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## **City welcomes new General Manager**

(Barrie, ON) The City of Barrie is pleased to welcome Blaine Parkin to the role of General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, effective January 16, 2019.

"This is a key leadership role within the municipality and we are pleased to have Blaine join our Executive Management Team," says Chief Administrative Officer Michael Prowse. "Blaine's extensive experience as well as his strengths as a leader and collaborator will be an asset to Barrie as we begin to enter our next phase of incredible growth."

Parkin has extensive experience in both the private and municipal sectors. Most recently, he was the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Town of New Tecumseth. Prior to becoming CAO in New Tecumseth, he held the positions of Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager of Infrastructure & Development at the Town.

Parkin is a familiar face at the City of Barrie. Before going to the Town of Tecumseth, he worked at the City for 10 years in a variety of capacities, including Director of Corporate Asset Management, Director of Strategic Services and Economic Development, Manager of Policy and Development and Policy and Program Engineer.

In addition to his municipal experience, Parkin has also worked as a Surety Claims Adjuster with The Guarantee Company of North America.

Parkin has a Bachelor of Applied Science-Civil Engineering from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Environmental Studies in Architecture from the University of Manitoba and is a Professional Engineer.

In Parkin's new role he will lead a multi-faceted division that includes Planning and Building Services, Engineering, Environmental Services and Roads, Parks and Fleet.

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