

## **News Release**









## Bill Macrae-Smith Resigns as Commissioner for the Port of Camas-Washougal

Washougal, Wash. – February 8, 2017 – Port of Camas–Washougal Board of Commission Secretary, Bill Macrae–Smith, announced his resignation as Commissioner for District 3 at yesterday evening's regular Commission meeting. After a heart–felt announcement, Macrae–Smith thanked the Board and Port staff for allowing him to be part of such a great team and resigned effective February 8, 2017.

"Macrae-Smith has been an integral part of a very accomplished Board. His expertise and knowledge have aided the Port's ability and effectiveness to create jobs, infrastructure and recreational opportunities for the community," said Executive Director David Ripp. "The Commissioners and Port staff join me in wishing him the best in all his future endeavors."

Macrae–Smith was elected to the Port of Camas–Washougal's Commission initially in 1984–1987 and again from 2010–2014 and 2014–2017. He has overseen capital growth of numerous warehouses in the Port's industrial park and construction of the Steigerwald Commerce Center; new docks, pilings and head walks in the marina; and a complete Port office remodel. He was also very instrumental in the development of the Washougal Waterfront Park and Trail and Waterfront Master Plan Vision.

"My other commitments have become too great for me to be able to fulfill the requirements of my position on the Board," said Macrae-Smith. "I feel it is best for me to make room for someone with the time and energy to devote to the job."

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## **ABOUT THE PORT**

The port brings jobs and recreational opportunities through a 400-acre industrial park, a 77-hangar general aviation airport and 350-slip pleasure boat marina. Grove Field is a small, general aviation airport with a state-ofthe-art fueling station, 14 tie-downs in addition to the hangars, FBO and training facilities. The marina is the largest publicly owned marina on the Washington side of the Columbia River and has a floating restaurant, launch ramp, nearby hotel, fueling station, electricity on the breakwater/guest dock, and is home port to the Dolphin Yacht Club. Acquired in 2012 and in the planning stages, are 13.25 acres of Waterfront Property which connects to a 14-acre parcel of port-owned land to the east. Construction of the waterfront park and trail is complete. The industrial park boasts a 100 percent occupancy rate of more than 40 businesses with an annual payroll of \$8.9 million and is adjacent to Steigerwald Commerce Center, 100+ acres of property currently under development. The port also manages Captain William Clark Park at Cottonwood Beach, the adjacent protective levee and Parkersville National Historic site.

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