



# WEST COAST RAILWAY ASSOCIATION



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## ROYAL HUDSON “CLASSIC EXCURSION” RETURNS ONE DAY ONLY, OCTOBER 2, 2010

For Immediate Release:

**Vancouver, BC, August 20, 2010** - The world famous Royal Hudson steam locomotive #2860 will make its “Classic Excursion” on Saturday, October 2, 2010, when the steam train will travel the North Vancouver – Squamish run for the first time in 11 years.

“British Columbian’s will once again delight to the sights and sounds of the steam train along Howe Sound, as the classic Royal Hudson makes this historic outing”, said Don Evans, President and CEO of the West Coast Railway Association, which rebuilt and now cares for the locomotive. The locomotive will pull a train of restored coaches and a classic open observation car.

Royal Hudson #2860 carried tourists between North Vancouver and Squamish from 1974 until 1999, becoming one of British Columbia’s top attractions. After completing the 1999 season, however, the locomotive was not able to pass inspections for continued operation without major boiler work. She was pulled from service and set aside for this, but then put up for disposition by the Province in 2002. A joint proposal from the West Coast Railway Association and the District of Squamish was made and accepted. #2860 moved to the West Coast Railway Heritage Park, now the “Home of the Royal Hudson”, in that year. The boiler repair project started in 2004 and was completed in September 2006. The locomotive has since made occasional outings to special events and the Association has continued to upgrade its operating condition.

Tickets are available at 604-524-1011 or [tours@wcra.org](mailto:tours@wcra.org) and include round trip travel between North Vancouver and Squamish, lunch and tours at the West Coast Railway Heritage Park in Squamish. The special trip will raise funds for the ongoing preservation of this icon of Canadian steam.

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