



City of Revelstoke Media Release

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City's Chief Administrative Officer Apologizes for Impact of Suspension

During the last week there has been tremendous discussion and publication of information concerning the City's Community Economic Development Services Director, Alan Mason, which has been very stressful for him, his family and others. The Mayor and Council sincerely regret that this matter has been inappropriately taken into the public forum, and regret the impacts of this on Mr. Mason and his family.

All City employees are highly valued, and the City must respect and ensure the privacy and rights of our employees and will not comment on personnel matters publicly. We wish to emphasize that Alan Mason is and continues to be a valued employee with the City of Revelstoke. The expressions of support for his role in the community reinforce that the Economic Development function is important to the vitality of the City and the City has benefitted greatly from Mr. Mason's leadership.

Chief Administrative Officer, Tim Palmer has apologized directly to Mr. Mason, noting a long valued career contributing to the economic development of the community. Mr. Palmer expressed regret for the anguish and impact on Mr. Mason's family. Further, the suspension from the workplace was a regrettable consequence of an ill timed unnecessary escalation of an avoidable misunderstanding.

The Mayor and Council are deeply concerned about the impact this matter has had on the community and the City. Mr. Mason returned to work on Friday October 31, 2014 and will be reporting directly to the Mayor in the interim, and will continue his valued contribution to the Community Economic Development function in our City.

No further comment will be provided by the City on this personnel matter at this time.