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## Organizational Changes to Parksville Engineering and Operations

The City of Parksville is pleased to announce the reorganization of the engineering and operations department. The departments will now operate separately in their functions and the director positions for each department will be filled by the senior managers now in place.

Fred Manson, Chief Administrative Officer announced today, the promotion of Al Metcalf to the position of Director of Operations and Vaughn Figueira to the position of Director of Engineering.

The recent director of engineering and operations vacancy provided the City with an opportunity to review the needs of the City and the department. In addition to the promotion of Mr Metcalf and Mr Figueira, the City will hire a junior engineer to provide additional technical capacity to the engineering department. The City's engineering and operations departments are located in the public works building at 1116 Herring Gull Way in the Industrial Park.

Engineering Department is responsible for the construction of the City's infrastructure. The department assesses the demands on infrastructure which may result in capital works projects to improve or replace existing services. Staff plan, design and perform the review and assessment of engineering design proposals for capital works projects and new land developments and inspect the construction of these works.

Vaughn Figueira, P Eng, is a senior civil engineer with more than twenty years' experience specializing in municipal engineering. The majority of his career has been with regional and municipal governments with significant private industry experience as well. Vaughn joined the City of Vancouver in 1999, assigned to the sewers design branch. As senior engineer (civil engineer II), he has had responsibility for planning, budgeting, costing, tendering, management and design. Vaughn joined the City in January 2011.

Operations Department provides a variety of services which enhance the daily lives of Parksville residents and is responsible for municipal roads including ice and snow control, street lighting and traffic signals, maintenance of City parks and nature trails, the City's fleet and municipally owned properties as well as our water distribution system, sewage collection system and drainage facilities.

Al Metcalf, rejoined the City in June 2011 as Manager of Operations. Mr Metcalf has more than thirty years' experience in municipal operations having worked with the cities of Nanaimo, North Vancouver and Port Moody.

The City's senior management team is made up of the Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Administrative Services, Director of Planning, Director of Engineering, Director of Operations, Director of Finance, Manager of Human Resources and the Fire Chief.

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