

## City of Lewiston Press Statement July 28, 2021



Heather A. Hunter was sworn in as Lewiston's Interim City Administrator the morning of July 28, 2021, by City Clerk Kathy Montejo. Highly respected as Lewiston's Finance Director, Hunter comes to the helm with Chief of Police Brian O'Malley also sworn in as Deputy City Administrator. The two are serving in those capacities following the recent departures of Denis D'Auteuil and Dale Doughty, respectively. Also at the morning's swearing in ceremony was Assistant Finance Director Ralph Lenfestey who was sworn in as Interim Finance Director and Lewiston Police Lieutenant David St. Pierre who was sworn in as Interim Chief of Police.

Mayor Mark Cayer noted, ***"The City of Lewiston continues to be in good hands with the leadership of Heather and Brian. Both bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table, and I'm confident that municipal operations will continue to run smoothly. As changes occur, new opportunities arise, and this new team is ready to lead us in our continued commitment to growth and development."***

Hunter has been with the City since 1989, serving as Deputy City Auditor, Deputy Finance Director/City Auditor, and then Finance Director/Treasurer. She also served as an instructor at Central Maine Community College, Auburn, from September 1991 – May 2020. Hunter's educational background consists of an M.A. in Business Administration from New Hampshire College, Brunswick, and a B.S. in Accounting – Concentration in Finance from the University of Southern Maine, Portland.

Hunter also has extensive municipal/community involvement to include serving as Treasurer for the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission; member of the Internal Auditors Association; current Chair of the Auburn Savings Bank Board of Directors; Maine Governmental Finance Officers Association Board member, as well as past President & Vice-President; Lewiston Municipal Federal Credit Union Board member, to include past Chair, Interim CEO, and Supervisory Committee Chair; Governmental Accounting Instructor of the Maine Municipal Treasurers & Tax Collectors Association; Treasurer and Board member for the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport; Treasurer and Board member for 911 Emergency Response Committee; United Way Funding Committee Reviewer; New England States Government Finance Officers Association Board member, to include past President and Vice-President; and University of Southern Maine – Lewiston-Auburn Campus Citizen Advisory Board member.

The interim team will remain in effect until the City of Lewiston decides upon permanent replacements. The City Administrator's position has been posted since June 16<sup>th</sup> with an application deadline of August 17.

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