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OAK BAY POLICE BOARD

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OAK BAY POLICE BOARD ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF CONSTABLE

Inspector Mark Fisher has been appointed as the Chief Constable for the District of Oak Bay. Mayor Christopher Causton, Chair of the Oak Bay Police Board made the announcement today, saying "Oak Bay is fortunate to have such a well-qualified individual to head up its Police Department."

Mark Fisher is currently the Officer in Charge of the West Shore Detachment serving 5 western municipalities and is familiar with the policing needs in the Capital District.

Inspector Fisher, a resident of Oak Bay, is a 20 year veteran with the RCMP; serving as Detachment Commander in Creston and Bella Coola, and prior to his current appointment in West Shores he was the RCMP Liaison Officer with the Provincial Criminal Justice Reform Secretariat.

The Oak Bay Police Board conducted an extensive search for a new Chief Constable and received expressions of interest from a group of very well-qualified police officers from across Canada.

Inspector Fisher is expected to take up his duties in July.

In making the announcement of the new appointment, Mayor Causton expressed his appreciation to Chief Constable Derek Egan, former Chief of the Saanich Police, for coming out of retirement to oversee the department for the last 6 months.

"We are very pleased to have Mark Fisher coming on board. He has a solid knowledge of local policing issues, given his experience at the West Shore Detachment. He also has a track record of having strong, positive relationships with other Chiefs and departments in the region. On the one hand, you can expect to see vigour and innovation, but on the other hand, given Inspector Fisher's commitment to the community policing model, residents can rest assured that they will continue to receive the quality of service they have come to expect."

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