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## Marcel Lauzière Named New President & CEO of Imagine Canada

**Toronto, September 15, 2008.** Don McCreesh, chair of the Board of Imagine Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of Marcel Lauzière as President & CEO of Imagine Canada. Marcel will begin his duties effective November 20, 2008.

Marcel Lauzière is currently President with the Canadian Council on Social Development, a position he has held for eight years.

Board chair Don McCreesh said, after an extensive search the Board of Directors believes it has chosen an excellent leader.

“Marcel is a superb choice to lead the organization,” said McCreesh. “His charitable and nonprofit sector experience and track record of success make him uniquely qualified for the position. All of us at Imagine Canada look forward to building upon the current work we do on behalf of the sector with Marcel at the helm.”

Marcel Lauzière takes over from Georgina Steinsky-Schwartz, Imagine Canada’s President & CEO for more than four years.

“I am honoured to be appointed the new President and CEO of Imagine Canada,” says Lauzière. “This is an amazing organization that is there to support charities and nonprofits working in communities all across the country. These organizations play such a crucial role in strengthening our social fabric and it will be a real privilege to work with so many of them in the years ahead.”

Since 2000, Marcel Lauzière has been the President of the Canadian Council on Social Development. Marcel has recently returned from 2 years in New Zealand where he was Assistant Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Social Development. Marcel had responsibility for Strategic Policy, Research and Evaluation and for the Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector. Prior to this, he worked as Special Advisor to the President of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. He was also the founding Executive Director of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. Marcel has served on a number of boards and advisory committees including the Statistics Canada Advisory Committee on Social Conditions, Imagine Canada, the Voluntary Sector Forum, the Coalition of National Voluntary Organizations (NVO) and the International Council on Social Welfare.

Imagine Canada is a national charity that looks into and out for Canada’s charitable and nonprofit sector. Our research and public policy facilitate increased philanthropy and public engagement; our tools and resources strengthen the sector. Together, they contribute to social progress and vibrant communities.

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