



*City of Sarnia*

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The City of Sarnia is pleased to announce that Mr. John Silvestri has been promoted to Information Technology (IT) Manager, effective August 4, 2020.

John has over twenty years' experience providing IT support and leadership, and has spent the past year and a half in a senior IT Infrastructure role with the City of Sarnia.

Prior to joining the City, John spent the majority of his career in the oil and gas sector with Suncor, as well as telecoms such as IBM, AT&T and TELUS, where he honed his IT skills and led high performing IT teams.

"I look forward to continuing to work with John and his ongoing partnership and leadership within the Corporate Services Division, as we endeavour to achieve synergies and efficiencies that will enable success across the entire organization," says David Logan, General Manager, Corporate Services.

The City of Sarnia is also pleased to announce that Mr. Eric Hyatt has been promoted to Planning & Economic Development Manager, effective August 4, 2020.

Eric joined the city in May of 2013 as a Planning Technician and progressed to a Planner I in 2017.

As the Planning & Economic Development Manager, Mr. Hyatt will work with local stakeholders and agencies to increase opportunities locally, with his strength in progressive community planning standards and excellent in inter-departmental collaboration and community consultation efforts.

"Eric brings a tremendous strength in GIS analytics and customer service and as a key member of the maintenance management system steering team, he will be playing a lead role in the modernization of service delivery for the Community Services division," explains Stacey Forfar, General Manager, Community Services.

"Both John and Eric have built strong relationships with staff and local agencies in our community. We look forward to their continued efforts to strengthen program and service delivery within the City of Sarnia," explains Chris Carter, Chief Administrative Officer.

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