

City Announces Senior Management Changes

At an in-camera Council meeting on December 7, Parksville Council approved staffing changes to take effect in the New Year. Both are existing positions, filled from within the City and are members of the City's senior management team reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer.

Keeva Kehler, Director of Administrative Services

Effective January 1, Keeva Kehler is promoted to the position of Director of Administrative Services. Keeva joined the City in May 2012 as Manager of Current Planning.

Keeva's career began with the Agricultural Land Commission and in 2000 and in 2002, moved to Vancouver Island to work with the Regional District of Nanaimo. In 2006, she returned to the Province of BC as planning officer with the primary role to work collaboratively with First Nations on the central coast and north island to jointly develop marine and resource plans, a position she held for six years.

Keeva brings 15 years local government and provincial government experience to this new position. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Geography from Simon Fraser University, a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the University of Victoria and in 2012 Keeva was awarded the Board of Examiners Certificate in Local Government Service Delivery. Keeva is currently working on a Professional Specialization Certificate in Local Government Management at the University of Victoria.

Fire Chief Marc Norris, Parksville Fire Department

With the retirement of Fire Chief Doug Banks in February, Deputy Chief Marc Norris is promoted to the position of Fire Chief effective March 1, 2016.

In 1990, Marc Norris joined the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department as a junior member, working as firefighter leading to a promotion to lieutenant in 2001. In 2002, Marc was the successful candidate for the fulltime career deputy chief position responsible for training and fire prevention. Since 2002, Deputy Chief Norris has taken a series of courses related to fire officer training and at this time, is completing a Bachelor's Degree in Fire and Emergency Services Administration.

Marc will be the second Parksville fire chief in his family; his father Paul Norris was the fire chief from 1985 to 1989, prior to the promotion of Chief Banks in 1989. As Deputy Chief, Marc has responsibility for Parksville Fire Department training; he was trainer of the year in 2010 and has greatly elevated the quality of Parksville Fire Department training programs. In his off-time, Marc supports local fire departments with training assistance.

As well, Deputy Chief Norris is an instructor for the Justice Institute and ERT training. Marc has served on the executive of the Fire Training Officers Association of BC and is involved in the community, extensively with minor hockey.

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