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Kerri Lockwood, Director of People & Community Safety Strategy, departs City

(Penticton, BC – September 10, 2020) – With regret, the City of Penticton has made the decision to part ways with its Director of People and Community Safety Strategy, Kerri Lockwood.

“COVID-19’s disturbance as a long-term financial concern continues to influence our organization,” said the City of Penticton’s Chief Administrative Officer, Donny van Dyk. “The elimination of Kerri’s role is a direct consequence of the unexpected circumstances we face and the necessity to examine options as we work towards recovery. On behalf of all staff who’ve had the privilege of working with her, I wish to thank Kerri for her commitment and professionalism to our organization during her three years of service.”

With the elimination of Ms. Lockwood’s position, her portfolio will be led by the City’s Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Jim Bauer (who will oversee Human Resources) and the City’s Director of Development Services, Mr. Blake Laven (who will oversee Bylaw Services and municipal RCMP).

Today’s announcement follows other difficult staff decisions made earlier this year as the City responds and adjusts to the challenging events brought about by COVID-19 and its impact on the organization’s current and forecasted finances.

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