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Appointment of new Chief Administrative Officer

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Olds are pleased to announce the results of their search for a Chief Administrative Officer to replace Mr. Dale Withage, who will be retiring at the end of July.

Mr. Norm McInnis, currently CAO for the Town of Westlock, has agreed to the negotiated terms of employment, and will begin his position with the Town of Olds on 1 June 2008. The official appointment of Mr. McInnis as CAO for the Town of Olds will be made during a Special Council Meeting today at 12.30 pm.

The appointment is a return to his roots for Norm, as he was raised and schooled in Olds, and lived here for a period of time with his wife and family. Norm is married to Cory (formerly Yoder), also of Olds, and the couple has two boys, Bill and Sam.

Norm has been involved in local government management for seven years, having also served as CAO for the Town of Picture Butte. Prior to his municipal career, he worked in the very active and diverse world of Community Associations serving as manager and executive director.

Norm attended the University of Calgary (Faculty of Humanities), and holds a certificate in Local Government from the University of Alberta, and the National Advanced Certificate in Local Authority Administration. Norm also carries the designation of Certified Local Government Manager (CLGM), awarded by the Society of Local Government Managers of Alberta.

As a provincial and community leader, Norm has displayed a strong volunteer ethic. He was recently elected as President of the Local Government Administration Association (LGAA), and has served as an executive, director and volunteer with a variety of community and provincial organizations. Committed to life-long learning, Norm has just completed the Certificate in Municipal Management and Leadership at the University of Alberta's School Of Business.

"Mr. McInnis' enthusiasm, experience, technical expertise and relevant knowledge of legislation enabled him to rise to the top of a very capable list of candidates for this position," said Mayor Judy Dahl. "We look forward to Mr. McInnis leading our team of dedicated and capable employees, and to his influence on Council decision-making."

Norm is a Rotarian and enjoys refereeing minor hockey. He is also a goaltender and will be looking for a recreational hockey team to play with in Olds.

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