



City of Revelstoke Media Release

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The City of Revelstoke welcomes its newest Director of Community Economic Development

Revelstoke, BC – Council and staff are excited to welcome Ryan Watmough as the new Director of Community Economic Development (CED) for the City of Revelstoke. Mr. Watmough will begin at the City on September 9, 2024.

Ryan comes from Simon Fraser University's Faculty of Environment, where he directed the CED Certificate Program - one of the first CED programs in North America. He brings 20 years of project and program experience, including consulting for the Columbia Valley CED and serving as the Executive Director for the Golden & District Community Foundation. Staff and Council are excited to see how his experience helps enhance economic growth within our community.

“I consider this the pinnacle of CED roles in Canada – if not the world. The role allows me to contribute meaningfully to a community I deeply admire, ensuring that Revelstoke continues to thrive in a sustainable, inclusive way.

I'm honoured to be following Ingrid Bron, inspired by the work of Alan Mason, and working side by side with the CED team that includes Cat Moffatt, Economic Development Coordinator and Dale Tomma, Indigenous Liaison.

Having worked in community economic development in other Kootenay communities, I love that the City values “Community” in “Economic Development.” While investors from around the world want to maximize their return, I want to make sure that the community does well first.”

Ryan is most looking forward to, “Meeting the people, learning more about the history of the land and community, working with a very high performance and dedicated team, and moving the City's plans and initiatives forward, for the benefit of everyone here, today and tomorrow.” He's particularly excited to “work on initiatives that will ensure the City's long-term sustainability and inclusivity, making Revelstoke a place where everyone can thrive”.

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