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Peter Sparanese joins City of Abbotsford as GM Engineering & Regional Utilities

ABBOTSFORD July 16, 2015 – The City of Abbotsford is pleased to announce Mr. Peter Sparanese, P.Eng. as the successful candidate for the General Manager of Engineering and Regional Utilities position effective August 31, 2015, announced City Manager George Murray today.

Sparanese has over 25 years of experience in local, regional and provincial government environments. He has an extensive background in all facets of municipal and region infrastructure and providing leadership in achieving Council's goals and objectives.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Peter to the City of Abbotsford," said Murray. "Peter's significant experience and background, alongside his understanding of the issues facing local governments today will be an asset to our entire organization."

During his career, Sparanese has made significant contributions related to infrastructure planning, design, construction, maintenance and operations of various water, wastewater, stormwater, transportation and building facilities. As the Senior Manager of Infrastructure Engineering and Operations at Capital Regional District, Peter achieved the 2014 City of Excellence, Gold Standard Award from the BC Municipal Safety Association.

"The experience and opportunity that Peter will bring to the position of General Manager of Engineering and Regional Utilities for Abbotsford will be an important factor in aligning some of our key department functions," said Murray. "As our focus remains on continuous improvement, I expect that Peter's extensive background will help us to bring best practice to all that we do."

Sparanese will be responsible for overseeing the wide range of services provided by the City's engineering operations as well as the regional water and sewer utilities jointly shared between Abbotsford and the District of Mission.

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