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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD WELCOMES INTERIM CEO

Thank You Andrea Wilson

The Blue Mountains Public Library Board wishes to acknowledge, with sincere gratitude, the willingness of Andrea Wilson, our Museum Curator, to step into the role of Acting CEO for the Library during a lengthy leave of absence by our former CEO. Andrea carried both her role as Museum Curator, and the Acting CEO role, since March of this year. Andrea, together with our Managers and Staff, ensured that library and museum programs and services have continued.

Hiring an Interim CEO for the Blue Mountains Public Library:

The Blue Mountains Public Library Board knows that a search for a permanent CEO is a critically important task that will take some time. We estimate that a comprehensive process will take a minimum of three months. At the same time, we want to ensure to our library, staff and community continue to be well served.

After much consultation with other Library Boards and Library Associations, the Blue Mountains Public Library Board has recruited an outside candidate for an Interim CEO who can effectively supervise and support our library staff and advance the new strategic plan goal of ***“working with our library staff and community members to strengthen, build and maintain positive, respectful relationships and communications”***. The Interim CEO will be expected to uphold all responsibilities of the CEO as per the Public Libraries Act and all relevant legislation.

The Blue Mountains Public Library Board Introduces our Interim CEO, Cindy Weir

We are excited and pleased to announce that Cindy Weir has accepted the position of Interim CEO. Cindy holds a Master of Library Science, and has a long and successful career in the public library field. She has earned special recognition among her peers across the province, particularly in the areas of Children’s Rights in the Public Library and has been very active in the Ontario Library Association (OLA). She is a former member of the OLA Board and was president of the Ontario Public Library Association. She has been a highly successful CEO in Sault Ste. Marie, Owen Sound and Orangeville.

Cindy grew up in the South Georgian Bay area and has always had family in the area, including her great-grandfather who had a farm on the eighth line near Victoria Corners. Cindy now lives with her husband in Owen Sound.

During this process we were pleased with the positive and confirming comments some of which are listed below:

“Good at bringing out the best in others”

“Professional, but incredibly approachable. You can get to know her quickly.”

“The board loved her, the staff loved her, the community loved her. They'd have her back if they could”.

“Cindy will always do what's best for the library, community and staff.”

“Cindy looks at the library, analyses its' needs and brings it up to date. She believes in physically accommodating people's needs.”

“She made a difference. Staff worked well with her.”

“She's amazingly organized, competent, clever and keeps abreast of what's new.”

“Would I hire her again, Yes, yes, yes.”

We are so pleased to have Cindy lend her expertise to the Blue Mountains Public Library on an interim basis. We hope that you will meet Cindy soon and extend to her a warm and supportive welcome.

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