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## **JACK GRAHAM RE-ELECTED TO ITF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SIXTH CONSECUTIVE TERM**

*Canadian will serve sixth term from 2023-2027 as board's longest standing continuous member*

**Toronto, September 27, 2023** — Jack Graham has been re-elected for a sixth term as a member of the Board of Directors of the International Tennis Federation (ITF), the world governing body of tennis. Mr. Graham previously became the first Canadian to join the ITF Board in 2009.

The elections to appoint the 14 members of the Board of Directors were held at the ITF's annual general meeting in Cancun, Mexico on September 24. The ITF also re-elected American David Haggerty as President of the ITF for his third-straight term.

“We are delighted that Jack has been returned to the ITF’s board of directors for an impressive sixth-straight term,” said Peter Kruyt, President and Chair of the Board of Directors of Tennis Canada. “Jack, who Chairs the Governance Committee of the board, has driven many important reforms at the ITF including a requirement to have a minimum gender representation. It is an honour for Canada to be so well represented on this Global Sports Organization. We wish Jack continued success making tennis a safe sport, a healthy sport and a sport for all ages.”

Mr. Graham's efforts in growing and promoting tennis in Canada have been made evident through his actions over the last several years. In 2014, he organized an ITF board meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia —the first ever held in Canada. More recently, as Chair of the Sobeys Atlantic Tennis Centre, he successfully secured public funding from all three levels of government and from donors to build an 18-court Regional Training and Community Tennis Centre in Halifax that opened in 2020.

“It’s an incredible honour to have been re-elected to the board of directors of the ITF for a sixth time,” said Mr. Graham. “Tennis continues to be in a period of significant change and growth, and I’m very pleased to have the privilege to be at the forefront of it. I’m grateful for the opportunity to continue to help grow tennis around the world, while enhancing governance and integrity in the sport.”

Mr. Graham is a senior partner and Board Chair at McInnes Cooper, which is among the 25 largest law firms in Canada and the largest in Atlantic Canada.

Prior to entering the legal profession, he was the Executive Director of Tennis Nova Scotia. He later served as the association's President and was appointed Vice-President at Tennis Canada before he became the Chair of Tennis Canada from 2004 – 2006. His contributions to Canadian tennis were recognized in 2020, when was inducted into the Tennis Canada Hall of Fame as a Builder.



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