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### CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER KAREN ST. MARTIN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

**Mayerthorpe, Alberta, May 10, 2022** – Town of Mayerthorpe Chief Administrative Officer announces retirement after 30+ years of public service. CAO St. Martin will retire in her sixteenth year with the Town of Mayerthorpe.

“I started my career in local government at the early age of nineteen and have been fortunate to have been mentored by some of the best professionals in field. It is through this mentorship and experience that I have been able to serve the Mayerthorpe community.”

“I have been fortunate to achieve my careers goals, be invited to speak on Brownfield Redevelopment at Ryerson University and receive the Society of Local Government Managers and Alberta Municipalities Dedicated CAO Award. I look forward to spending time with family, embarking on new challenges, and getting back to contributing to my community.”

Major initiatives completed by CAO St. Martin during her tenure with the Town of Mayerthorpe include completion of the Little River Bank Stabilization, construction of the Mayerthorpe Exhibition Centre, Mayerthorpe Aquatic Centre, Water Treatment Plant, Force Main to Lagoon, Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation, Water Distribution Main Rehabilitation, commissioning of a new raw water production well, facilitated development of 22 fully serviced highway commercial and light industrial lots, development of 7 residential lots, PVC Solar Panel installations on two public facilities, oversight of seven general elections, implementation of sound organizational structures, establishment of safe work procedures, operational plans and budgets, developed a Brownfield Redevelopment Program, developed unique grant and incentive programs, spearheaded regional emergency management plans, secured millions of dollars in grant funding, and countless smaller projects too numerous to list.

“To say I have mixed feelings about Karen’s retirement would be a gross understatement,” says Mayor Jabush, adding that while she’s happy CAO St. Martin will get to enjoy some well-deserved family time, her departure leaves a hole in the fabric of the Town.

“Karen St. Martin is a consummate professional, a mentor to many (including yours truly), a tireless volunteer and a community champion. It’s not an exaggeration to say that, without her encouragement and support, I would not be the Mayor that I’ve become nor would I be enjoying the milestones I’ve attained as an elected official. She is my colleague, my confidant and my very good friend. She will be sorely missed.”



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