

Press Release

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Nelson Museum Executive Director resigns

Nelson, BC (September 25, 2023) - After seven years leading projects such as an organizational rebrand, award-winning gallery exhibitions, and the opening of the Cold War Bunker, and increasing both operating budgets and grant awards by hundreds of thousands of dollars, Executive Director Astrid Heyerdahl has resigned her position at the Nelson Museum, Archives & Gallery.

"We have accepted her resignation with sadness," says Sheila Achilles, Chair of the Board at the Nelson Museum. "Astrid has been a passionate leader and an exceptional director of the Museum for the last seven years. She has pushed the exhibitions to national and international levels, has grown the archives, launched incredible programs such as New Echoes in the Staircase, ArtLab, and Community Cabinets, and created an atmosphere of positive growth."

Heyerdahl has been a passionate advocate for truth and reconciliation, decolonization and social justice in the museum and gallery sector. She has developed lasting relationships with the regional First Nations and has begun work on the redevelopment of the museum space, which will be continued by her predecessor.

"Astrid is not just an award-winning curator, but also a brilliant collaborator who possesses and immense passion for the arts, culture, and heritage," adds MLA Brittny Anderson, who has worked closely with the Museum leadership on multiple projects. "Throughout her tenure, she has spearheaded remarkable transformations within our museum. We extend our best wishes to Astrid for her upcoming journey, and thank her for all that she has done for the museum and the community."

The Museum plans to have a new Executive Director in place before the end of 2023; applications are being accepted until October 10. For further details please visit nelsonmuseum.ca