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NEWS RELEASE

Village of Belcarra announces appointment of Paula Richardson to top spot

The Village of Belcarra is pleased to announce the appointment of Paula Richardson to the position of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), effective November 1, 2022. Paula replaces former CAO, Lorna Dysart, who retired in June.

Following Lorna's retirement, the Village began an extensive recruitment process. There was a positive response to the posting, and a number of candidates were interviewed by Council. In the end, it was determined that Paula was the most suitable candidate to fill the position.

Paula has been employed by the Village since 2016 and has worked in an administrative capacity since that time. With the retirement of the former CAO and following a brief period when the position was filled by Dennis Back on an interim basis, Council appointed Paula as Acting CAO in early July. During her time in this acting role, she has demonstrated her ability to fulfill the responsibilities of the position in a very competent and professional manner. It was the opinion of Council that Paula represented the best fit for the position given her deep understanding of local issues, and the fact that she has proven her ability to work closely with Council and the community.

Mayor Jamie Ross stated that he is pleased with the outcome of the recruitment process and satisfied that the community will be well-served. "Paula is well respected by Council and her peers and has a good rapport with members of the community," he adds.

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