



## **Council Terminates Town Chief Administrative Officer and Appoints Interim CAO**

*(September 16, 2020 – Ponoka, Alberta)* – Ponoka Town Council voted unanimously at a special meeting held yesterday to terminate the employment of the Town’s Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Albert Frootman without cause, effective immediately. Council also approved a second motion appointing Sandra Lund, the Town’s General Manager of Corporate Services, as the Town’s new Interim CAO.

### **New Corporate Direction**

“Council decided that it’s time for the Town to move in a new corporate direction. We sincerely thank Mr. Frootman for his four and half years of service to this community,” said Ponoka Mayor Rick Bonnett.

Frootman said he accepts Council’s decision to move in a new direction. “It’s been a privilege and an honour to serve the Town in this capacity over the last four and a half years. I’m very proud of the successes the Town’s Administrative team has achieved in that time. I wish the Town and the community continued success into the future,” he said.

The search for a new CAO is not expected to be considered until a new Mayor and Council is elected in the fall of 2021.

“Council believes Sandra Lund is the right fit as our new Interim CAO. We have a very capable Town Administrative team and Council is fully confident in Ms. Lund’s ability to lead that team,” said Mayor Bonnett. Lund said she is honoured to accept the new role and looks forward to serving the community in the year ahead as the Interim CAO.

“In the meantime, it’s business as usual,” added Mayor Bonnett, noting all current projects and Town operations are continuing without interruption. He stated that Council plans to outline details of its new corporate direction in the near future as it enters the final year of its current four-year term.

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