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City Wishes Director of Public Works & Development Services a Wonderful Retirement

DUNCAN – Following a long career of public service in local government, please join us in wishing Mr. Emmet McCusker, Director of Public Works and Development Services, a very happy and rewarding retirement from the City of Duncan on October 9, 2020. Mr. McCusker joined the City in 2017, as a temporary hire prior to the amalgamation referendum, and moved into a permanent full-time position in 2018. He has provided the Public Works Department and the citizens of Duncan with devoted professional service.

Mr. McCusker was instrumental in conceptualizing the upgrades and beautification of the Duncan Street project, undertaking the Cairnsmore Roundabout design, and installing additional pedestrian improvements throughout the City including solar flashing crosswalks and sidewalk letdowns. Mr. McCusker also led the investigation and improvements that have dramatically improved the oxygen and turbidity levels of the Marchmont storm water outfall to improve the fish habitat in that area.

Shortly after being hired permanently with the City, and falling in love with the Cowichan Valley, Mr. McCusker moved to where he found the ideal property, and perfected a workshop so that he can do what he loves, make guitars. Mr. McCusker relishes all the hiking the Cowichan Valley offers and when time and restrictions permit, he will travel again.

"Those of us that know Mr. McCusker admire him not only for his vision, but also his professionalism and demeanor," said Chief Administrative Officer, Peter de Verteuil. "I wish Emmet well and I am confident the City will continue to benefit for many years from his various initiatives."

City staff and Council wish Mr. McCusker all the best in all his retirement plans.

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