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## New City Manager Announced at the City of Airdrie

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – On October 26, 2009, at the City of Airdrie’s annual Organizational Meeting, Mayor Linda Bruce announced the appointment of a new City Manager/Chief Administrative Officer. Paul Schulz, a long-time City of Airdrie employee and director, will take over as the new City Manager on February 1, 2010. George Keen is retiring after 13 and a half years as City Manager.

“We are pleased to announce Paul Schulz as our new City Manager,” says Mayor Linda Bruce. “Paul brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and leadership to the City and Council is confident he will provide great leadership, ensuring effective management of city operations while guiding the city’s sustainable growth.”

A long-time resident, Paul Schulz has worked for the City of Airdrie for 23 years in a variety of roles, including his most recent role as Director of Planning, Protective Services and Economic Development. He holds a Master of Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University.

“I am excited to be taking on the position of City Manager and look forward to leading the City of Airdrie towards a continued prosperous future,” Paul Schulz, Airdrie’s new City Manager.

George Keen also feels Paul Schulz is the best person to take the City of Airdrie forward.

“Paul has earned the trust of his colleagues and I’m certain he will enjoy his time as City Manager as I have,” says George Keen. “As the City Manager, I feel like the luckiest guy in Alberta because I have been able to work with great councils and staff who have wanted the best for the community and who strive to serve them to their best abilities. It has been a great pleasure to be a part of the team and it is something I will truly miss. My family feels blessed to have had a chance to be a part of the Airdrie community.”

Mayor Linda Bruce and Airdrie City Council are very proud of George Keen’s accomplishments and dedication to the community.

“We want to humbly thank George Keen for his commitment to the City of Airdrie and leading the city through 13 years of effective growth, development, environmental stewardship and sound financial decisions, helping residential taxes to be one of the lowest in the province,” says Mayor Linda Bruce.

As part of the meeting, City Council appointed Alderman Kelly Hegg as the new Deputy Mayor for the next six months. The Deputy Mayor position is a six-month rotation which is filled initially based on seniority in terms of years on Council and secondly on the number of votes received in the last election. City Council Aldermen were also assigned to new city committees. Please visit [www.airdrie.ca](http://www.airdrie.ca) for details.

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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The City of Airdrie also adjusted the administrative organizational structure as well as new directors in different roles.

### **Community Infrastructure**

The new director of Community Infrastructure is Lorne Stevens, which includes the departments of:

- Planning
- Sustainability
- Parks
- Engineering
- Fleet and Equipment Training
- Public Works
- Environmental Services

### **Community Services**

Michelle Lock will remain as the Community Services Director with leadership over:

- Transit
- Economic Development
- Building Operations
- Social Planning
- Genesis Place/Arenas
- Community Development
- Corporate Properties

### **Community Safety**

Mark Locking moves into a new area as director of Community Safety, which includes the departments of:

- Municipal Enforcement
- RCMP
- Building Inspections
- Emergency Services
- Disaster Services

### **People and Organizational Effectiveness**

Judy Molnar will be the director of People and Organizational Effectiveness, including the departments of:

- Human Resources
- Business Strategy
- Health and Safety

### **Corporate Services**

Jana Jaeger takes over as the Director of Corporate Services, which has the departments of:

- Procurement/Accounts Payable
- IT Data Services
- IT Technical Services
- Financial Services
- Assessment
- Taxation
- Utilities
- City Clerks
- Corporate Communications