Dear Mayor and Council,

I’m pleased to announce that after a significant recruitment effort (with over 80 candidates) and interview process for the Aboriginal Relations Manager position, Ginger Gosnell-Myers is the successful candidate. She will take on her new role as the Aboriginal Relations Manager starting April 4, 2016.

Throughout 2008-2011 Ginger worked on the Environics Urban Aboriginal Peoples Study as both Project Manager and Public Engagement Director. The UAPS is Canada’s largest research study on Aboriginal people living in urban environments, and has become the leading research on urban Aboriginal people’s values, aspirations, experiences, and identity.

Ginger has been a keynote speaker at many provincial, national and international events, including the International Indigenous Women & Wellness Conference, the Senate Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples, and the United Nations Permanent Forum of Indigenous Peoples. Her commitment to advancing Aboriginal issues led her to work as the Western Assistant to the late and former Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Development Andy Scott, advising the Minister on issues pertaining to BC and Alberta.

Ginger has been with the City since 2013 as the Aboriginal Planner advancing Vancouver as the world’s first official City of Reconciliation. Please welcome Ginger in her new role, she will be a great resource to the City working across all City departments to bridge Aboriginal policies, programs and relations.

Best,
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