

News Release

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Town of Truro's New Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture

The Town of Truro is pleased to announce that Ashley Simms officially takes over the reins of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department as the new Director beginning today.

Longtime employee and the Director of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department Doug MacKenzie has officially retired after a dedicated 38 years with the Town. Doug's career was appropriately highlighted in September when he was awarded an Honorary Life Membership Award from Recreation Nova Scotia.

CAO Mike Dolter says "Since I came to work for the Town, Doug has provided me with excellent guidance on recreational and cultural issues, and I have benefitted greatly from his immense experience. He has had a great career with a positive effect on recreation and our wellbeing."

The Town has been transitioning the role of Director from Doug to Ashley when Ashley joined the Recreation Department as the Assistant Director in May 2017. With Doug's vast knowledge and experience, he leaves behind big shoes to fill, but Ashley is up for the challenge and the excitement. "It is a great honour to follow in Doug MacKenzie's footsteps; he has been a mentor to me since I started my career and I look forward to working with the Town and it's community members as the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture." – Ashley Simms.

Ashley is very excited to take on her new role, saying "the opportunities are endless and I hope to continue to make Truro thrive as an active, healthy community!"

Council and staff wish Doug all the best in his retirement and as Mayor Bills Mills says, "He's earned it!"

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