City Manager Contract Extended to 2017

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VICTORIA, BC — City Council has approved a three year contract extension for City Manager Gail Stephens.

“Gail is a respected and proven public sector leader and we’re very pleased to have confirmed her leadership through the next five years,” noted Mayor Dean Fortin. “We have seen significant progress on some of our most challenging issues during her tenure and her leadership will provide continued stability to the organization as we continue the work that needs to be done.”

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 $200 million and leading over 1,000 employees.

Stephens has served as City Manager since July 2009 after returning to Victoria from Calgary where she was the Vice-President of Finance and Services at the University of Calgary. Prior to that Stephens was the Chief Executive Officer of the British Columbia Pension Corporation.

Stephens became the first woman City Manager in Canada when she was named the Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Winnipeg. From 1998-2003 Stephens led the organization of 8,500 employees and oversaw an operating budget of $1.2 billion. She has been named one of Canada’s Top 100 Most Powerful Women three times, bestows a fellowship from Certified General Accountants (CGA) of Canada and was named one of Canada’s Top 100 CGA’s in 2008.

The terms of the contract remain unchanged.

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