
County of Lanark hires new social services director

County of Lanark CAO Kurt Greaves is pleased to announce the appointment of a new social services director to replace current director Nancy Green, who will be retiring effective December 31st, 2018.

Emily Hollington has been employed by the County of Lanark for over ten years. Most recently employed as the Housing Redevelopment/Regeneration Coordinator, she has been guiding the redevelopment/regeneration process of behalf of the County for properties held by the Lanark County Housing Corporation. In addition, she is currently acting in the capacity of Interim Executive Director of Lanark County Housing Corporation and has been instrumental in the review and recommendation for the County to assume the management and administration of the Lanark County Housing Corporation, with the integration taking place effective September 1st, 2018. Previously, Ms. Hollington was employed as an Ontario Works Manager, Social Housing Caseworker and Developmental Support Services Caseworker for Lanark County. Throughout her employment she has maintained a good working knowledge in all areas of social services, demonstrated strong leadership qualities and made recommendations for improvements and efficiencies, produced high level reports with an emphasis on quality outcomes, best practices and effective customer service.

“We are extremely excited to welcome Emily in her new role,” said Mr. Greaves. “She has an abundance of experience in the social services field and a track record of managing complex projects and working with various county departments, levels of government, agencies and other partners. She is held in high esteem across the county and eastern Ontario for her professionalism and leadership. Our team is looking forward to continuing our working relationship.”

Ms. Hollington holds a Bachelor of Applied Human Service Administration Degree, Social Service Worker Diploma; Executive Diploma in Municipal Management; Certificate in Property Management with the Institute of Housing Management, Certified Housing Practitioner with the Chartered Institute of Housing Canada, has completed numerous job-specific courses, training and workshops related to social services and is currently pursuing Master of Public Administration degree. She began her career as an employment Counsellor with Ontrac Employment Resource Services.

As director of social services for the County of Lanark, she will oversee a staff of 66, including five managers, and will administer such programs and services as Ontario Works, developmental support services, social housing, early years and childcare. She will also be responsible for a budget of more than \$34 million.

The county administers provincial and municipal social services programs and services in accordance with various acts, regulations, contracts and policies from a number of provincial ministries and other agencies.

"I am excited about the opportunity to continue working with the County of Lanark team," Ms. Hollington said. "This is a great chance for me to apply the skills and experience I have to a challenging and rewarding position in a unique and interesting municipality."

"County Council was unanimous in their support of Ms. Hollington's appointment as Lanark County Social Services Director." Warden John Fenik said. "We look forward to working with her."

County Council and Mr. Greaves expressed sincere appreciation to Nancy Green, who has served as director since 2007.

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