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## Jennifer Hyland Selected as Officer in Charge of Ridge Meadows RCMP Detachment

Maple Ridge, BC: The City of Maple Ridge and the City of Pitt Meadows are pleased to announce Inspector Jennifer Hyland has been selected as the new Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Ridge Meadows Detachment of the RCMP.

Jennifer has 19 years of policing experience including work in the Serious Crime Investigations Section and Professional Standards. Her policing career began with the New Westminster Police Department, she then moved on to the RCMP in 2001. Jennifer served at the Ridge Meadows Detachment from 2006 until 2014, when she transferred to the North Vancouver Detachment and promoted to the rank of Inspector. She returned to the Ridge Meadows Detachment in October 2016 and has been serving as Acting Officer in Charge since Superintendent David Fleugel retired from the RCMP and assumed the position of Chief Constable at the Port Moody Police Department.

Jennifer has lived in the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows area for many years and is a graduate of Garibaldi Secondary School. Her husband is also a police officer, and together with their two children, they feel very connected to the area through their involvement in their children's school, minor sports and community events.

"Back in 2010, then Sergeant, Jennifer Hyland played a key role in the establishment of the Alisha's Wish Child & Youth Advocacy Centre here in Maple Ridge to create a better way of dealing with victims of abuse. This is a program and approach that has gained national attention and reflects creativity and innovation on a very tough issue," said Maple Ridge Mayor Nicole Read. "On behalf of the citizens of Maple Ridge, I am very pleased to welcome Jennifer Hyland as the new Officer in Charge for the Ridge Meadows Detachment. Superintendent Hyland represents the highest ideals of her profession and has a passion for justice and community safety."

"Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows are great communities. I am both humbled and honoured to be appointed as the Officer in Charge of the detachment" said Inspector Hyland. "I am very familiar with the area and understand our strengths and challenges. The detachment is full of amazing people who are dedicated to the safety and well-being of our communities and I look forward to leading them. Some of my mentors have previously held this position and I am so proud to follow in their footsteps", she added.

As part of her new position, Jennifer will be promoted to the rank of Superintendent.

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