

## **STATEMENT**

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**BC Financial Services Authority** 

This message is sent on behalf of Dr. Stanley Hamilton, Chair of FICOM, CUDIC and BCFSA

Good morning,

It is with pleasure that I welcome Blair Morrison as the new CEO and statutory leader of FICOM/BCFSA. Blair will be settling into his office at Harbour Centre today.

Blair, on behalf of the Board and our dedicated FICOM/BCFSA staff, welcome to British Columbia and our regulatory world.

As the appointing authority, the Board has already had an opportunity to get to know Blair and the strong leadership skills and financial services experience he brings to the CEO role. Starting today, he'll have an opportunity to get to know the rest of our regulatory team and with your help and dedication complete the process of building an exemplary new crown regulator.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Tara Richards for her unwavering efforts over the last three years in leading FICOM's transition to crown status. It takes a unique set of skills to work across government, engage staff and stakeholders, set the right priorities, and deliver it all on a tight schedule. Special thanks to Frank Chong, Chris Carter, and Michael Peters for keeping FICOM focused on its regulatory mandate through this time of incredible changes and to Barbara Lu for keeping the board well-informed in such a timely manner.

Dr. Stanley Hamilton, Chair of FICOM, CUDIC and BCFSA