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RPSC welcomes Stéphane Cloutier to board of directors

Ed Kroft, president of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, is pleased to announce the appointment of Stéphane Cloutier to the board of directors, effective immediately.

Mr. Cloutier fills a vacancy left by Lawrence Pinkney, who resigned from the board due to other commitments. Mr. Cloutier will serve out the rest of Mr. Pinkney's term until June 2020, at which time he will be eligible to stand for re-election.

"The board of directors is very pleased Stéphane is joining the board," said President Kroft. "Stéphane will bring vitality and an acute understanding of what collectors need. He is an experienced philatelist who knows our hobby well."

Mr. Cloutier has been collecting since the age of eight, and seriously caught the postal history bug in 1998, which has led him to develop a passion for all Canadian postmarks, notably duplex postmarks. His philatelic passions have since shifted on to the stamps and postal history of pre-Second World War France. His main interest however lies in all postmarks of Paris, France before 1900, as well as many other facets of French philately, notably the Peace and Commerce, Sower and Pasteur issues, plus several others.

After having worked at the University of Ottawa for 32 years, Mr. Cloutier is now working full time at Sparks Auctions of Ottawa, allowing him to have a career in what he loves so much, philately.



Stéphane Cloutier

Mr. Cloutier was secretary-treasurer of the Postal History Society of Canada from 2005 to 2010, and then its president until 2018. He has also been involved in the smooth running of the popular ORAPEX stamp show in Ottawa since 2006, and is a member of several stamp societies. He started his judging apprenticeship in 2008, became a fully accredited RPSC judge in 2009 and has been judging philatelic exhibitions on a yearly basis since then.

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC) was founded in 1887. As Canada's national society, the RPSC is the world spokes media for all stamp collectors in Canada. Membership in the Society is open to anyone, whether a beginner or an advanced collector.

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