

## **Mayor Michelle Staples**

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Michelle Staples is a long-term Cowichan Valley resident, a mother and self employed entrepreneur with a long history of bringing people together on projects that are important to the Cowichan Valley. Michelle Staples was first elected as a Councillor 2011. After two terms on Council, in 2018, Michelle Staples became the first female Mayor for the City of Duncan.

Michelle Staples cannot imagine a better place for her and her family to thrive and grow. She has deep respect for the First Peoples of this land and is honoured to live on Coast Salish territory.

Michelle believes that decisions of Council must be made keeping in mind that every decision made impacts the land and its resources and leaves a legacy that will effect generations to come. Development must be done in ways that support the highest vision the City of Duncan can create for itself and Council must always be accountable for its decisions and how they affect the lives and wellbeing of the people we serve.

Michelle previously worked as a part time executive director and a private contractor in community development and she is currently, slowly working towards a Masters in Integrated Studies focused on Community Development and Social Justice.

### **Internal Committee Appointments**

- Advisory Design Panel (Non-Voting)
- Totem Sub-Committee

### **External Appointments (Voting Member)**

- Cowichan Valley Regional District Director
- North Cowichan Parks & Recreation Committee (Alternate)
- Duncan/North Cowichan Joint Utilities Board

### **External Appointments (Non-Voting Member)**

- Cowichan Tribes
- Downtown Duncan Business Improvement Area Society (Alternate)
- Island Corridor Foundation
- Cowichan Community Action Team