

Keeva Kehler Appointed Chief Administrative Officer

Effectively immediately Caoimhe (Keeva) Kehler has been appointed chief administrative officer for the City of Parksville. This decision was made at last evening's in-camera Council meeting and was a unanimous decision of Council. Keeva has been acting chief administrative officer since January 2019.

Mayor Ed Mayne said, "This decision was a direct result of Keeva demonstrating incredible leadership skills during the first six months of Council's term of office. She has accomplished many of Council's initiatives during this time and we are extremely pleased with our progress to date and that she has accepted this position long term."

Ms Kehler has twenty years' professional experience working for provincial, regional and local governments. Starting her career as a research officer for the Agricultural Land Commission, Keeva moved to the mid island in 2002 to accept a planner position with the Regional District of Nanaimo. In 2006, Keeva became a Land and Resource Specialist with the province, primarily focused on implementation of Ecosystem Based Management for the Great Bear Rainforest. Keeva joined the City in 2012 as manager of current planning and was promoted to corporate officer/director of administrative services in 2016.

Ms Kehler's related government experience is enhanced by academic qualifications in land use planning, policy development, project management and governance obtained through a Bachelor's degree in Geography (SFU), a Master's degree in Public Administration (UVic), a Professional Specialization Certificate in Local Government Management (UVic), and two Provincial Board of Examiner's Certificates (Local Government Service Delivery and Local Government Administration).

Keeva has lived in the mid-island for sixteen years but was born in Dublin, Ireland (hence the unusual Irish Gaelic spelling of her name).

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