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Village of Hazelton Resignation of Chief Administrative Officer, and Regional District Hires New Chief Administrative Officer

The Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Lina Gasser as Chief Administrative Officer. Ms. Gasser is resigning from her position of CAO at the Village of Hazelton (VOH).

Ms. Gasser currently serves as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Hazelton for the past 3 years. Previous to this role, Ms. Gasser worked with the District of Fort St. James as a Deputy Corporate Officer and later became the Corporate Officer as well as took on the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer role. Ms. Gasser grew up in Area C and is excited to be returning to Terrace to work with the RDKS. Ms. Gasser is expected to start at the RDKS on March 21, 2022.

"I am thrilled to be returning to Terrace and to have this opportunity to work with the staff, elected officials and the people that make the northwest so special. My last three years in Hazelton have given me a glimpse into some of the strategic priorities for the board. I look forwards to working diligently to make these goals a reality." – Lina Gasser.

"Lina joined the Village of Hazelton at a time of fast pace change and soon immersed herself in the business of the organization. The Council was comprised of many new members and Lina was invaluable to me and the Council. Lina will be greatly missed but we wish her well and every success in her new role as CAO for the RDKS. It is comforting to know that Lina will still have a link to the Village through the Regional District. I am confident that she will quickly become an asset to her new team." — Dennis Sterritt, VOH Council Mayor

"We are happy to have the opportunity to bring Ms. Gasser to our Regional District. We look forward to working with Ms. Gasser on our strategic priorities; furthering our relationships and services within our communities, neighbouring communities, and First Nations; and to help facilitate good decision-making for the Board. We have great confidence in her ability, and we welcome her to the team." — Phil Germuth, RDKS Board Chairperson.