

**CITY COUNCIL HIRES KRIS BOLAND AS THE NEW CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER*****Boland will assume his duties effective January 1, 2021***

The City of Terrace Council is pleased to announce that Kris Boland, CPA, CGA, has accepted the role of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), after an extensive search and review of numerous qualified candidates.

Boland will assume his duties effective January 1, 2021. He replaces outgoing CAO Heather Avison, who is retiring on November 30, 2020, after 10 years in the role and 28 in total with the City of Terrace. Council will be appointing Deputy CAO Alisa Thompson as Interim CAO until Boland officially takes over the position.

Boland joins the City of Terrace from the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine, where he spent the last year and a half as Project Manager for the Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance, while also filling the role of Deputy CAO for the Regional District. Council recognized that his experience here in Terrace, combined with his prior experience as Director of Finance for the District of Mission, made him the ideal candidate. Boland brings 16-plus years of BC local government experience, with the majority of that time spent in leadership and senior management roles.

"We are so pleased to have Kris on board. He has the type of skillset and education we were looking for, as well as strong local government experience, making him a great fit for the City. To top it off, he already lives here and understands the unique strengths and challenges in the Northwest. We are going from one rock-solid CAO to another," said Mayor Carol Leclerc.

"I am very excited to take on the role of CAO for the City of Terrace, and to lead the City's amazing and dedicated team of staff. It truly is a privilege to have the opportunity to lead the organization towards achieving Council's strategic plan and vision for the community," said Boland. "My family and I have lived in Terrace for a year and a half now, and we're incredibly proud to call it home. I look forward to working collaboratively with Mayor and Council, staff, and the public as we continue to build a community that we all love to call our home."

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