



Gail Stephens Named as New City Manager

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — Mayor Dean Fortin announced today that Gail Stephens will join the City of Victoria as the new City Manager.

“This is an exciting time at the City of Victoria,” said Mayor Dean Fortin. “And we’re thrilled to have a proven leader to guide our staff and operations.”

As Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Winnipeg from 1998-2003, Stephens led an organization of 8,500 employees and an operating budget of \$1.2 billion. Stephens returns to Victoria after serving as Vice-President of Finance and Services at the University of Calgary, following five years as the Chief Executive Officer of the British Columbia Pension Corporation.

Stephens bring a wealth of municipal experience and leadership excellence. She was named one of Canada’s Top 100 Most Powerful Women in 2003, bestows a fellowship from Certified General Accountants (CGA) of Canada and was named one of Canada’s Top 100 CGA’s in 2008. Stephens holds the distinction of being the first female City Manager of a major Canadian city.

“Victoria is a fantastic city and the municipality plays an important role in making it great,” noted Gail Stephens. “This is a wonderful opportunity that I feel privileged to accept.”

As the most senior manager for the City, the City Manager is responsible for ensuring that Council’s vision and policies are implemented. She also is responsible for the leadership of the organization.

Married with two grown children, Ms Stephens serves on the Board of Coast Capital Savings and is a past Board Member for the Victoria Symphony Orchestra, the Boys and Girls Club of Victoria and the Industry Training Authority.

Ms Stephens will be start in the position on July, 2, 2009 at a salary of \$200,000 per annum.

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INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY:

Ms Stephens is available by phone between 10 am and 12 noon today.

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