Council Appoints Al Horsman as New Maple Ridge CAO

Maple Ridge, BC: Maple Ridge Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Al Horsman as the new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the City of Maple Ridge.

"A national search was conducted for the position and Council was impressed at the high quality of candidates that expressed interest in the CAO position," said Mayor Morden. "Mr. Horsman brings an extensive background in strategic planning, financial management, economic development and business planning to our organization. We're looking forward to working with him to lead our City into the future."

Mr. Horsman has served as CAO for the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, since 2015 where he led a team of 1,000 employees. Prior to his time in Sault Ste. Marie, Mr. Horsman held a number of key positions with the City of Guelph, Ontario, including as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

"I was born and raised in the Lower Mainland and I'm excited to be returning to lead the team here in Maple Ridge. I look forward to working with Mayor and Council to implement their strategic objectives for the City. I've been very impressed with the people that I've met in the organization and I'm eager to get to know the community and to move Council's agenda forward," said Al Horsman.

Mayor Morden acknowledged the work of Acting CAO, Kelly Swift, who has done an excellent job to transition the organization over the last year. "She and the other members of our Corporate Management Team were an integral part of the recruitment process and worked closely with Council on the search to fill this position," said Mayor Morden. Ms. Swift will work with Mr. Horsman, who will begin his duties in late October, over the next few months to facilitate his seamless transition into the CAO role.

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