



## TOWN OF GIBSONS

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### Town of Gibsons Names New Director of Planning

**Gibsons, BC - November 30, 2017** - The Town of Gibsons today announced that it has hired Lesley-Ann Staats as its new Director of Planning. Lesley-Ann will join the Town on January 2, 2018. She replaces Andre Boel, who held the position for nearly five years.

Lesley-Ann brings close to a decade of planning experience to the role. For the past eight years, she has worked at the Sunshine Coast Regional District, first as a Planning Technician and then as a Planner. Prior to that, she worked with the Sechelt Indian Band as a Planning Assistant and developed land use policies.

*"As a local planning professional, I understand both the local and regional context of land uses,"* said Lesley-Ann. *"And as a member of the Gibsons community, I care deeply about the future growth and direction of this town. I look forward to working with the Town in a way that respects public diversity and values."*

*"Lesley-Ann has a solid reputation as someone who works collaboratively with a team to leverage the group's collective knowledge and strengths,"* said Emanuel Machado, Gibsons' Chief Administrative Officer. *"She is also known for carefully balancing the mandate and advice from other qualified professionals when guiding Council's decision-making. These are essential qualities in a Director of Planning and we are delighted to welcome Lesley-Ann to our team."*

Lesley-Ann is a mother of two who loves to travel and enjoys natural spaces and outdoor experiences. She has lived on the Sunshine Coast since 2008.

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