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Good morning Mayor and Council,

I am pleased to announce that Donnie Rosa (she/he/they) will be re-joining the Park Board team on September 28 as General Manager and part of City Leadership Team. Donnie was interviewed by the Park Board and members of the City Leadership Team and the appointment is being announced to morning.

Donnie is currently GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture at the City of Coquitlam, a fast growing municipality with a focus on delivering service excellence. With over 25 years of experience in Parks, Recreation and Culture (PRC) operations and a degree in Communications, Donnie brings a brand of leadership focused on building a strong team and meaningful relationships. Aside from working in PRC, Donnie has experience working in mental health and homeless shelters. They have a breadth of experience working in community development, youth and seniors' programming, and the delivery of parks, unique gardens, trails, and open spaces to contribute to community resiliency and climate action.

In their prior role at the Park Board as Director of Recreation Services, Donnie was a key member of the team that successfully negotiated the new community centre joint operating agreement. Among their strengths is building relationships with colleagues and community partners, and respecting the Seniors' programming and the delivery of parks, unique gardens, trails and open spaces to contribute to community resiliency and climate action.

Previously with the Park Board as Director of Recreation and Culture, Donnie knows very well the priorities, work and challenges and is extremely well suited for the role. Donnie was a key member of the team to successfully negotiate and sign the Community Centre Joint Operating Agreement. Among their strengths is building relationships with colleagues here at the City, respecting the challenges and rewards we experience daily.

Donnie is a champion of access and equity as a cornerstone to service delivery with a priority focus on Truth and Reconciliation. They couldn't be better suited for this role, and I know that their strengths and experience is well positioned for the work they have ahead of them.

Donnie is a settler working where they also currently live on the unceded, ancestral territories of xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Stó:lō and Səl̓ilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Shauna Wilton for her outstanding commitment and dedication -- she has been invaluable in her leadership and in all her contributions to the Park Board and its mandate over the last six years. Shauna has made the decision to leave the organization for personal reasons and to spend more time with her family.

Please join me in wishing Shauna all the best and in welcoming Donnie back to the Park Board team and to the City's Leadership Team.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.