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We watch over the land and sea and in turn they watch over us.

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A Message from the Mayor

On behalf of the City of Vancouver, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2010 Vancouver International Soccer Festival.

That Vancouver is once again the site of this outstanding festival that promotes global peace and social change through soccer is a reflection of our inclusiveness as one of the most diverse cities in the world. From First Nations to immigrant roots, Vancouverites truly embody global citizenship.

Earlier this year during the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, we successfully hosted the world and demonstrated our cultural pride as a City. We showed that sport can serve to unite millions of people in shared celebration.

In the same way, the Vancouver International Soccer Festival brings together local and visiting teams from around the world to participate as equals on and off the playing field. Through teamwork and respect for one another, VISF promotes peace and the rights of individuals to fully engage in the betterment of society.

As a lifelong soccer enthusiast, I can attest to the power of this sport to bridge cultures, strengthen communities, create new friendships and bring families closer together. Soccer has brought great joy to me and millions of people around the world.

Congratulations to the organizers, players and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to make the 2010 Vancouver International Soccer Festival a success.

Yours truly,



Gregor Robertson
MAYOR