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Appointments to the National Battlefields Commission's Board of Directors

Quebec, December 21, 2011 – The National Battlefields Commission is pleased to announce the appointment of two members on its board of directors: Mrs. Margaret F. Delisle and Mr. François Paulhus.

The mayor of Sillery from 1985 to 1994, Margaret F. Delisle worked for several years for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, which she also chaired. She was always actively involved in her community. She chairs the board of directors of the Musée de la Civilisation, and also sits on the board of TÉLUQ and the Fondation communautaire du grand Québec. An MP for the Jean-Talon district from 1994 to 2007, Mrs. Delisle was the Minister responsible for Quebec's *Protection de la jeunesse et à la Réadaptation* (Youth Protection and Rehabilitation) from 2005 to 2007.

The president of Paulhus gestion immobilière since 2007, François Paulhus also acts as an engineering and building consultant for various renewable energy concerns. He was previously involved in a consulting engineering firm on different levels : in business development, as a major projects manager and, for seven years, as head of the Gatineau office and member of the board of directors (2003-2004). Mr. Paulhus was regional coordinator for the Association of Consulting Engineers of Quebec, he played a role in the Centraide (United Way) and Red Cross fund-raising campaigns, and managed a group of businessmen and women.

The National Battlefields Commission is a government of Canada agency which forms part of the Minister of Canadian Heritage portfolio. The Commission is headed by a board of directors composed of nine volunteer commissioners. The two new appointments will help fill the positions left vacant by Mr. André Héту's departure and the death of Mr. Marcel Bédard.

It was on March 17, 1908 that the National Battlefields Commission was first established, with the mandate to acquire and preserve the great Quebec City historic battlefields, make them into a national park, preserve this Canadian historical heritage for future generations and develop them so that the population could benefit from this great resource.

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