



NOTE OF FAREWELL FROM TOURISM LANGLEY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December marks a significant month for most people as it is a time to reflect on the year that is ending, yet to set new goals and prepare for what lays ahead. December is also the month, nine years ago, that I had the fortunate opportunity of starting my journey with the newly formed Tourism Langley Association; and remains to this day the time of year when I self-reflect to ensure I have reached the goals I have set for myself. Thus, I have made a difficult decision to close the final chapter of my time with Tourism Langley and prepare for new and exciting opportunities in the new year. My last day of employment with the organization will be December 23rd.

It is a rare occasion to be at the starting line of a new entity and to have been hired as the inaugural Executive Director for Tourism Langley, tasked to open the doors of a new Destination Management Organization. The past nine years with the organization have been some of the most rewarding and fulfilling years in my more than 27-year career in the tourism and hospitality industry. While endings are inevitable, saying goodbye will not be easy. Firstly, I am very grateful to the Tourism Langley Board of Directors for trusting my judgement and supporting my decision. Their dedication and commitment has not only provided me with a wealth of new experiences, but proven that through their guidance and leadership, the communities and tourism related businesses within the City and Township of Langley have garnered increased credibility and visibility.

I will always be indebted to the past and present staff and steadfast team at Tourism Langley. Their championed daily approach to delivering on behalf of our stakeholders and incredible set of values have awarded me a great sense of accomplishment.

While the feeling of embarking on a new path is exciting, the source of my strength has been found from the many industry colleagues and friends I have had the privilege of working with these past years. You are nation wide and have influenced and inspired me and have contributed immensely to the footprint I have made to date. I extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude with the faith that paths will continue to cross and adventures made with many of you in my journey ahead.

The future remains to be bright for tourism in our province and our region and I am confident the beacon will continue to shine in our own communities for many years to come. Heartfelt wishes to all for many more successes and achievements.

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Life is about cherishing the past, facing the present, and moving ahead towards new milestones.