**WEST VANCOUVER COUNCILLOR MARY-ANN BOOTH ANNOUNCES MAYORAL RUN**

**West Vancouver, B.C.** (April 13, 2018) – Mary-Ann Booth, a seven-year veteran of West Vancouver Council and former school trustee, has announced her candidacy for mayor of the District of West Vancouver in the upcoming municipal election.

“West Vancouver is facing serious challenges that call for serious leadership,” said Booth.
“We need to balance protecting the way of life that residents prize with changes that must be implemented if our community is to continue to thrive. This is a pivotal election, and I have the experience, vision and passion to lead this municipality into the future.”

A resident of West Vancouver for more than 25 years, Booth graduated from the University of British Columbia with degrees in business and law. After teaching commercial law at U.B.C.’s Sauder School of Business, she practiced for more than ten years, including positions as a provincial crown prosecutor and in-house corporate counsel. She and her husband, John Sampson, raised their two daughters in West Vancouver, where they attended public schools.

​A strong advocate for children and youth, Booth entered public life as a school trustee in 2005. She served for six years, including three as chair, before being elected to Council in 2011. As an elected official, Booth has earned a reputation as a consensus builder who works with citizens to find common ground to resolve challenging issues.

“We have a critical opportunity before us: to work together to make our community a model of vibrancy, livability, and inclusion. As mayor, I would be the leader West Vancouver needs to ensure that it continues to be a special place now and in the future,” Booth said.

Booth will speak to her vision for West Vancouver on May 1st at 7:30 p.m. at an event at the Kay Meek Centre for the Performing Arts.

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