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City announces new Finance Manager

The City of Campbell River has a new Finance Manager.

Myriah Foort has accepted the role of leading the City's Finance Department. Foort joined the City of Campbell River in 2012 as an Accountant III and shortly after moved up to Finance Accounting Supervisor. She is a Chartered Accountant and previously worked for six years as a manager with accounting firm MNP, where her primary client base was local government.

"We have called upon Myriah to take on increasing responsibility through a number of staff shortages. For the last two years, she has been key in managing our financial plan and year-end process, preparing financial statements and working with our auditors. When the City's Finance Manager left to take a position in Prince George at the end of 2013, Myriah's professional skills and experience along with her capacity for positive leadership made her the right candidate for this role," says City Manager Andy Laidlaw. *"We are particularly pleased to confirm this appointment as promoting from within our organization demonstrates our commitment to succession planning – one of Council's strategic priorities for the City of Campbell River."*

Foort was a 2006 graduate from the Bachelor of Business Administration class at Vancouver Island University, with an accounting major. In 2008, she was certified as a Chartered Accountant by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC.

In her new role with the City of Campbell River, Foort will lead the strategic direction, policies and procedures for the City's finance department, oversee department staff and preparation of financial statements and manage the City's budgeting and financial plan process as well as the year-end and audit process.

Foort was one of the founding members of the Young Professionals of Campbell River and was president for the first two years. She was also the treasurer of the Campbell River Hospital Foundation for three years. She is involved in a number of community initiatives such as the Relay for Life and the Canada Day Bed Race.

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