

City Appoints New Director of Community Planning

Chief Administrative Officer, Fred Manson announced today that Blaine Russell has been promoted to the position of Director of Community Planning.

As Director of Community Planning, Blaine brings more than nine years planning experience in both urban and rural environments. Blaine joined the City of Parksville as a planner in 2005 and was promoted to Manager, Current Planning in 2006. Blaine's previous experience includes four years as Planner with the Regional District of Nanaimo from 2001 to 2005. Blaine received a Bachelor of Arts, geography major from the University of Victoria and a Masters of City Planning from the University of Manitoba.

The City's Chief Administrative Officer, Fred Manson stated, "Blaine brings a comprehensive understanding and practical approach to municipal planning and policy issues. He appreciates the value of teamwork when dealing with staff, the City's external stakeholders and the public. Blaine has a good grasp of the complexities of municipal planning."

The role of the Planning Department is to manage all land use and building matters, guide the growth of the City and facilitate appropriate development that engages all stakeholders in an open and transparent process.

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