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Cypress County announces new CAO

DUNMORE — Cypress County council is pleased to announce Al Hoggan as the county's Chief Administrative Officer.

"I am very excited to become part of the team at Cypress County," says Hoggan, who has a wealth of experience as a CAO. "Cypress County is well known as a leader in the rural municipal world in Alberta and is a significant member in the region. I am pleased and humbled to have been selected as Cypress County's new Chief Administrative Officer. I am looking forward to meeting the many residents who call the county home.

"My family and I are excited about residing in this historic and economically important region. Stop in, the coffee is on me."

The CAO is the only job at the municipality chosen by council. They serve as the link between county staff and elected officials, in charge of the county's operations. Following CAO Tarolyn Aaserud's departure in August, Mike Koziol was hired to be the interim CAO. Hoggan will start his job on Jan. 6, 2025. Council thanks Koziol and the whole administrative and operational municipal team for their continued commitment and hard work during this process.

"On behalf of Cypress County council, I am thrilled to welcome Al Hoggan as our new Chief Administrative Officer," says Reeve Dan Hamilton. "His extensive expertise and dedication to excellence will be invaluable as we work together to meet the needs of our residents and ensure the continued growth and success of our county."

Beginning his career in the private sector, Hoggan spent much of his earlier professional life leading operations in the aviation industry within Canada, as well as overseas. Pursuing his passion for public service, he transitioned into various senior leadership roles at MacKenzie County and Lac La Biche County. Since 2013 he's been a CAO with Kneehill County, Rocky View County, and most recently with the MD of Bonnyville.

Hoggan has his National Advanced Certificate in Local Authority Administration (NACLAA, Level 1 and Level 2), Certified Local Government Manager (CLGM) designation, Executive Certificate in Local Government, various and ongoing Emergency Management training with Alberta Emergency Management Agency, as well as other industry specific training and courses.

With the right blend of both private and public sector experience, including nearly 15 years of local government experience at the senior level (and almost 12 of those years holding similar CAO roles in sizable and dynamic rural municipalities across Alberta), Hoggan will be a great fit and asset to the already solid team.

Please join us in welcoming Al Hoggan and his wife, Lonna, to the county.

