

Marr and Davidson named interim CEOs of Port of Nanaimo



Ian Marr



Mike Davidson

Two long-time managers at the Port of Nanaimo will share the Chief Executive Officer duties on an interim basis for the foreseeable future. Ian Marr, Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration, and Mike Davidson, Vice President of Real Estate, will co-manage the port operations.

Ewan Moir left his position as President and CEO in October. He became CEO after the retirement of former CEO Bernie Dumas a year ago.

“We are very pleased to have two quality individuals who have served the Port so well for many years who are willing, capable and able to help steer the path for the foreseeable future,” said NPA Chair Michelle Corfield.

“Both Ian and Mike have excellent reputations and are well-liked and respected within the NPA organization, and in the community.”

Originally from Scotland, Marr started working for the Nanaimo Harbour Commission, as it was then called, in 1987, in property leasing. A Certified General Accountant and Chartered Professional Accountant, he has been in his current position for five years.

Davidson was raised in Nanaimo, and is well known in local basketball circles, starting with being a member of the 1978 provincial high school basketball champions from Nanaimo District Senior Secondary School. After graduating from Malaspina College (now

Vancouver Island University), he joined the Port in 1985 and has been in managing Port properties since 1992.

“The Port of Nanaimo has a lot of good things going right now,” Davidson says, pointing to the recently announced \$19-million Vehicle Processing Centre, and the \$10-million Western Canada Marine Response Corporation operation, as well as the expected arrival of the Island Ferry Service foot passenger ferry from downtown Nanaimo to downtown Vancouver. That is anticipated to start next year. Island Ferry Service is currently in negotiations for a terminal site in Vancouver.

“The combination of skills and

background from Mike and Ian puts us in very capable hands during this transition time,” says NPA Vice-Chair Donna Hais. “The decision to let them share the CEO position has been well received by our staff and clients.”

One of the major projects Davidson and Marr worked together on was the popular waterfront walkway, which extends over both Port and City of Nanaimo property from downtown Nanaimo to Brechin Point.

“The Port of Nanaimo Board thanks Mr. Moir for his service over the past year,” said NPA Chair Michelle Corfield. “He made some strong contributions to our operations, and we wish him the best in his future endeavours.”

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Interim Co-President/CEO

Mike Davidson - Vice President of Real Estate, Interim Co-President/CEO

Jason Michell - Vice President, Terminal Operations

Emil Tomescu - Vice President Asset Management

David Mailloux - Director of Communications

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