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Beacon Community Services appoints new CEO

VICTORIA, BC – Beacon Community Services' Board of Directors today announced the appointment of Robert (Bob) Boulter as Chief Executive Officer.

Previously the local charity's Vice President of Finance, Boulter had served in the CEO position on an acting basis since former CEO Isobel Mackenzie was appointed BC's first seniors advocate in March.

"We conducted a comprehensive and thorough evaluation process and it was obvious that Bob's skill set and knowledge will serve Beacon well," said Board Chair Keith Rolfe. "He has a clear vision of Beacon's role in helping people and improving lives in our community. And he has the financial acumen and administrative experience needed to deliver on that vision."

A chartered accountant who holds a degree in business administration from the University of Regina, Boulter has held senior finance positions with several large natural resource companies as well as Victoria's Carmanah Technologies.

As Beacon Community Services' Vice President of Finance since January 2010, he oversaw the modernization of technology to aid in the charity's service delivery. He was also instrumental in successful contract bids for Beacon to deliver a variety of community assistance, including in the fields of employment services and home support.

"Beacon has a really solid foundation and a history of strong service to the community," Boulter said.

"I want to build on that with our volunteers, staff and community partners – to make sure we dedicate our resources to helping people where and when they need, as effectively and compassionately as possible."

Established on the Saanich Peninsula in 1974, Beacon Community Services has evolved to become one of BC's largest not-for-profit social services organizations. More than 1200 staff and over 500 volunteers operate seven thrift shops and serve more than 6,000 clients across the Capital Regional District, including through programs and services in: Child, Youth and Family Services; Counselling and Mental Health Services; Employment and Training Programs; Housing, Assisted Living and Licenced Dementia Housing; Adult/Senior's Recreation Services; Volunteer Services; and Home Support Care.

Further details of Beacon Community Services can be found at www.beaconcs.ca

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