



City Welcomes City Manager Gail Stephens

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VICTORIA, BC — Today is the first day on the job for the City of Victoria's new City Manager Gail Stephens.

"Our Council is pleased to welcome Gail to the management team and we look forward to her leadership on the many opportunities that lie before us," noted Mayor Dean Fortin. "Gail's experience leading large capital projects and downtown revitalization efforts in Winnipeg will be tremendously valuable to our priority projects."

As the most senior manager at the City of Victoria, the City Manager is responsible for ensuring that Council's vision and policies are implemented while overseeing a budget of \$182 million and leading over 1,000 employees.

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. 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. 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.

"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 am privileged to accept."

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