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Mark Your Calendar for New Year's Eve in Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls, ON – The Niagara Parks Commission (NPC) and its New Year's Eve event partners are pleased to announce an exciting roster of musical talent has been assembled for this year's FREE New Year's concert in Queen Victoria Park. On December 31st, NPC and its partners will welcome **Roger Hodgson** (former lead singer of Supertramp), Canadian rocker **Kim Mitchell** (presented by Ontario Lottery Gaming), and up and coming Canadian talent **Justin Hines** to the stage beginning at 8:00 p.m. to entertain and rock in the New Year.

This Free New Year's concert in Queen Victoria Park (QVP) draws approximately 30,000 people to the Park, and this year is expected to be no different, so come out and celebrate with us and enjoy two spectacular fireworks displays planned for 9:00 p.m. and midnight that evening. If you can't make it out to QVP, live television coverage of this spectacular show and event will run from 11:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on CHCH and CanWest Global affiliate stations across Canada. This outdoor celebration also features food and beverage vendors, as well as an outdoor licensed area. As always, the presence of security and policing will be on-site to ensure everyone's safety throughout the night.

"New Year's Eve is one of Niagara Falls' busiest and best nights of the year," said NPC Chairman, Jim Williams. "Our thanks go out to stakeholders for their continued commitment to another three years of holding this widely popular celebration. It is exciting to see the whole city coming alive, as Niagara provides more to do than anywhere else in Canada on this special night. Visitors and residents alike should come on down and enjoy our entire tourism district in full swing – from great music in Queen Victoria Park to highenergy gaming at the Casino Niagara and Niagara Fallsview Casino Resort; from the family fun of Clifton Hill to our romantic restaurants and spectacular hotel getaways, Niagara is the place to be on New year's Eve," Williams added.

Make an evening of it! Start your night off at the new Elements on the Falls Restaurant, with its unparalleled view of the brink of the Falls at NPC's revitalized Table Rock. During the show, Edgewaters Tap and Grill and the Riverview International Buffet, both located at Queen Victoria Place are your closest warm-up spots within steps of the concert stage. Stop in for dinner before the show or warm-up over a late night beverage, all while taking in the beauty of both the American and Horseshoe Falls.

Event partners include: The Niagara Parks Commission, The City of Niagara Falls, Fallsview Tourist Area, Ontario Lottery Gaming, Niagara Fallsview Casino Resort, Victoria Centre Tourist Area, Clifton Hill Tourist Area, VIA Rail and other stakeholders within the city. For more information, log on to The Niagara Parks Commission's website at www.niagaraparks.com. Updates will occur regularly.

The Niagara Parks Commission operates North America's most completely maintained parks system with 1,720 hectares of parkland and 56 kilometres of roads and recreational trails. It is, in fact, a city within cities operating, controlling and maintaining its own police force, road maintenance, snow removal and transportation systems and it has done so without taxpayer support since 1885.

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