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New Leadership for County Planning Services

Mountain View County, AB - There will be a change in the leadership for Mountain View County's Planning and Development Services Department but with the same ongoing commitment to sound planning and development practices.

Current Manager of Planning Services, Margaretha Bloem will be assuming the role of Director of Planning and Development Services, replacing John Rusling who is retiring after many years with Mountain View County.

Assuming the role of Manager of Planning Services will be Matthew Pawlow who will be joining the county from Parkland Community Planning Services where he has been serving as the planning manager. Bloem joined Mountain View County in October 2013 as Manager of Planning Services following stints with the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and Rocky View County.

The changes are effective January 1, 2015.

Rusling most recently served as Director of Planning and Development Services from July 2011 until his retirement in December 2014. Previously he served in the planning department from July 1995 until August 2003.

Mountain View County CAO Tony Martens said the department is in capable hands going forward with many projects on the horizon, including the continued updating of Area Structure Plans to complement the County's Municipal Development Plan that was approved in 2012.

"Not only will we miss John's experience and leadership as Director, we will also miss his presence in the office where he provided a steadying influence. All of us at Mountain View County wish him the best in his retirement," he said.

"At the same time we are very excited to be moving forward with Margaretha and Matthew as our leadership team for the planning department along with Shirley Madge who serves as our Manager of Development and Permitting Services. These changes fit with the county's succession plan and are a commitment to providing our ratepayers with the best service possible when it comes to their planning, development and permitting needs," Martens added.

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