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BEV VIGER, JOY FERA TO BE HONOURED BY ProMOTION PLUS

Two outstanding women whose careers in their chosen sports represent more than 50 years are the 2014 recipients of the ProMotion Plus In Her Footsteps awards.

Representing their respective Provincial Sport Organizations, Skate Canada – BC/Yukon Section, and Rowing BC, Abbotsford's Bev Viger and Delta's Joy Fera will be honoured at the In Her Footsteps awards presentation Tuesday, October 21, at the Vancouver Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club.

The Celebrating BC Women in Sport event honours women who are or have been athletes, coaches, officials, judges, pioneers or advocates who have made significant contributions to girls and women in sport. These women have created opportunities for participation in sport and recreation in British Columbia, inspiring others through their own athletic achievements, passion and dedication. Their stories are featured in the In Her Footsteps exhibit at the BC Sports Hall of Fame.

BEV VIGER has earned a world-wide reputation in figure skating as a top official and has worked diligently to support figure skating not only provincially but nationally and internationally as well. She acted as Competition Manger for the highly-successful figure skating event at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, and was a consultant in a similar capacity at the 2006 Torino Olympics. She was a member of the technical team at the 2001 World Championships in Vancouver and 2006 Worlds in Calgary. She was also the Competition Manager for the 2013 National Synchronized Skating Championships in Burnaby and in October will take the lead as Technical Delegate at the International Skate Canada Grand Prix event in Kelowna. A member of the Abbotsford Sports Hall of Fame, Builder category, she is currently the Competition Manager for the Skate Canada BC-Yukon Section.

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JOY FERA has performed as an athlete, coach, official and builder in rowing and alpine skiing. She was a member of Canada's rowing team at the 1976 Montreal Olympics and won bronze medals in Eights at the 1977 and 1978 World Championships. She is a co-founder of the Delta Deas Rowing Club and has been a rowing umpire since 1989. In 1988 she organized the first Scholastic Regatta on Deas Slough in Ladner, inviting girls and boys from the Lower Mainland and expanding it over the years to include clubs from the Interior and Washington State. More recently, she competed and medalled at the 2005 and 2010 World Masters Alpine Skiing Championships She has been named to the Canadian Masters' ski team since 2008. She has also been involved in both the Canadian and International Olympic Academy. The Delta Sports Hall of Fame has chosen her Master Athlete of the Year on three occasions.

In Her Footsteps is an annual recognition celebration organized by ProMotion Plus. For over 20 years, ProMOTION Plus has been working to increase opportunities for girls and women in sport, recreation and physical activity in British Columbia. By providing education, advocacy, leadership and recognition programs ProMOTION Plus helps all girls and women reach their potential as participants, athletes, coaches, officials, and sport administrators.

ProMOTION Plus would like to thank our Partners and the Selection Committee, comprised of representatives from the sport and recreation community including the BC Centre of Excellence for Women's Health, the BC Sports Hall of Fame, CBC Television, and ViaSport. ProMOTION Plus also thanks all the nominators and acknowledges the support of the amateur sport community and the financial assistance of the Province of British Columbia for the ongoing success of this event. A full list of former Honourees is available on the [ProMOTION Plus](#) website.

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