population can benefit from its wealth of resources. The Commission, through its achievements, strives to reach its constant objective, to give priority to the park's major aspects: its historical, cultural, recreational and natural features.

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