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Subject: [New Senior Director, Indigenous Relations – Michelle Bryant-Gravelle](#)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am pleased to share that Michelle Bryant-Gravelle (she/her) will be joining the City Manager's Office as the new Senior Director of Indigenous Relations, starting September 6, 2022.

In this role, Michelle will guide the implementation of the City's commitment to government-to-government relations with the three host Nations, the Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation. She will report directly to me as Deputy City Manager and work to advance the City's evolving strategic direction around the [Reconciliation Framework](#) and [Reconciliation efforts](#).

Michelle is an experienced leadership coach, educator and corporate professional with a demonstrated history of successfully bridging gaps between industry and Indigenous communities. She joins the City from her role as Corporate Affairs Manager at Ridley Terminals, in Prince Rupert, BC, where she worked since 2011. She previously worked as a teacher and vice principal for 10 years.

Michelle has been on many Boards, including serving as the first Indigenous woman President of the Prince Rupert and District Chamber of Commerce. Michelle currently is the Vice President of the Women's Leadership Network and an elected Trustee for the Lax Kw'alaams Settlement Trust. Michelle is also a Director for the Industry Training Authority, a Director for the Indigenous Business Investment Council, and on the Committee for the Medal of Good Citizenship for the province.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degree from Vancouver Island University and a Master of Education in Multidisciplinary Leadership from the University of Northern British Columbia. Michelle is passionate about coaching and received a Diploma in Solution Focused Coaching, and a Certificate in Advanced Management.

Michelle is from the Ts'msyen Nation, from the Nine Allied Tribes of Lax Kw'alaams. She is from the Gitwilgyoots (People of the Kelp) Tribe and Gispudwada (Killer Whale) Clan. She shares with us that her traditional name is Bilha'am Nelx, which means "Pearl (inside of the abalone shell) on the fin of the killer whale". She was given this name by her late great-grandfather Sm'ooygit (Chief) La'as, William Jeffrey.

If you have any questions about this role, please reach out to me.

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x̱m̱əθḵ'əy̱əm (Musqueam), S̱kw̱x̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.